



## Year 8 SRS

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 year 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 instructional materials (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 low prices due to its bulk buying power. Resources such as textbooks or musical instruments that will be used for a short period of time are hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS 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

The fee is calculated as a flat fee for the year level cohort and ensures value is provided to all students with additional higher fees charged for students accessing higher cost subjects and Certificate 3 subjects. Please note that if you are not participating in the SRS program, there will be an additional charge for higher subjects and Certificates.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money based on the inclusions (see the list on the next page), you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete the Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you no longer wish to participate. If you choose to participate, you will be provided with a detailed list of resources that you will need to provide for your child as a student.

## The TRA

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist 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 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
\$416.00	\$146.00	\$270.00

You will receive an invoice for the full amount and instalments will be due on the following dates:

**First instalment of \$90.00 is due by Friday 26 January 2024**

**Second instalment of \$90.00 is due by Friday 29 March 2024**

**Third instalment of \$90.00 is due by Friday 14 June 2024**

## 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 outstanding 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 lost.

## Contact us

If you have any queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with:

North Lakes College Finance Team: [finance@northlakescollege.eq.edu.au](mailto:finance@northlakescollege.eq.edu.au)

## The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme Inclusions

The Curriculum Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is made up of two components. The component includes general items and resources for core and elective subjects. The tables below detail the SRS inclusions for these components.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Cost to School per Student
<b>General Items</b>	Administration of scheme	Used	\$ 35.00
	Student Diary	Owned	\$ 12.00
	Printing allocation for activities/assessment	Owned	\$ 5.00
	Write that Essay - online writing tool	Used	\$ 30.00
	Education Perfect - online tool	Used	\$ 70.00
	Adobe Creative Cloud - named user license	Owned	\$ 10.00
	Jacaranda Plus online	Owned	\$ 75.00
	ID Card (Student discounts & travel concessions)	Owned	\$ 10.00
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 247.00</b>

Subject	Resource	Type of Resource	Cost to School per Student
<b>English</b>			<b>\$ 16.75</b>
	Novel - The Amber Amulet (Craig Silvey)	Hired	\$ 6.75
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 10.00
<b>Science</b>			<b>\$ 87.50</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 5.00
	Jacaranda Science Quest 8 - JacPlus	Hired	\$ 75.00
	Scientific consumables & PPE	Used	\$ 7.50
<b>Mathematics</b>			<b>\$ 106.60</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 10.00
	Jacaranda - printed workbook	Used	\$ 21.60
	Jacaranda Maths Quest 8 - JacPlus	Hired	\$ 75.00
<b>HASS - History, Geography, Business &amp; Economics, Civics &amp; Citizenship</b>			<b>\$ 10.00</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 10.00
<b>Business (ECB)</b>			<b>\$ 5.00</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 5.00
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>			<b>\$ 80.00</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$ 5.00
	Health & Physical Education Yr 7 & 8 - JacPlus	Hired	\$ 75.00
<b>Languages</b>			<b>\$ 0.26</b>
	Italian Bilingual Dictionary - class set	Hired	\$ 0.13
	Chinese Bilingual Dictionary - class set	Hired	\$ 0.13
<b>Language - Italian</b>			<b>\$ 10.00</b>
	Class Workbooks	Owned	\$ 10.00
<b>Language - Chinese</b>			<b>\$ 10.00</b>
	Class Workbooks	Owned	\$ 10.00
<b>Technology - Food Studies</b>			<b>\$ 33.60</b>

Technology - Food Studies	Reprographics	Owned	\$	10.00
	Equipment Hire - Apron and Hat	Hired	\$	5.00
	Consumables - containers, gloves, plastic wrap, baking paper, al.foil	Used	\$	18.60
<b>Technology - Design &amp; Technology</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>147.59</b>
	Equipment Hire	Used	\$	53.44
	Consumables - stationery, coreflute, core board & 3D filament	Used	\$	94.15
<b>Technology - Information Technology</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>30.00</b>
	GROK online subscription per student	Used	\$	30.00
<b>Technology - Digital</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>9.60</b>
	Reprographics	Used	\$	9.60
<b>The Arts - Visual Art</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>323.84</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$	10.00
	Equipment Hire - 3 years - class sets, guillotine, light box, apron, fruit bowl	Hired	\$	153.24
	Equipment Hire - 2 years - class sets inc stencil toolkit, hair dryer, mirror with stand	Hired	\$	36.41
	Equipment Hire - yearly - kiln, class sets	Hired	\$	21.39
	Consumables - various resources, materials, stationery, tools	Used	\$	102.80
<b>The Arts - Dance</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>738.07</b>
	Reprographics	Owned	\$	11.48
	Reference materials inc. Dance - Count Me in and videos	Hired	\$	30.00
	Equipment Hire - 2 years - gym mats & trolleys	Hired	\$	65.00
	Equipment Hire - 3 years - speakers, exercise equipment	Hired	\$	158.99
	Equipment Hire - 7 years - Portable mirrors	Hired	\$	164.29
	IT Equipment - dongles, ipad minis	Hired	\$	288.33
	Software & online - Acrobatic Arts syllabus & membership	Hired	\$	6.17
	Software & online - Twinkl membership, music uploads	Hired	\$	0.89
	Consumables - stationery	Used	\$	12.92
<b>The Arts - Drama</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>403.33</b>
	IT Equipment - iPads and speakers	Hired	\$	153.33
	Consumables - stationary	Used	\$	110.00
	Printing reference materials - Because, Scattered Lives and Preston Beach scripts	Used	\$	140.00
<b>The Arts - Music</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>60.00</b>
	Class Workbooks	Used	\$	10.00
	Consumables - stationary, music scores, audio cords, headphone and jack and blank CD/DVD	Used	\$	50.00