

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

This form 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, Atherton State High School operates a SRS for 2024.

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 were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 21/11/2023.

SRS Participation

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.

Student is new to 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, the school will take the view that the parent has chosen to opt out of the SRS. The parent is then required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

Continuing student of the school

A parent's participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per their previously completed Participation Agreement Form. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form. If a parent has opted out of the scheme the parent is required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the SRS Resource list. This list is available on the school's website. 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.

Costing Methodology

The school's SRS fee is calculated based on:

1. A flat fee for a cohort group of students - Years 7 & 8
2. A flat fee for all students in Years 9-12 and fees determined by the subjects selected by the individual student

Please refer to the SRS Resource lists found on Atherton State High School's Website for the associated costings.

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The Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist parents with the cost of textbooks and other education resources for eligible Years 7 to 12 students. For those students who are eligible to receive the TRA, the TRA will be applied to reduce the cost of participation in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the department's website (<https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>)

Year level	TRA Rate
Years 7 to 10	\$155
Years 11 to 12	\$337

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school's website. This also includes the TRA component which has been deducted to reduce the SRS fee payable.

* If the cost of the SRS is equal to the TRA rate, no SRS Fee is payable.

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 Arrangement

Several payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or term instalments are available. An instalment plan can also be negotiated with the school.

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 (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Procedure%20Attachments/debt-management/debt-management.pdf>).

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParents/BPOINT, BPAY, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cheque, Cash, 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 and arrange an appointment with the Business Manager Phone: 40305210 or email bsm@athertonshs.eq.edu.au

Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and return to the school administration office.

Additional Fees (Non-Student Resource Scheme) Must be paid by 4th February 2024 (see cover letter for more information)

Certificate II in Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways (FSK) – (Non VETIS Funded)	\$300
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care (ECE) - (Non VETIS funded)	\$820.00 plus First Aid \$150.00
Certificate III in Fitness (VIF) – (VETIS may cover - if eligible Gap Fee \$155 only)	\$365.00 plus First Aid \$55.00
Certificate II in Hospitality (VETIS may cover - if eligible FREE)	\$250 > 15 students \$750 < 15students
Certificate I in Construction & Certificate II in Engineering (VETIS may cover if - eligible FREE) studied together or separately	\$1200
Certificate II in Resources & Infrastructure Work Preparation (VETIS may cover - if eligible FREE)	\$1500
Online College of Advanced STEM (OCAS)– Senior Coding, Senior Astronomy & Senior Astrophysics	\$500.00

ATHERTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2024 SCHOOL RESOURCE SCHEME FEES

Atherton State High School 2024 School Resource Scheme Fees		
Year Level	Details	Amount
Years 7 & 8	Years 7 & 8 Student Resource Scheme Fee (General Resource Levy + Year 7 & 8 levy)	\$270.00
Years 9-12	General Resource Levy - all students pay this general levy (Years 9-12)	\$220.00
Subject Fees (additional levy for extended learning experiences in subjects listed below)		
Year 9	Agricultural Science (AGR)	\$30.00
	Art (ART)	\$55.00
	Drama (DRA)	\$30.00
	Industrial Technology & Design (DAT)	\$80.00
	Music (MUS)	\$50.00
	Media (MED)	\$40.00
	Science (SCI)	\$25.00
	Textiles & Food Studies (TFF)	\$50.00
Year 10	Agricultural Science (AGR)	\$30.00
	Art (ART)	\$65.00
	Drama	\$30.00
	Industrial Technology & Design (DAT)	\$110.00
	Music (MUS)	\$50.00
	Media (MED)	\$40.00
	Science (SCI)	\$25.00
	Textiles & Food Studies (TFF)	\$50.00
Education - Fees will be charged by Schools of Distance Education directly to the school who will then invoice students – these fees will need to be paid up front.		

Atherton State High School 2024 School Resource Scheme Fees		
Year Level	Details	Amount
Year 11	Aerospace Systems (AES)	\$50.00
	Agricultural Science (AGS)	\$30.00
	Biology (BIO)	\$90.00
	Certificate II Animal Studies (ANT)	\$30.00
	Certificate III in Aviation Resources (AVI)	\$200.00
	Chemistry (CHM)	\$90.00
	Drama (DRA)	\$30.00
	Film & Television (FTN)	\$75.00
	Food & Nutrition (FNU)	\$50.00
	Furnishing Skills (FUR)	\$150.00
	Music (MUS)	\$50.00
	Music in Practice (MUP)	\$50.00
	Physics (PHY)	\$86.00
	Visual Art (ART)	\$75.00
	Visual Art in Practice (VAP)	\$75.00
	Media Arts in Practice (MAP)	\$75.00
Year 12	Certificate in Hospitality Resources (VHO)	\$120.00
	Certificate in Construction Resources (VCN)	\$120.00
	Certificate in Engineering Resources (VEP)	\$140.00
	Aerospace Systems (AES)	\$50.00
	Agricultural Science (AGS)	\$30.00
	Certificate II Animal Studies (ANT)	\$30.00
	Biology (BSC)	\$90.00
	Chemistry (CHM)	\$90.00
	Drama (DRA)	\$30.00
	Film & Television (FTN)	\$75.00
	Food & Nutrition (FNU)	\$50.00
	Furnishing Skills (FUR)	\$180.00
	Music (MUS)	\$50.00
	Music in Practice (MUP)	\$50.00
	Media Arts in Practice (MAP)	
	Physics (PHY)	\$86.00
Visual Art (ART)	\$75.00	
Visual Art in Practice (VAP)	\$75.00	
Certificate in Hospitality Resources (VHO)	\$120.00	
Certificate in Construction Resources (VCN)	\$120.00	
Certificate in Engineering Resources (VEP)	\$140.00	
ALL	Instrumental Music (IM)	\$50.00
	Instrument Hire	\$50.00

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The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is a user-charging scheme operated by schools to provide parents with a mechanism to access individual student resources that are not funded by the government.

Government funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources and equipment for their personal use or consumption. Supply of these items, such as textbooks and personal laptops/iPads, is the responsibility of the parent.

The objective of the scheme is to provide parents a convenient and cost-effective alternative to individual supply of resources for their students. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate.

Terms and conditions for participating in the scheme are provided on the reverse side of the form. Information is also provided on the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) where applicable.

This Participation Agreement Form applies for the duration of a student's enrolment at the school, however parents who are participating in the scheme can choose to opt out from the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form. Any new Participation Agreement Form submitted annually and received by the school will supersede the previous form lodged. Parents pay the annual participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement. If a student joins the school mid-year, a pro-rata participation fee may apply.

Parents not participating in the scheme must provide their student with all items that would otherwise be provided by the scheme as detailed in the information provided by the school. Parents can choose to join the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

To assist schools in managing and administering the scheme, parents are requested to complete the Participation section of this form and return it to the school. If parents have not completed and returned the form before the due date indicated by the school in the SRS Annual Parent Information documents, the school will take the view that the parent does not wish to participate.

Payment

On agreeing to participate in the SRS, a parent agrees to pay the participation fee as advised and invoiced by the school. For families experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss options available.

Yes	I wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them and to pay the annual participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement. I understand that I can opt out of participation in the SRS in any year by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.
No	I have read the terms and conditions and I do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme. I understand I must provide my child with all items that would otherwise be provided by the SRS as detailed in the information provided by the school. I understand that I can choose to join the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

School Name	
Form Return Date	
Student Name	
Year Level	
Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education collects the information you complete on the Participation Agreement Form in order to administer the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). The information will only be accessed by school employees administering the SRS. However, if required, some of this information may be shared with departmental employees for the purpose of debt recovery. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given permission or the Department of Education is authorised or required by law to make the disclosure.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

Section 1. Student Details

Student Name	
Student ID	
Year Level	

Section 2. SRS Category

SRS Category	SRS Fee Payable	Option Selected
General Student Resource Scheme Fee or Year 7 & 8 Cohort SRS Fee	\$	
Subject Fees	\$	
Instrumental Music	\$	
Other Educational Program	\$	

Section 3. Payment Arrangement - Please select the preferred payment options:

Payment options	Instalments	Amounts	Option Selected
1. A single payment for the full year's fee	Instalment 1:	\$	
2. Term instalments (paid over the first 3 terms)	Instalment 1: Instalment 2: Instalment 3:	\$	
3. An instalment plan as negotiated with the school	Insert plan options	\$	

Section 4: Return of the Participation Form

Parents are reminded to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time or opting in/out during the student's enrolment.

Have you completed and returned the SRS Participation Agreement Form?	Yes	No
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Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form

Parent Name		
Parent Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date