



Rochedale South State School

the school of choice

8 November 2023

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2
Consumables and Student Resource Scheme for 2024
Payment due by Thursday 8 February 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Queensland Government legislation requires schools to use consistent names across all schools, to explain the charges they are making. Details about the fees have to be explained in writing to parents. For 2024, charges are as follows.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - \$125

In **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2** at Rochedale South there are two types of fees. 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. Students will also be able to access several on-line 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. This fee will continue to be invoiced each year of the students attendance at RSSS.

CONSUMABLES STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - \$125 Prep, Yrs 1 and 2

The second requirement is the **CONSUMABLES STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (CSRS)**. Rather than a booklist in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 our school operates a Consumables Student Resource Scheme fee. This second amount covers all the books, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, folders and all the other items used by your child for the whole year. Some of the benefits of not having a booklist are the materials are cheaper when purchased by the school in bulk and there is a clear saving to you. The second reason is that in Prep, Year 1 and 2, children struggle to manage all of their own equipment. This is minimised for your child as the Consumables materials are able to be shared. Thirdly, you will not be getting notes home, telling you that your child has run out of glue or filled up their book and requires replacements. It also allows teachers to focus on the essentials of teaching and learning without the distraction of little people trying to manage such increased responsibility for their belongings. In my experience, trying to manage hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes is more than enough for little people in their first years of school.

Students who do not pay will not be able to access all of these materials and on-line resources or have home access. Please be aware that you will receive by email 2 separate invoices, one for SRS and one for CSRS fees.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's 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 and by signing these forms at enrolment your participation and commitment to pay is assumed.

Students new to the school.....

Families 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 8.02.2024, the school will take the view that the families may have chosen to opt out of the SRS and the school will contact you for confirmation. The parent/carer is then required to provide the educational resources 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.

Continuing student of the school.....

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 required for their child by the start of the school year.

Payments are required 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.

When paying by **BPOINT**, (our preferred option) 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. You may click on the link at the bottom of the invoice for ease of payment and only have to add the Amount and Card details.

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.

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.

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