

Rochedale South State School

the school of choice

8 November 2023

Student Resource Scheme Year 3 – 6 for 2024 Payment due by Thursday 8 February 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Queensland Government legislation requires schools use consistent names across all schools, to explain the charges they are making. The details about the fees have to be explained in writing to parents.

In **Year's 3 to 6** at Rochedale South, there are two types of expenses. *Firstly*, the Year level booklist located on our school website.

Secondly, to provide parents with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, Rochedale South State School operates a **STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)** for 2024. The **SRS is \$125** which provides resources in Reading, as well as Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM). For children to be able to do the maths work in class they need maths resources such as worksheets/activities like those in textbooks. For their reading, they need reading books. We do not set a textbook for maths nor do we give you a list of reading books for student reading over the year as students don't all use the same books. Where children are very capable, they will have different maths books and reading tasks from another child who struggles in reading or maths. This is one of the ways we ensure every child is moving ahead at a level appropriate for each child.

This means your child will be able to get all the class reading books, complex texts and assessment kits, maths tasks, electronic maths and reading resources they need to enable them to learn, as all of the money collected, will go into the purchase of specific resources in your child's classroom. Students will also be able to access several online resources and programs, even at home, providing you have internet access. Next year's programs will be indicated on our website, by year level, when they become available. Students in the Laptop Program will require access to these resources to enable them to get the most out of their computers. **Students who do not pay will not be able to access all of these classroom and on-line resources.**

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the schools P and C Association.

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.

Students 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 8 February 2024, the school will take the view that the parent may have chosen to opt out of the SRS and the school will contact you for confirmation. The parent is then required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child as a matter of urgency. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form available from the school office.

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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 available from the school office.

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.

Payments are required to commence by Thursday 8 February 2024.

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 a payment is made.

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card) and 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 <u>humanservices.gov.au/centrepay</u> for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with School Business Manager 3340 0777

Yours faithfully

Stacey Wood Principal