Burnside State High School
Year 7

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Student Resource Scheme 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The information provided in this package will assist you in planning your financial commitments for the 2026 school year.

By taking action on this information, you will be able to ensure that your student is fully equipped for the school year.

Please read the information carefully, complete the relevant sections of the attached proformas, and return to the school office.

If you have any enquiries about the Scheme, please contact the school office on 5459 7333.

Paul Fitzgerald
Principal

Benefits of Joining the Scheme

For participants, the Scheme provides the following:

- Long-term loans of textbooks for classroom and/or home use
- Electronic textbook software licensing fees (e.g. Horizons Excellence Program, 1:1 student laptops)
- Short-term loans for classroom and/or home use (e.g. plays or novels studied in English)
- Use of class sets (e.g. textbooks, atlases, dictionaries etc.)
- Use of reference materials, including CD software and online programs
- Teacher-prepared booklets and worksheets
- Reproduced class materials which complement textbooks or substitute for textbooks
- Student reference books
- Replacement of obsolete books and resources, service improvement costs and new resources
- Reference audio, video tapes, clickview
- Student ID card
- Access to and use of the internet for class work and/or research. Provision of additional computer-based programs outside class times
- Printing costs associated with computer use

If NOT joining the Scheme you must purchase/provide materials, resources and textbooks for each subject area.

- Student ID Card.....$7.00
- Use of all software, CD ROM, online subscription programs and internet $40.00
- Student printing allowance .....$10.00 per term
- Yearbook.....$30.00
- Other school-produced subject items normally provided under the Scheme and only available from the school..... Fee added to student account
- All textbooks ..... See prices listed below

Textbook List (purchase if NOT joining the Scheme)

ENGLISH

Novels x 2 .....$40.00
Play x 1 .....$25.00

MATHEMATICS

Essential Mathematics Gold for the Aust. Curriculum $57.95

SCIENCE

Science World 7.....$75.00

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Pearson History 7 .....$57.95
Pearson Geography 7.....$56.75
Pearson Atlas.....$56.00

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGIES

Introducing Technology.....$25.00

Subject Fees 2026
Year 7

Invoiced to student account at the commencement of each subject

Design and Technologies	$30.00
Digital Technologies	$20.00
Drama	$25.00
Economics and Business	$20.00
Food and Fibre Production	$40.00
Indonesian	$20.00
Japanese	$20.00
Mathspace Subscription	$24.00
Music	$20.00
Visual Art	$30.00
Volleyball Excellence	$80.00
Challenge Day	$45.00
Instrumental Music (per year)	$65.00

SRS 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

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

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions, you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete a new 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
$444.00	−	**$164.00**	=	**$280.00**

If you have opted to pay the SRS by term instalments you will be invoiced once per term.

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:

Veronica Underhill - 5459 7333

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

CONTRIBUTION COSTS

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STUDENT NAME: _____

In order to assist parents/caregivers to plan their financial commitments for 2026, a number of payment plans have been provided for your convenience.

Please select one of the payment plans to suit your needs.

DETAILS	AMOUNT OWING
STANDARD PLAN Pay full costs by **Tuesday 27 January 2026**	$280.00
INSTALMENT PLAN Pay first instalment by **Tuesday 27 January 2026** Pay remaining instalments at beginning of each term Instalment 1 = $100.00 Instalment 2 = $100.00 Instalment 3 = $80.00	$100.00

Which payment plan do you wish to use?

☐ Standard Plan = $280.00

☐ Instalment Plan = $100.00 and pay remainder by instalments

I wish to pay by: ☐ EFTPOS ☐ BPOINT ☐ EFT (into school bank account)

Please note: Credit card payments cannot be accepted over the phone

Subject fees will be invoiced to student accounts and a debtor statement will be sent by mail for payment

Student Resource Scheme - Participation Agreement Form

The Student Resource Scheme

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.

For further information please see the 'parents and carers' site for general information on School fees and charges.

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.

Participation

☐ **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 and resources 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	Burnside State High School
Form Return Date	
Student Name	
Year Level	
Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education (the department) is collecting the personal information you provide in this form (including student name, school name, parent name and parent signature) for the purpose of administering the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). If you do not provide the personal information requested, we will not be able to confirm whether you have agreed or disagreed to your child participating in the SRS. In such cases, the department will deem that you do not wish for your child to participate in the SRS. The personal information collected may be shared with authorised departmental employees for the purposes of SRS administration and debt management. The personal information collected will be managed in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and will not be used or disclosed for another purpose without your consent, or unless authorised or required by law. Information about how individuals can access and amend their personal information held by the department, together with information about how individuals can make a privacy complaint is available at https://qed.qld.gov.au/privacy/.

Queensland Government

Terms and Conditions

Definition

1. Reference to a "parent" is in accordance with the definition in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* and refers equally to an independent student.

Purpose of the SRS

2. In accordance with the Act, the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students enrolled at state schools who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or children of Australian citizens or permanent residents, is met by the State.
3. Parents are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school.
4. The SRS enables a parent to enter into an agreement with the school to provide the resources required for their child to engage with the curriculum for a specified annual participation fee.

Participation in the SRS

5. Participation in the SRS is optional and parents are under no obligation to participate.
6. The school will provide parents with a list of resources supplied by the SRS to enable parents to assess the cost effectiveness of participation.
7. Parents indicate whether or not they wish to participate in the SRS by completing this Participation Agreement Form.
8. Parents must complete and sign the Participation Agreement Form and return it to the school by the advertised date.
9. This agreement is for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school, unless a new Participation Agreement Form is completed.
10. Parents are given the option annually to choose whether to participate in the SRS or not by completing this form.
11. Where a parent signs up to participate in the SRS they are agreeing to pay the annual participation fee for the items provided by the SRS.
12. Payment of the participation fee implies acceptance of the SRS including the Terms and Conditions irrespective of whether or not the signed form has been returned.
13. Where a student starts at the school during the school year, the parent may be entitled to pay a pro-rata participation fee to participate based on a 40-week school year.
14. Where a participation fee has been paid and a student leaves the school during the year, the school must determine if the parent is eligible for a pro-rata refund. This will also take into account any pro-rata of the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) (see Additional Information regarding TRA eligibility) and any outstanding SRS debts (including any debts from damaged or non-returned items). Where the cost of outstanding debts is higher than the calculated refund, the parent is liable to pay this balance of funds.

Non-Participation in the SRS

15. Parents who choose not to participate in the SRS are responsible for providing their student with all items that would otherwise be provided by the SRS to enable their student to engage with the curriculum.
16. The school will provide non-participating parents with a list of resources the parents are required to supply for their child.
17. All items included in the SRS must be able to be independently sourced, purchased and supplied by parents who choose not to participate in the SRS.
18. As the SRS operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded from participation fees, SRS resources will not be issued to students whose parents choose not to participate in the SRS.

The Resources

19. SRS funds received by the school will only be expended on student resources outlined in the school's SRS and will not be expended on other items or used to raise funds for other purposes.
20. In return for payment of the participation fee, the SRS will provide the participating student with the entire package of resources for the specified participation fee. It is not available in parts unless specifically provided for by the school in the fee structure.
21. The resources, as determined and advised by the school may be:
    - retained by the student and used at their discretion; or
    - used/consumed by the student in the classroom; or
    - hired to the student for their personal use for a specified period of time.
22. All SRS resources hired to a student for their temporary use remain the property of the school. The resources must be returned by the agreed date or if the student leaves the school.
23. Parents are responsible for ensuring that any hired SRS resources provided for their child's temporary use are kept in good condition.
24. The school administration office must be notified immediately of the loss or damage to any hired item.
25. Where a hired item is lost, not returned, or damaged, parents will be responsible for payment to the school of the value of the item or its repair.
26. The replacement cost of any resource may be up to the maximum value (subject to depreciation where appropriate) of the acquisition cost to the school.
27. Parents may be responsible for supplying their child with other resources not specified in the SRS as advised by the school.

Payment Arrangements

28. Payment of the participation fee may be made in whole, as per a nominated payment plan, or for another amount as approved by a Principal.
29. Payment of the participation fee must be made as per the payment methods nominated by the school.
30. Any concessions relating to the participation fee will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Debt Management

31. Payment of the participation fee is a requirement for continued participation in the SRS.
    Non-payment of the participation fee by designated payment date(s) may result in debt recovery action in accordance with the Department's Debt Management Procedure https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure

Parents' Experiencing Financial Hardship

32. Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating in or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the school to discuss options.
33. Principals may vary payment options, negotiate alternative arrangements and/or waive all or part of the participation fee for parents experiencing financial hardship.
34. The onus of proof of financial hardship is on the parent.
35. The school may require annual proof of continuing financial hardship.
36. All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.

Additional Information

Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA)

- The Queensland Government provides financial assistance to parents of students in Years 7 to 12, to offset the costs of textbooks and other resources. Assistance is provided in the form of a TRA which is paid through the school. Refer to the department's website for current TRA rates https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance.
- The TRA is used to offset the fees associated with participation in the SRS.
- Parents not participating in the SRS will receive the TRA as either a credit to the student's account or as a direct payment from the school.
- Parents not participating in the SRS should contact the school directly if they do not automatically receive the payment.