

# Coolum State School



## 2023 Student Resource Scheme Information

This year, in 2022, Coolum State School successfully implemented its first year of a **Student Resource Scheme (SRS)**. The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the initial meeting held on 25 May 2021. The 2023 contribution will remain at \$100.00 per student for the year.

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

- Instruction (teachers);
- Facilities (school grounds and buildings, internet);
- Administration (staffing and resources to manage 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 required by the student in the classroom. It is the parent's responsibility to supply these items.

### SRS Participation

Parents/Carers are required to sign a Participation Agreement Form for each child and state their preference to opt in or opt out of the scheme. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school. Familiarise yourself with the Terms and Conditions as it will assist in making an informed decision regarding your financial commitments and ensure your student is equipped to commence the school year.

A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

### SRS Non-Participation

If you choose to opt out of the SRS, the school will provide parents/carers a comprehensive list of items specific to your child's year level, prior to the commencement of the school year. It is the responsibility of non-participants of the scheme to purchase books and resources provided by the scheme by the first day of the school year.

### Benefits of SRS

- The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent/carer with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing the prescribed textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing practices.
- The scheme also ensures that students have consistent personal resources for their education, and saves the parent/carer time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere.
- The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the operation of the scheme.
- The scheme ensures that students have the required resources for their education when they commence school.



**Items Excluded**

- Year level Book List Pack
- Swimming /Surf Skills program – lessons provided by qualified instructors.
- School activities such as optional school excursions, camps, performances and enrichment activities.
- State, Regional, District Sporting Trials (if applicable)
- Year 6 Graduation
- Instrumental Music Program and Strings Program.

**Book List**

Parents/Carers of students are directly responsible for providing stationery and other items for their children whilst attending school and these are itemised on the Book List. These are to be purchased by individual parents /carers prior to the first day of school in 2023 and are not part of the SRS.

**2023 SRS - \$100.00 per student**

Every effort has been made to contain costs to parents/carers while ensuring that adequate resources are available for student use. The SRS represents excellent value and provides substantial savings to parents/carers of students.

**Payment Methods and Options**

SRS payments can be made by EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) or Cash.

- A link can be found at the bottom of your emailed invoice.

**Payment Options**

**Option 1:** Full payment prior to the commencement of the school year or upon enrolment.

**Option 2:** Instalments per child.

- 1<sup>st</sup> instalment – Term 1 Week 2: \$35
- 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment – Term 2 Week 1: \$35
- 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment – Term 3 Week 1: \$30

**Option 3:** Negotiated individual payment plans. If you select this option, please make an appointment to meet with our Business Manager. To arrange a meeting, please email [info@columss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@columss.eq.edu.au)

**Financial Hardship**

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

### Student Resource Scheme

This list outlines the resources that your child will access as part of the SRS and payment of \$100.00. Please note that costs are indicative only and this list and may not be exhaustive of all equipment required.

| SUBJECT  | ITEMS  | COST                          |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Technology (ICT)   | Software programs<br>Licencing<br>Access to school laptops and iPads<br>School based apps<br>Support   | \$100.00                      |
| STEM<br>• Science, Technology,<br>Engineering, Mathematics.                  | Beebots<br>Drones<br>Consumables   | \$50.00                       |
| Science  | Consumables  | \$10.00                       |
| Health & Physical Education  | Equipment  | \$15.00                       |
| The Arts & Languages<br>• Art<br>• Music<br>• Dance<br>• Drama<br>• Japanese | Music, costumes, props, sound equipment and<br>musical instruments<br>Art consumables and resources<br>Event day activities eg. hat parade, Mother's and<br>Father's Day | \$55.00                       |
| Miscellaneous consumables for<br>all subject areas                           | Photocopying, laminating<br>Classroom and course consumables<br>Headphones   | \$75.00<br>\$6.00             |
| Literacy resources   | Library books<br>Home readers<br>Unit texts  | \$15.00                       |
| Whole school activities  | Dr Rob Science Spectacular (or similar)<br>Book Week performance   | \$3.50<br>\$7.50              |
| Year 5 specific activities   | Dolly's Dream Licence<br>Positive Peer Relationships incursion   | \$10.00<br>\$5.00             |
| Year 6 specific activities   | Dolly's Dream Licence<br>Positive Peer Relationships incursion   | \$10.00<br>\$5.00             |
| Administration   | Administration of scheme   | \$15.00                       |
|  | <b>TOTAL VALUE</b>   | <b>In excess<br/>of \$370</b> |



## Frequently asked questions

### 1. Does the Student Resource Scheme include my child's stationery requirements?

Parents are required to provide resources in two ways – 1) The Book List and 2) The Student Resource Scheme. All students will supply their own personal stationery items as outlined in the year level Book List. Information about the Book Lists will be emailed soon or can be found in our newsletter and website.

### 2. Isn't education free?

All schools operate within the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education (DoE) and in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. DoE encourages schools to operate a scheme as a service to parents. Whilst schools receive funding from the government to operate the school, student resource expenses extend beyond the budget. Parents therefore are asked to support their child's learning by either providing the resource item itself or participating in the scheme.

### 3. Why Pay Student Resource Scheme Fees by January 2023?

We ask for all parent/carers to pay the SRS fee at the start of the 2023 school year, so that student learning materials and books may be purchased early and discounts secured, through early payment and bulk ordering. Participants will then have the opportunity of accessing their resources when they commence school. Invoices will be issued mid January 2023.

### 4. Do I have to participate in the Student Resource Scheme?

Participation in the scheme is voluntary. If parents/carers choose not to participate in the scheme they will be required to provide the resources listed in the scheme for their child when required throughout the year. A list for your child's year level is available from the office or can be emailed to you.

### 5. What happens if I am experiencing financial difficulty?

Anyone experiencing financial difficulty at this time and wishing to pay the SRS over an extended time period should phone the school and speak with our Business Manager on 5471 9300. It is our intention to encourage all families to join the scheme and enjoy its benefits.

Please contact the school to make an appointment with the Principal or Business Manager should you have any questions regarding the scheme.

### 6. Do I need to complete a form?

Participation Agreement Form – Yes, you need to complete a participation agreement form (participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school) or if you are new to the school and did not sign on enrolment by 31 January 2023.

SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form – Yes, please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and return to the school office by 31 January 2023.