



SPRING MOUNTAIN

STATE SCHOOL

Student Resource Scheme: Parent Information

Dear Parents/Guardians

This letter contains important information about the **2024 Student Resource Scheme (SRS)** including how the scheme operates and the annual participation fee.

The Queensland Government supports students' education by providing funding for:

- Instruction, e.g. teachers
- Facilities, e.g. buildings, amenities, furniture
- Administration, e.g. staffing and resources to administer the operations of the school.

Funding does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, computer or musical equipment for personal use, and many items used/consumed by the student in the classroom. Supply of these items is the responsibility of parents.

To provide parents with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, Spring Mountain State School has operated with a SRS since opening in 2019.

The scheme ensures that students have the resources required for them to engage with the curriculum for their education, and saves parents time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere. Savings are gained through the school's bulk purchasing practices and hiring arrangements. The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the resources and operation of the scheme.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees has the approval by the school's P&C Association.

SRS Consent Form (QParents)

The objective of the scheme is to provide a convenient and cost-effective way for students to access the educational resources necessary to enhance their learning experience at school. The Department encourages parents to participate in the scheme. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

Parents are required to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received by **22/01/2024** or on the start date of the student - the school will take the view that the parent has chosen to opt out of the SRS and a meeting with the Principal will be made to discuss options. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed on the school website www.springmountainss.eq.edu.au under the Curriculum tab. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs.

Parents must inform the school if items on the list of resources are not received by their child when resources are distributed.

Type of Resources provided

Generally, the three types of resources that could be included are:

- **Owned** – these items are retained by the student and used as required (e.g. stationery, exercise books, student diary).
- **Used** – these items are used/consumed in class by the student (e.g. industry technology/cooking/art supplies).
 - work/items produced from these resources will remain the property of the student.
- **Hired** – these items are hired to the student for their personal use for a specific period of time (e.g. textbooks, musical instruments, laptops).
 - Hired items must be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school.
 - A repair or replacement cost may be charged to the parent for any hired items that are damaged or not returned.

The SRS Participation Fee

At Spring Mountain State School the participation fee is payable each year:

- **Prep \$120.00 per year**
- **Years 1-6 \$140.00 per year (no BYO iPad) OR \$100.00 per year (with BYO iPad).**

For more information, please see www.springmountainss.eq.edu.au

Financial Hardship

Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the school to discuss available options in confidence.

Payment Schedule

Payment options	Instalments – Due Date/s	Amount Prep	Amount Years 1-6 NO BYO iPad	Amount Years 1-6 YES BYO iPad
1. Full Payment	29 January 2024	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
2. Term instalments (paid over Semester 1)	1 st : 29 January 2024 2 nd : 29 May 2024	\$60.00 \$60.00	\$70.00 \$70.00	\$50.00 \$50.00

An instalment plan can also be negotiated with the school, if a family have identified financial difficulties.

Any unpaid invoices, will be managed according to the department's Debt Management Procedure and may result in the student being excluded from the scheme and/or from participating in non-curricular activities until payment is made. (<https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure>)

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) or Centrepay.

- Payment may be made through the QParents portal using a credit card. Payment will be directed from the QParents portal to BPOINT where relevant outstanding invoice information may be selected.
- When paying by BPOINT, please use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the school. If unsure of the CRN, please contact the school.
- Centrepay Deductions are available to pay the SRS fees. Use Centrepay to make regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary and easy payment option available to Centrelink customers. Go to humanservices.gov.au/centrepay for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact the school office on 3381 6111 and speak with the Business Manager.