



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME IN 2016

Why has the school chosen to run the Student Resource Scheme?

Parents/caregivers are responsible for providing their student with all the resources required to participate in each subject they study.

The Scheme provides a cost effective alternative to having to purchase all the textbooks, Study Planner, ID Card and a wide range of subject specific resources, equipment and consumables.

At their April meeting the P&C approved the continuation of the Student Resource Scheme in 2016 and the fee to be charged.

Do I receive more than just textbooks if I join?

The textbooks required for your students in their subjects are provided if participating in the Scheme as take home loans or in class sets as appropriate.

Textbooks are an important but only a small part of what is provided when students participate.

A wide range of equipment, photocopied resources, software, consumables and materials are used in each subject. The students also receive a Study Planner, ID card and other resources as listed on the Subject Requirements list.

What if I don't join?

Participation in the Student Resource Scheme is voluntary, however, if you chose not to participate, you will be required to provide all the textbooks required, pay a fee for each subject your student is undertaking, purchase other requirements such as the Study Planner and ID Card and pay for any school funded pastoral presentations that may be provided to students from external providers.

What if I don't want to join the Scheme and purchase the items that are on the Subject Requirements List?

Included with this information sheet is a list of subject requirements for each year level and each subject.

The students use a wide range of equipment, materials, consumables and resources in their classes. Many items would be difficult to purchase, paying for the various photocopied resources difficult, and buying the range of books, dictionaries, novels, plays, etc., used in class would prove very expensive.

It is also beneficial for the students if all in the class have consistency of equipment, materials and consumables, particularly in Design Technology, Science, Agriculture, HPE and The Arts subjects.

It is for these reasons we charge a subject fee for students not participating in the scheme.

What is the fee for 2016?

The cost to participate in 2016 is \$350.00.

I am having some financial difficulties at the moment. Is the school able to assist?

The school does provide an option for families to pay the fee by 3 instalments. The payments are due at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the school's Business Manager to make an alternative payment plan.

I understand the school receives a payment from the government for each student to assist with the school costs. Can you explain this?

The school receives a payment called the Textbook and Resource Allowance.

This allowance is provided to offset the cost of participating in the school's Student Resource Scheme.

The current rate for the allowance is:

Years 7 to 10	\$119.00 per student
Years 11 and 12	\$258.00 per student.

Without receiving this allowance the cost of participating in the scheme would be

Years 7 to 10	\$469.00
Years 11 and 12	\$608.00

What do I need to do to join the Scheme?

All students are provided with a Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement. This form has been developed by the Department of Education (DET) and is used in all state schools.

You need to complete this form and return it to the school.

If you do not return the form indicating participation your student can not be accepted in to the Scheme.

Please be aware that even if you have made payment, the school requires the Participation Form to be completed and returned.

What if I choose not to participate?

You will need to return the form indicating non-participation. Your student will not be issued with textbooks by the school and you will be invoiced for each subject and other resources required.

I still have some more questions. Where can I get further information?

The Participation Agreement Form has detailed information on the back.

You are also welcome to contact Donna Garrad, Business Manager, on 3550 5777 or by email dgarr4@eq.edu.au.