



# BIRKDALE STATE SCHOOL

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## Student Resource Scheme Annual Parent Information Letter – PREP 2024

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.

***2024 is the first year that an SRS will be implemented at Birkdale State School to support curriculum resourcing.***

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, Birkdale State School will operate an SRS for 2024. This SRS will be in addition to any Instrumental Music or Choir SRS once participation is confirmed in these programs early in the 2024 school year.

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 Birkdale State School P&C Association at the meeting held on 9 October 2023, following initial discussions in 2022.

### **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 by 10/11/2023, 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.



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## Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the attached [SRS Resource list](#). This list is also 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 schools SRS fee is calculated based on:

1. A flat fee for all students in the school, OR
2. A flat fee for a cohort group of students (e.g. a year level), OR
3. A fee determined by the subjects selected by the individual student.

Please refer to the [SRS Resource list](#) for the associated costings.

## The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the schools website.

## 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 (<https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure>).

## Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/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.

## Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with **Mr Smith (Principal)** through the school office.

**Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form below and return to the school administration office by 10/11/2023.**



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## SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form

### PREP – 2024

#### Section 1: Student Details

Student Name	
Student ID/ EQ ID (if known)	
Year Level in 2024	PREP

#### Section 2: SRS Category

SRS Category	SRS Fee Payable	Option Selected
Prep Year Curriculum Resources (SRS) and Booklist – all inclusive	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 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:	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Term instalments (paid over the first 3 terms)	Instalment 1: Instalment 2: Instalment 3:	\$75.00 \$50.00 \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 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

*Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form.*

#### Section 5: Parent Signature

Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	





## Birkdale SS - SRS Breakdown : Prep 2024

General Items	Resource - SRS Items	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
Online subscription	Reading Eggs - whole school pricing	Used	\$11.05	\$11.05
Online subscription	Decodable Readers Australia - whole school pricing	Used	\$3.50	\$3.50
Repographics and laminating	Curriculum reprographics & laminating - bulk order, DoE pricing	Used	\$10.00	\$10.00
Arts Supplies	Paint - Blue, Black, Yellow, Red, Green - bulk order, DoE pricing	Used	\$30.00	
	(Comparative pricing MTA - 1L x 5 colours + brushes), no freight	Used		\$64.75
Arts and Technology Supplies	Coloured paper - Blue/Black/Yellow/Orange/Green AND Coloured Card - 3 colours (bulk order, DoE pricing)	Used	\$15.00	
	Comparative pricing Officeworks - paper: 5 colours x 25 sheet packs (@\$5.97ea)			
	PLUS coloured card: 3 colours x 25 sheet packs (@7.95 ea) no freight			\$53.70
Arts and Technology Supplies	PVA glues and adhesives - bulk order, DoE pricing	Used	\$10.00	\$15.00
Arts Supplies	Artistic materials - glitter, cotton buds etc - bulk order	Used	\$15.00	\$20.00

Quantity	Resource - SRS Booklist Items	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
5	Writer Premium Exercise Book A4 25mm Ruled + Margin 48 pg	Used	\$4.40	\$6.50
1	Scrapbook 330x245mm FSC Dark Purple 70gsm 64pg	Used	\$1.09	\$2.00
2	Best Buddies Mini Scrapbook 100gsm 165x245mm 64pg	Used	\$2.06	\$2.60
1	Writer Premium Story Book 330x 240mm Plain + 24mm Ruled 64pg	Used	\$1.86	\$2.60
1	Bantex Polydoc Wallet Foolscap Clear	Used	\$0.99	\$1.09
2	Faber-Castell Junior Triangular Colour Pencils 10 pack	Used	\$7.86	\$10.00
2	Crayola Crayons Twistables 12 pack	Used	\$8.86	\$12.60
2	Faber-Castell Connectable Whiteboard Marker 3mm Asst 4 pack	Used	\$11.96	\$22.95
4	STAEDTLER Natural Jumbo Triangular Graphite Pencils HB	Used	\$1.60	\$1.76
4	Bostik BluStik 35g	Used	\$10.04	\$12.40
1	STAEDTLER Noris Club Safety Scissors Right Handed 140mm OR			
	Staedtler Noris Safety Scissors 140mm Left Hand	Used	\$1.33	\$2.15
1	Whiteboard Eraser Magnetic Small Asst	Used	\$4.95	\$9.00
1	MTA Magnetic Whiteboard - bulk order plus freight, DoE pricing	Used	\$6.25	
	(Comparative pricing MTA - single whiteboard, no freight)			\$12.95
		SRS Resources sub-total	\$94.55	\$178.00
		SRS Booklist sub-total	\$63.25	\$98.60
	(NB: schools claim back GST payable)	Plus applicable GST	\$0	\$27.65
		Delivery fee (2023 price)	\$0	\$6.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157.80</b>	<b>\$310.25</b>

*\$150 charged*

*Current as at 16/10/2023*

