



2024 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME INFORMATION SHEET

PARTICIPATION FEE \$300

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, resources and materials. Our scheme is fully endorsed by the Ferry 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. You will notice that the 2024 scheme fees have been reduced due to a concentrated effort to maximise the resourcing effectiveness for our students to minimise the cost to parents.

A few years ago, the Department of Education made some changes to the requirements around a Student Resource Scheme. One of the changes was that parent's sign-up to the scheme only once (generally on enrolment) and this lasts for the duration of the enrolment. This is designed to assist schools with determining numbers of participants and purchase accordingly and also to reduce the number of forms that parents are required to sign each year. The school is still required to send an invoice and detailed list of inclusions that each participant receives each year to ensure that you are fully informed about the scheme and what it will provide your child. We know that the inclusions that each child receives from the scheme provides great value and this is why we have almost a 100% take up on this offer at Ferry. However, parents are able to decide to withdraw from the scheme each year by completing a new Participation Agreement form. If you choose not to participate you will need to provide all necessary textbooks and resources for your students as detailed in the attached inclusions list.

The fee for 2024 is \$300 per student. The fee can be paid in full by the start of the school year or in three instalments which would need to be paid on or before the start of the first week of: Term 1 2024 (\$100), Term 2 2024 (\$100) and Term 3 2024 (\$100). All participants in the scheme, will receive an invoice in December 2023. This should give families plenty of time to have the full or instalment payment paid by the first week of term 1 2024. **Please be aware that the first instalment or full payment must be received before any textbooks or resources are issued.**

Financial statements will be emailed or posted each month 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 circumstances and potential payment plan options.



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

Fees will be levied on a weekly pro-rata basis for any students enrolling after the commencement of school year. The calculation will be based on a 40-week school year.

The scheme does not cover students' personal consumable requisites such as stationery and writing materials. Resources not covered under the SRS are included on the Stationery List for each year level. Stationery lists will be emailed home when available. Our wonderful P&C sell these packs to assist parents with their back-to-school stationery.

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 and the school runs a BYOD (bring your own device program) for computers.
- All prescribed textbooks or ebooks for each subject
- Reproduced class materials which complement and/or substitute for textbooks
- Other student reference books
- Audio and video recordings
- 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
- Some stationery, writing and drawing sets (where listed on the included subject lists)

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

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

Parents/caregivers are responsible for providing their student with all the resources required to participate in each subject they study. Please note that the Department of Education does not provide the school with funds to cover these costs, however schools assist parents with an affordable and easy alternative to parents purchasing at full cost this extensive list of resources.

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 or e-books are an important part of what is provided when students participate.



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A wide range of equipment, photocopied resources, software, consumables, materials and other resources are used in each subject, please see attached lists for further details.

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. The Business Manager will provide you with a letter and list that states you will be responsible for providing all subject requirements from the list for your child. Your student will not be issued with textbooks or resources by the school.

Non-payment of fees after agreeing to participate in the SRS:

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 the resources provided by the scheme. The school will follow its debt management processes to recover these funds.

If the parent/caregiver has made no attempt to make payment or have made arrangements for a payment plan, textbooks and resources will be withheld or retrieved and the parent/caregiver is then responsible for providing the resources for the child or the payment of any fees due.

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 will not receive textbooks/resources in 2024, if

- they have outstanding textbooks or library books that have not been returned,
- or previous year fees and are not on a payment plan.

Your child will receive a letter from the school in the first week of term, indicating that they have not received textbooks for one of the above reasons. Class teachers will also be informed that students are not to receive the in-class resources provided by the scheme.

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 to suit their financial circumstances.

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 2024 rate for the allowance can be found at:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>



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What do I need to do to join the Scheme?

If you are new to the school, you will need to return the signed 'Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement' form as soon as possible. You will then be invoiced to allow you to make payment in full or by 3 instalments, at the beginning of term 1, 2 & 3, once you have been invoiced.

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 Government Textbook Allowance if applicable. Costs for replacing any lost or damaged resources will be deducted from the refund in addition to any outstanding invoices. A 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. EFT is our preference, therefore please keep your contact details, address and bank details current with our school administration office.

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

You are welcome to contact our Business Manager at bsm@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au

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