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Student Resource Scheme At Pallara State School, we take pride in offering a dynamic and diverse curriculum that not only engages students but also sets them up for a successful future. We strive to deliver a world-class education both inside and outside the classroom.

To ensure our students achieve excellent educational outcomes and are well-prepared for their future paths, Pallara State School provides a range of resources to support their learning. Given the scope and complexity of the programs we offer, there is a significant demand for resources. While the Queensland Government supports education by funding instruction (teachers), facilities (school grounds and buildings), and administration (staff), this funding does not cover individual student resources such as textbooks, online programs, personal equipment, and other classroom materials.

To address this, Pallara State School offers a distinctive Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program that enhances learning through personalized technology. Additionally, we have established a Student Resource Scheme (SRS) to assist parents and carers in providing essential resources for their child's education.

Parents who participate in the SRS benefit from not needing to purchase items from a booklist. If parents choose not to participate in the SRS, they will need to supply the school with the items listed below, as well as the limited items found on the school's booklists, available on the school website. Pallara State School's book list and SRS costs are relatively low compared to those of surrounding schools.

All students at Pallara State School will have access to the core curriculum, regardless of SRS participation. However, students who do not participate in the SRS may experience limitations on the use of certain items. The cost of providing instruction, administration, and facilities is covered by the state, but parents are responsible for supplying additional resources for their child.

Participation in the SRS is voluntary; however, all parents give consent to the SRS upon enrolment of their child/ren to indicate their intention to participate or not. Please note that no invoices will be issued unless consent is given upon enrolment, regardless of whether you choose to participate in the scheme.

We look forward to your support in ensuring our students start day one prepared and resourced for the academic challenges ahead.

Student Resource Scheme

Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2025 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, equipment for personal use, and 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, Pallara State School operates an SRS for 2025.

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 financial impact on parents and whether the school can absorb any of the cost has been considered before determining the SRS fee.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association executive team on the 22/11/2024.

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 within 90 days of the student starting, 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.

For more detailed information about the SRS can be found on the Department's website: (https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-resource-scheme-srs-procedure).

For general information on school fees and charges please see the 'parents and carers' site on <u>School fees and</u> charges.

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. cooking, art supplies, online services).
 - 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

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school's 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

Any unpaid invoices will be managed according to the department's Debt Management Procedure. Only as a last resort, a Principal may use discretion to exclude a student from optional, non-curricular activities where a parent has an outstanding debt with the school. (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)

- 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 the office.

	COST (If Purchased Individually)	CONTRIBUTION SCHEME COST (School Purchased)
Core Curriculum Materials,	\$95.73 per child	\$46.82 per child
Practical learning materials		
including exercise books, art	This is an average cost of a	
supplies, science materials,	book list that would be	
whiteboard markers, scissors,	required if no SRS is paid	
coloured pencils, reams of paper,	(Depending on Year Level	
lead pencils, glue, cooking materials, etc.	Requirements)	
Curriculum Programs – Social and	COST (If Purchased	CONTRIBUTION SCHEME
Emotional (P-6)	Individually)	COST (School Purchased)
The Resilience Project	\$20 per student (To be	\$20.00 per student
	purchased through the school)	(Includes Workbook)
Class Software	COST (If Purchased	CONTRIBUTION SCHEME
Subscriptions/Support	Individually)	COST (School Purchased)
Stile	Unavailable (Requires	\$20.00 per student
	Additional Workbooks and	
	Stationery)	
IXL	\$239.40 per 3 students	\$17.00 per student
ClickView	Unavailable for Individual Subscriptions	\$6.50 per student
XtraMath	\$3.25 per student per year	\$0.62 per student
Sunshine Online	\$99 (Up to 3 students per year)	\$0.70 per student
Studyladder	\$129.00	\$0.70 per student
VIVI	Not Available for Individual Subscriptions	\$9.20 per student
TOTAL COST	COST (If Purchased Individually)	CONTRIBUTION SCHEME COST (School Purchased)
Total average cost of	\$115.73	\$66.82
Resources/Classroom Materials:		
Total average cost of subscriptions and Support per Student:	\$470.65	\$54.72
TOTAL	\$586.38 (Average cost)	\$121.54

Total SRS Fee 2025: \$120