



Wishart State School Student Resource Scheme

Annual Parent Information Letter – Year 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2024 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, computer or musical equipment for personal use, and many 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, Wishart State School operates a SRS for 2024.

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 scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 26/11/2023.

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.

Participation in the scheme will continue as per the 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 at the start of the school year.

Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions section of this letter. 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 should 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** – items are retained by the student and used as required (e.g. stationery, student diary).
- **Used** – items are used/consumed in class by the student (e.g. cooking/art supplies). Work/items produced from these resources will remain the property of the student.
- **Hired** – 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 a cohort group of students (i.e. each year level)
2. A fee determined by the subjects selected by the individual student (e.g. Instrumental/Choral Music Program – participating students only)

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for Year 1 for 2024 is **\$47.00**.

Payment Arrangement

Invoices will be issued in Term 1 and are due for payment 30 days from date of invoice. Resources will be available once a payment has been made. 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 e.g. payment plan.

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 (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Procedure%20Attachments/debt-management/debt-management.pdf>).

Payment Method

Payments can be made by Credit Card or Debit Card via BPOINT directly or through the QParents portal.

- When paying by BPOINT:
 - If you receive your invoice electronically, click on the link in the invoice (if you currently don't receive your invoice electronically but would like to do so, please email payments@wishartss.eq.edu.au and request the change) – this is the easiest way to make payments
 - If you receive a paper copy of your invoice please click on the "BPoint Payment link" from our website homepage (just under the photo ribbon) and use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the school.
 - If paying by phone, telephone 1300 631 073 and use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice received from the school

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Cost to Parents via SRS
Year 1	Photocopying	Used	\$34.80	\$24.80
	Reading Eggs Subscription	Hired	\$150.00	\$9.00
	Mathletics Subscription	Hired	\$100.00	\$13.20
Grand Total			\$274.80	\$47.00

If you have elected not to participate in the SRS you will:

- Receive an invoice to cover photocopying which cannot be purchased elsewhere; and
- Need to supply to your child's classroom teacher the username and password for any of the online subscriptions you have purchased and wish your child to access at school.

Should you now wish to join the SRS please complete a new Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you wish to participate – these are available from the school office or our website - and return to the office – you will then receive an invoice for payment.

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact the administration team by emailing payments@wishartss.eq.edu.au or phone 3849 0555.