2027 Student Resource Scheme

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Mountain Creek State School is reintroducing the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) in 2027.
We understand families may have questions about what the scheme covers, why it is being introduced and how it affects school expenses. The following questions and answers provide further information to help families understand the scheme and make an informed decision about participation.

1. What is the Student Resource Scheme (SRS)?

The 2027 Student Resource Scheme provides students with access to subscriptions, curriculum-related consumables and selected learning resources required to support their learning throughout the year.

This includes resources such as digital learning programs, decodable readers, art and craft materials, paint, cooking ingredients and other consumables used as part of classroom learning activities.

It also includes a Soundwaves workbook for students in Years 3–6 and a Signpost workbook for Year 6, which would traditionally have been included on the year-level booklists.

The SRS does not include individual owned resources such as stationery, exercise books and other personal classroom items. These are still purchased by parents through the separate year-level booklists.

The scheme allows the school to manage these resources through bulk purchasing and annual subscriptions, helping ensure students have access to the materials and programs they need for their learning throughout the year.

2. Why is Mountain Creek State School reintroducing the SRS in 2027?

Over recent years, Mountain Creek State School has absorbed the costs of additional learning resources, including subscriptions, decodable readers and classroom consumables used in English, Mathematics, Science and other curriculum areas. These include items such as art and craft materials, paint, cooking ingredients and other resources used in everyday classroom activities.

Queensland state schools receive government funding to support teaching and learning, school facilities and general administration. However, this funding does not cover all the additional resources students need throughout the year.

Reintroducing the SRS will help ensure students have access to the programs and resources that support their learning, while allowing the school to continue investing in other important priorities that benefit all students.

3. How much does the SRS cost?

The 2027 annual contribution is:

Prep – Year 5	$80 per student
Year 6	$100 per student

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4. What is the difference between the SRS and the booklist?
The SRS covers subscriptions, curriculum-related consumables and selected learning resources, including workbooks such as Soundwaves (Years 3–6) and Signpost (Year 6), used throughout the year.

The separate year-level booklists contain individual owned resources that parents purchase for their children, such as stationery, exercise books, pencils, glue sticks and other personal classroom items.
For 2027, parents will still need to purchase the separate year-level booklist.

5. Are resources purchased new each year?
Yes. Subscriptions and workbooks are purchased annually on a per-student basis to ensure students have access to the relevant programs.

Consumables are purchased as required throughout the year, depending on curriculum activities and year-level requirements.

6. Is participation in the SRS compulsory?
No. Participation in the SRS is optional.

7. What happens if I choose not to participate in the SRS?
Parents who choose not to participate are responsible for providing the relevant subscriptions, applicable consumables and selected learning resources, including the Soundwaves workbook (Years 3–6) and Signpost workbook (Year 6), required for their child to participate in classroom learning.

The school will provide further information about the resources required as year-level teachers finalise their curriculum planning.

8. Can I use my Back-to-School Boost to pay for the SRS?
Yes. Eligible students receive $150 Queensland Government Back-to-School Boost credit.
Parents can elect to use this towards the SRS contribution through QParents.

Any remaining Back-to-School Boost credit may be used towards incursions/excursions, if consent has been provided.

9. How are SRS funds managed?
All income received through the SRS must be spent only on the resources and operation of the scheme. The school follows Queensland Department of Education financial policies and procedures, with financial reporting provided to the P&C to ensure transparency and accountability.

10. Are excursions, camps and other activities included?
No. Excursions, camps and other optional activities are separate from the SRS and cannot be included as part of the scheme, in accordance with Department of Education restrictions.

Any remaining Back-to-School Boost credit may be used towards incursions/excursions, if consent has been provided.

11. Will the SRS replace the booklists in future years?
Our longer-term goal is to move towards a comprehensive SRS that provides all the resources students require throughout the year, removing the need for separate booklists.

As we are reintroducing the scheme in stages, the separate booklists will remain in place for 2027.

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