Student Resource Scheme

Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2027 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, equipment for personal use and items used/consumed by the student in the classroom. Supply of these items is the responsibility of parents, booklists will be available on our website.

To provide parents with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, Mountain Creek State School will operate a Student Resource Scheme for 2027.

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 financial impact on parents and whether the school can absorb any of the cost has been considered before determining the SRS fee.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on the 21 October 2026. This will ensure that Mountain Creek State School aligns with all local schools in our area while strengthening long term sustainability.

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.

As Mountain Creek State School is reintroducing the SRS, all parents will be required to complete an **SRS Participation Consent Form**, along with a **Back-to-School Boost Parent Choice Form**.

These consent forms will be initiated via QParents in the coming weeks. To ensure everything is in place for a smooth start to the 2027 school year, please complete both consent forms through QParents by Friday 11 December 2026.

If no participation form is received by 11 December 2026 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.

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For more detailed information about the SRS can be found on the Department's website: (https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-resource-scheme-srs-procedure).

For general information on school fees and charges please see the 'parents and carers' site on School fees and charges.

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Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the SRS Resource list. This list is available on the school's website.

Type of Resources provided

Generally, the two types of resources that could be included are:

- **Used** – these items/subscriptions are used/consumed in class by the student
  - Textbooks
  - Cooking
  - Art supplies
  - Technology*
  - Musical instruments*
  - Laptop/iPads*

*These items must be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the school year. If a repair or replacement is required due to damage or not being returned parents may be charged.

- **Owned –** these items are retained by the student and used as required (e.g. stationery, exercise books), in 2027 MCSS will not have any 'owned resources' in the SRS.

Booklists are separate to SRS and will be available on the website. These items are the parents/guardians responsibility to provide.

The Back-to-School Boost

Queensland Government provides a $150 Back to school boost to help parents cover the cost of school essentials for primary school students (Prep to Year 6). A $150 credit will be placed on the account of each eligible primary school student from early in the school year.

Parents can choose to apply the credit on their child's account to their total SRS fee payable via QParents consent manager.

Parents can check QParents (or contact school if you don't have a QParents account) to see their remaining Back to school boost balance.

2027 SRS Fees

- Prep-Year 5: $80
- Year 6: $100

Therefore, if families choose to utilise their back-to-school boost to cover their SRS they will not be out of pocket. In fact, they will have funds left over to pay for incursions and excursions.

Payment Arrangement Options

1. Utilising the Back-to-School Boost
2. A single payment for the full years fee
3. An instalment plan can be negotiated with the school. If you are interested in this, please email bsm@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au

Any unpaid invoices will be managed according to the department's Debt Management Procedure. Only as a last resort, a Principal may use discretion to exclude a student from optional, non-curricular activities where a parent has an outstanding debt with the school.

(https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure).

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. Please email bsm@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with the Business Manager via email: bsm@mtncreekss.eq.edu.au.

Regards



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