

# Yeppoon State High School

## Student Resource Scheme fees – Year 8



Year 8 Curriculum Resources	\$250
Instrumental Music Program	
Instrumental Music lesson and ensemble levy	\$115
Instrument Hire fee (only if hiring school instrument)	\$100
Instrument Hire fee (Director's choice on half scholarship)	\$50
Percussion maintenance levy (only applicable to percussion students)	\$30
MEX – AMEB Levels 1 to 3 Theory exam	TBA (\$100-\$150)

Other cost recovery fees, such as for camps, excursions, extra-curricular activities, arts council, affiliation fees or competition fees are charged only to parents of students who participate directly in the activity, and not included in the fees above.

## SRS Resource list – Year 8

Subjects*	SCHOOL supplied resources (sample, but not limited to)	Nature of resources
General costs	Student ID Card	Owned
	Scheme administration	Provided
Agricultural Science	Text - Dynamic Agriculture	Hired
	School produced workbooks Agricultural products, resources & equipment	Owned Provided
Digital Technologies	School produced workbooks	Owned
	Microphone, multiple digital technologies Text – 20 Games to Create with Scratch	Hired Hired
Drama	School produced workbooks	Hired
	Various class texts	Hired
	Touring drama productions/recorded live performances	Provided
	Text – Plays (various) Props/costumes Digital Technologies	Hired Hired Hired
Economics and Business/Civics	Text - Humanities and Social Science for the Australian Curriculum Year 8	Hired
	Microphones School produced workbooks	Hired Owned
English	Text – class novels	Hired
	School produced workbooks	Owned
Extended Care Class	Mighty Minds	Provided
	School produced workbooks	Owned
Food Technologies	Workbooks / School produced workbooks	Owned
	Practical cookery ingredients	Provided
	Kitchen equipment	Hired
Geography	Text – Pearson Geography	Hired
	School produced workbooks	Owned
Health & Physical Ed	School produced workbooks	Owned
	Multiple sports equipment and resources	Hired
History	Text - Pearson History 2	Hired
	School produced workbooks	Owned
Wood & Metal Technologies	Workbook / School produced workbooks	Owned



	Project materials Workshop small tools and equipment	Provided Hired
Japanese	School produced workbooks 4 x practical cultural lessons per semester	Owned Provided
Maths	Text - Pearson Maths 8 School produced workbooks	Hired Owned
Media	School produced workbooks Multiple digital technologies for media projects Props / costumes Digital storage	Hired Hired Hired Hired
Music	School produced workbooks Various texts Instruments Digital Technologies IPADs	Owned Hired Hired Hired Hired
Music Extension	Digital technologies School produced workbooks Various texts Instruments Performance	Hired Owned Hired Hired Provided
Science	Text - Pearson Science 8 School produced workbooks Lab materials	Hired Owned Provided
STEM	School produced workbooks	Owned
Visual Art	Text – Children's Book of Art School produced workbooks Speciality paper (13 different types required) Adhesives (3 different types required) Drawing materials (7 different types required) Paints (3 different types required) Canvas (2 different types required) Print making (3 different types required) Ceramics materials (2 different types required)	Hired Owned Provided

\*Subjects run for either 6 months or the full year. <https://yepoonshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum>

The school will provide parents who choose **not** to participate in a SRS with:

- a detailed list of items that will be required for their child's subjects
- a list of items only available through the school (i.e. student ID cards and workbooks) and the cost for non participating parents to purchase these items separately.

Please refer to the [Annual Parent Information Letter](#) for important information about the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) including how the scheme operates.

# Yeppoon State High School

## Student Resource Scheme

### Annual Parent Information Letter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **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, Yeppoon State High School operates an 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 14/09/2023.

#### **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.

*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 signed participation form is received, 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.

#### **Resource Inclusions**

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the SRS Resource list for each Year level. 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. industry technology/cooking/art supplies).
  - 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.

## Items specifically excluded from the scheme:

- Stationery items (Refer to stationery checklist for each year level in our website)
- Protective clothing where required
- Excursions, camps, formals, some sporting and enrichment activities

## Costing Methodology

The schools SRS fee is calculated based on:

1. A flat fee for all students in the school AND
2. A fee determined by the subjects selected by the individual student.

## The Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist parents 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 cost of participation in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the department's website (<https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>).

Year level	TRA Rate
Years 7 to 10	\$155
Years 11 to 12	\$337

## The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the schools website.

This also includes the TRA component which has been deducted to reduce the SRS fee payable.

\* If the cost of the SRS is equal to the TRA rate, no SRS Fee is payable.

## 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. Payment arrangements must be negotiated and approved in writing by the Business Manager by end of Term 1. All outstanding fees should be paid by end of Term 3.

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 (<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), 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 [humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

## Parents who choose to join the SRS in any year

- Complete the Participation Agreement Form (PAF) and familiarise themselves with SRS inclusions as published by the school and the Terms and Conditions detailed on the PAF.
- Pay SRS invoice/s as per the schedule nominated on the PAF.
- Ensure that any resources hired through a SRS are returned to the school in reasonable condition, or pay for the repair or written down value (see definition) of items that are not returned in reasonable condition.
- Where a student leaves the school part way through the year and damages or does not return an item, the school is entitled to deduct the costs of repair or replacement from any SRS pro-rata refund entitlement for that student.
- Repair or replace any lost or damaged resources purchased outright through the SRS for personal use (e.g. student diary).
- Approach the principal to request a fee waiver in cases of financial hardship, as outlined in the User charging procedure.
- Participation in a SRS must be for the full annual scheme fee, there is no provision for part-participation.
- Where a parent has not completed the PAF and pays the annual SRS fee, this implies acceptance of the SRS Terms and Conditions regarding the temporary use of resources

## Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with **the Business Manager**.