



2017 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME PARTICIPATION FEE \$360

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is designed solely to benefit students and parents by substantially reducing the financial burden of purchasing expensive resources. It is a non-profit scheme that provides each participant with textbooks and resource books and materials. Our scheme is fully endorsed by the Ferny Grove State High School Parents and Citizens Association. Nearly 100% of parents in the past have elected to join due to the convenience and reduced financial commitment.

To participate in the scheme please return the included Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form and make payment in full or by instalments listed below.

Participation in the SRS is voluntary; parents/caregivers are under no obligation to join; however, they will need to provide all necessary textbooks and resources for their students if they elect not to join the scheme. This cost is usually substantially higher than the cost of taking part in our scheme.

The fee for 2017 is \$360 per student, with a discount of \$20 if paid by Friday, 2 December 2016. The fee can be paid in full or in three instalments which would need to be paid by the end of the second week of: Term 1 2017 (\$120), Term 2 2017 (\$120) and Term 3 2017 (\$120). Invoices for the \$360.00 SRS fee for 2017 will be emailed home if your preferred contact method is registered as email otherwise posted between 07 and 11 November 2016.

Fees may be paid:

- Using BPOINT – preferred payment method
- By bank transfer to Ferny Grove SHS (BSB 064-171 account number 0009 0029) clearly indicating your child's EQ ID Number or student name followed by SRS in the description
- in person at the Payments window in the Administration Block by cash or EFTPOS
- by credit card over the phone
- by centrelink

An official school receipt will be issued for all payments made.

Payment must be made on or before the first day of classes in 2017 unless alternative arrangements have been made. **Please be aware that the first payment must be received before any textbooks or resources are issued.**

Financial statements will be emailed or posted each term to families who have invoices showing as unpaid on their account. This should be used as a reminder to make your next instalment if you have elected the instalment plan.

It is understood that some families can experience financial difficulties. Parents/caregivers in these circumstances are urged to contact the Business Manager to discuss individual payment

options. All discussions will remain confidential. Please phone 3550 5777 or email bsm@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au .

Where students enrol after the commencement of first term, the fees will be levied on a pro-rata basis. The calculation will be based on a 40 week school year. However, the full cost of the ID card and Student Study Planner will be payable.

The scheme does not cover students' personal requisites such as stationery and writing materials. Resources not covered under the SRS are included on the Stationery List for each year level which has been issued in this package. Items included on these lists will need to be purchased by parents/caregivers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What can be included in a student resource scheme (SRS)?

A student resource scheme can include the provision of:

- Administration of the scheme
- Equipment hire (musical instruments, computer) *please note that instrumental music hire is charged as an additional SRS Fee at this school to participating students only
- All prescribed textbooks for each subject
- Reproduced class materials which complement and/or substitute for textbooks
- Other student reference books
- Audio and video recordings
- Student diary/planner
- Student ID card – for external use (student discounts, transport)
- Computer disks/memory sticks
- Additional computer software
- Equipment e.g. calculators, electronic devices
- Materials for subjects where the instruction is extended through providing practical learning experiences in excess of materials provided by school grants
- Stationery, writing and drawing sets

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.

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. Students also receive a Study Planner, ID card and other resources.

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 textbooks and resources that would have been otherwise provided by participation in the scheme. You will need to return the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement form indicating non-participation. Your student will not be issued with textbooks or resources by the school.

What is the fee for 2017?

The cost to participate in 2017 is \$360.00.

NON-PAYMENT OF FEES AFTER AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SRS

The school operates the SRS to benefit all eligible students. It is not viable for the school to provide this service if fees are outstanding.

Students with outstanding fees may not be permitted to participate in optional extra-curricula activities. These activities include:

- Ski Trip
- Any overseas trip
- Attending trips as a team supporter
- Camps and enrichment activities
- Dances and other social activities
- Year 11 Semi-formal
- Year 12 Formal
- Other activities that are deemed extra-curricula.

Further, students will not be entitled to products made in subject areas, for example Industrial Technology and Design and Art.

Those parents/caregivers signing to join the Student Resource Scheme at this school have entered into an agreement and there is an obligation to pay these fees in exchange for the use of subject requirements and receiving the many other benefits. If the parent/caregiver has made no attempt to make payment or made arrangements for payment, textbooks and resources may be withheld or retrieved and the parent/caregiver is then responsible for the payment of any fees due.

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 2017 rate for the allowance is:

Years 7 to 10	\$123.00 per student
Years 11 and 12	\$266.00 per student

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

Years 7 to 10	\$483.00
Years 11 and 12	\$626.00

What do I need to do to join the Scheme?

You will need to return the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement and make payment in full or by instalments.

PRO RATA REFUNDS

Students leaving school or transferring to another school will be entitled to a pro rata refund of the SRS. The parent/guardian must complete the schools Request for Refund form and submit to the office. The pro-rata refund calculation is based on a 40 week school year and will include the Textbook Allowance if applicable. Costs for the ID card, Student Study Planner and replacing any lost or damaged resources will be deducted from the refund. A cheque or bank transfer will be done within one month of the school receiving the Request for Refund form as long as all outstanding textbooks and resources have been returned.

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 Kerissa Battaglia, Business Services Manager, on 3550 5777 or by email kbatt37@eq.edu.au .

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