

Dear Parents/Guardians

2026 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME – YEAR 8

This letter includes important information about the fees and inclusions for the SRS. If you have previously opted in to the SRS your participation is assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment, unless you inform the school otherwise by completing a new participation agreement form. If you are a new parent to the school, this information will assist you in making a decision as to whether you wish to participate in the SRS.

What is provided by the Queensland Government?

The Queensland Government supports children's education by providing funding for instruction (teachers), facilities (school grounds and buildings, internet), and administration (staff to run the school). Funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, equipment for personal use, and many items used by the student in the classroom.

The SRS helps parents to source these resources. The school can purchase resources at lower rates due to its bulk buying power. Resources such as textbooks or musical instruments that will be used over a period of time are hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS also offers a convenient way for parents to source the items that their child needs for school and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of resources.

The types of resources that will be included are:

- **Owned by the student** – e.g. student diary – once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.
- **Hired to the student** for a specific duration of time – e.g. textbooks or musical instruments – these items will need to be returned to the school in reasonable condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school.
- **Used in class** – e.g. stationery, timber, material, workbooks – these items will be used in class. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student.

The Fee

A flat fee for curriculum student resource scheme costs has been applied across all students within the Year 8 cohort. All Year 8 students complete a similar curriculum throughout their school year.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions (over the page), you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete a Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you no longer wish to participate. If you choose not to participate, you will be provided with a detailed list of resources that you will need to provide for the student.

The TRA

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 as shown in the table below. Thus the SRS invoice you receive will be the full cost of participation in the SRS minus the TRA already held at the school.

Please be aware that there may be two lines of charges on your invoice indicating the GST inclusive and GST exclusive fees depending on the resources supplied by the SRS.

Cost Breakdown

The diagrams below reflect how the TRA has been deducted from the SRS fee for eligible students who have opted in to the Curriculum SRS.

Cost of SRS		TRA		SRS fee due
\$660.00	—	\$164.00	=	\$496.00

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. If you have opted to pay the SRS by term instalments, you will receive an invoice for the full amount. The first instalment of \$166.00 will be due in Week 5 of Term 1 with instalments of \$165.00 due in Week 5 of Terms 2 and 3.

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.

Payment Method

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

Other Optional SRS Program

Instrumental Music Program (for Years 5-12 students who are accepted into the program)

Program Resources	Resource	Type of Resource	Value (to parent)
Instrumental Music Program	Covers departmental costs for music, including: • New sheet music and teaching resources • Photocopying and printing • Purchase and maintenance of music equipment	Used	\$80.00
Instrumental Music Hire	Use of school musical instruments	Hired	\$110.00

** If students are able to supply their own instruments, the relevant hire levy will not apply.*

Financial Difficulty

If you would like to participate, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school to arrange an appointment to discuss options. Any information that you provide will be confidential.

Release of Resources

Resources will not be distributed until the full or first payment has been paid to 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 extra-curricular activities until payments are made.

Return of Hired Resources

A repair or replacement cost will be charged to the parent for any items that are damaged or not returned.

Contact Us

If you have any queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with:

Sarah Tonon, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary
 Phone: 07 4090 6444
 Email: admin@westerncapecollege.eq.edu.au

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is made up of two components. The components are general items and resources for core and elective subjects. The tables below detail the SRS inclusions for these components.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General Items	Positive programs to enhance student wellbeing - Rewards	Used	\$20.00	\$10.00
	Printing Credit (\$10/year)	Owned	\$10.00	\$10.00
	Annual Subscriptions: TrackED, Education Perfect, Clickview, Adobe, Faronics Insight	Hired	\$840.00	\$68.00
	Regional / District Sport Affiliation Fee	Used	\$6.00	\$6.00
Grand Total			\$876.00	\$94.00

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
English			\$40.00	\$27.00
	Text - A Monster Calls & Scar Town	Hired	\$18.00	\$5.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance lesson delivery (e.g. posterboard, scissors, glue, highlighters, coloured markers, coloured paper)	Used	\$7.00	\$7.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$15.00	\$15.00
Maths			\$152.00	\$47.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$25.00	\$25.00
	Textbook – Maths Quest 8	Hired	\$72.00	\$12.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance lesson delivery (calculator, ruler, show me boards, graph paper, coloured card, stationery, coloured pencils)	Used	\$55.00	\$10.00
Science			\$330.00	\$57.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$25.00	\$25.00

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
	Textbook – Jacaranda Science Quest 8	Hired	\$70.00	\$7.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance lesson delivery (calculator, rulers, show me boards, pH indicators, PPE, chemicals, experiment consumables)	Used	\$235.00	\$25.00
Humanities			\$97.00	\$33.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance lesson delivery (e.g. posterboard, scissors, glue, highlighters, coloured markers, coloured paper)	Used	\$7.00	\$7.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Textbook – History Alive	Hired	\$75.00	\$11.00
HPE			\$120.00	\$75.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance delivery during practical lessons	Used	\$105.00	\$60.00
ITD			\$90.00	\$80.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance delivery during practical lessons (materials used for student works)	Used	\$70.00	\$70.00
	PPE resources to enhance curriculum delivery during practical lessons (safety glasses, earmuffs etc.)	owned	\$15.00	\$5.00
Food & Textiles			\$144.50	\$132.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$5.00	\$5.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance delivery during practical lessons (ingredients and materials used in cooking and textiles lessons)	Used	\$124.50	\$124.50

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
	PPE resources to enhance curriculum delivery during practical lessons (apron, hair net, gloves)	owned	\$15.00	\$2.50
The Arts			\$210.00	\$85.00
	Teacher prepared reference worksheets and resources	Used	\$30.00	\$30.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance delivery during practical lessons (Coloured Pencils, Coloured Texters, Water Colour Paint Set, Glue, Scissors & assorted costumes)	Used	\$180.00	\$55.00
Digital Technologies			\$3,100.00	\$30.00
	Curriculum Supplies / Consumables used to enhance delivery during practical lessons	Hired	\$3,100.00	\$30.00