

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) 2017

GENERAL INFORMATION AND PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

As per Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) a parent is directly responsible for providing textbooks and other resources for a student's use while attending school.

The Sunshine Beach State High School Student Resource Scheme operates, under agreement, each year with the Parents' and Citizens' Association. The intention of the scheme is to reduce the financial outlay by parents on software, textbooks and materials, to provide a comprehensive range of resources for students and to ensure that all students have access to quality resources. The Student Resource Scheme operates at this school under the policy and guidelines of Education Queensland. Parents wishing to take advantage of the resources and services provided by the Scheme pay an annual flat fee with any additional subject specific fees (i.e. Marine Science).

A Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement form is available outlining the conditions of the Agreement (attached). Please note this form needs to be signed stating either "I do wish to participate in the Scheme" or "I do not wish to participate in the Scheme". Parents/caregivers who join the scheme have entered into an agreement, and there is an obligation to pay these fees in exchange for the use of certain student resources. Invoices for 2017 SRS fees will be sent to you for payment early in Term 1.

COST OF THE SCHEME

The cost for a student in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 is **\$240** per year.

Depending on subjects chosen there may be additional Subject Specific charges.

Additional fees: HPE Year 7, 8 and 9 - **\$40 (not included in Scholarship)**

First Aid Year 10 - **\$45**

WHAT THE SCHEME PROVIDES

The scheme provides students with:

- access to the school's computer network internet system and software package
- student ID card and diary/e-diary.
- all textbooks and class sets of books required for both long (one year) & short term use, plays and novels (eBooks, apps. Maths OnLine)
- minor equipment
- reference books, library books, DVDs and videos used as resources
- materials used in practical classes (this may involve elective subject surcharges)
- photocopied resources and notes
- computer software, operating costs, basic IT support
- Some sporting and HPE equipment
- curriculum information books and booklets
- Teacher prepared notes and student worksheets for all subject areas
- Adobe/Acrobat site licence
- specific subject software e.g. CAD, Photoshop
- ACER testing
- Mathematics, Science and English University testing
- NAPLAN prep tests
- QCS pre and prep tests

A detailed list of items provided within each specific subject is available on the school website www.sunshinebeachshs.eq.edu.au

WHAT THE SCHEME DOES NOT PROVIDE

The scheme does not provide:

- stationery items, personal equipment and consumables such as workbooks;
- most individual cooking ingredients;
- excursion, camp and transport costs;
- costs of outside venues in some subjects;
- extra curriculum activities

A detailed list of items provided within each specific subject is available through the Business Service Manager.

WHAT IF A STUDENT IS NOT IN THE SCHEME?

When a parent elects not to join the scheme, the parent will be required to supply all of the books, materials and resources and also pay the school for the cost of materials, resources, software site licences and services that the school uniquely provides. The student will receive basic requirements for the subject but will not be able to use any resources, materials or services that have been acquired from monies contributed to the Student Resource Scheme.

This means that the parent will be required to:

- locate and purchase all reference materials including software and books from class sets normally provided by the scheme
- pay to the school any additional subject specific fees
- pay a general resource charge to the school to cover the cost of the student ID card, diary, photocopying, computer software and operating costs, internet, calculators, and additional resources

The amount of the Government Textbook Allowance will be paid to parents of students not in the scheme. Parents may choose to have the cost of the additional subject surcharges and the reduced general resource charge deducted from the allowance prior to issue by the school.

GOVERNMENT ALLOWANCES IN 2017

Years: 7 – 10 to be determined/Years: 11 -12 to be determined

INTERNATIONAL/MATURE AGE STUDENTS

Mature age and exchange students are required to pay the Student Resource Scheme charges plus an amount equivalent to the Government Textbook and Resource Allowance. International students do not pay any additional fees to those paid to Education Queensland International.

WHAT IF YOU ENROL DURING THE YEAR

Students enrolled after the end of February will be charged at a pro rata rate based on a 40 week school year. Students enrolling throughout the year from within Queensland are required to pay both the pro rata school charges and the pro rata Government Textbook and Resource Allowance. Interstate students pay only the school charges and the school will apply for a State Government Textbook and Resource Allowance on their behalf. These costs include GST.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) – Year 7 - 12

BYOD is our solution where students can bring their own laptop or tablet to school and access the school internet and/or school network through a managed Wi-Fi connection. Devices must be of a minimum standard and information (including an application form to join our BYOD program) can be found on our website www.sunshinebeachshs.eq.edu.au A fee of \$60.00 is charged to join our 2017 BYOD program.

To participate in the 2017 BYOD program:

- all outstanding accounts must be paid in full.
- 2017 Student Resource Scheme fees must be fully paid or the first instalment of a payment plan be received.
- 2017 BYOD fee of \$60.00 must be paid in full.

HOW TO JOIN

All parents are required to complete and sign the Student Resource Scheme Agreement form which indicates if parents wish to participate or choose not to participate in the scheme. The agreement forms will be sent out in February with invoices. Parents enrolling students throughout the year will also complete the agreement at the time of enrolment.

NON PAYMENT OF FEES

The school operates the Student Resource Scheme to benefit all eligible students. It is not viable for the school to provide this service if fees are outstanding. It is for this reason that students may be refused entry into the scheme if fees are outstanding from the previous year/s. Students with outstanding fees may be denied the opportunity to participate in non-compulsory school activities.

It is understood that some families can experience genuine financial difficulties. Parents/caregivers in these circumstances are encouraged to contact the Business Service Manager or Finance Officer on 5440 4222 to discuss individual payment options. If there is any part of this scheme you do not understand or would like more information on, please do not hesitate to call.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY STUDENT LEAVES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

All books/resources must be returned. Refunds then will be calculated on a pro rata basis as at the date of departure over a school year period of 40 weeks. Parents are requested to get their student to obtain a Student Clearance Form, which is available from the Office. Once the pro-rata has been calculated a refund cheque will be posted to the mailing address indicated on the Clearance Form.

Refund calculations will be based on the pro-rata of the Student Resource Scheme payment, subject consumable fees and government textbook allowance. Any textbooks not returned or returned damaged, will have their replacement cost deducted from the refund amount. Please direct further enquiries to Business Service Manager or Finance Officer on 07 5440 4222.