

## Privacy Statement

The Department of Education and Training, through the school, is collecting your personal information in accordance with section 51 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* in order to administer the Student Resource Scheme in an efficient, ethical and secure manner. The information will only be accessed by school employees administering the scheme. Some of this information may be given to departmental employees for the purpose of debt recovery. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given permission or the Department of Education and Training is authorised or required by law to make the disclosure.

## Purpose of the Scheme

1. In accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students enrolled at State schools who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or children of Australian citizens or permanent residents, is met by the State.
2. Parents are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school. In recognition that these costs can be high, the school operates a Student Resource Scheme (the "scheme") that enables a parent to enter into an agreement with the school that, for a specified annual participation fee, provides for the temporary use by the student of prescribed textbooks and/or other resources, and/or the purchase of consumables and materials for the student.
3. A Student Resource Scheme is separate to and distinct from a request for a voluntary financial contribution.

## Benefits of the Scheme

4. The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing practices.
5. The scheme also ensures that students have consistent personal resources for their education, and saves the parent time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere.
6. The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the operation of the scheme.

## Participation in the Scheme

7. Participation in the scheme is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to participate in the scheme. A parent's decision to participate or not is based on consideration of the value afforded to them by the scheme.
8. The completed and signed Participation Agreement Form should be returned to the school by the advertised date to indicate participation or non-participation in the scheme.
9. If a parent chooses to participate in the scheme and completes the Participation Agreement Form, a fee will be due and payable by the parent for the items provided by the scheme to the student.
10. Payment of the participation fee is a requirement for continued participation in the scheme. An unpaid fee will be subject to the school's debt collection processes.
11. A parent who does not wish to participate in the student resource scheme shall inform the school by completing the Participation Agreement Form and returning it to the Administration Office. Arrangements will be made for the parents of students in Years 7 to 12 or of secondary education age to be paid the value of the Textbook and Resource Allowance for each of their eligible children.
12. A parent who chooses not to participate in the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all items that would otherwise be provided to the student by the scheme as detailed on the Year Level Requirements List and/or Subject Requirements List, to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.

## Parents and Citizens' Association Support of the Scheme

13. The operation of the Student Resource Scheme is discussed annually at a meeting of the Parents and Citizens' Association. Parents are extended an invitation to attend this meeting and provided with an opportunity to express their opinions. A vote is taken at this meeting on supporting the operation of the scheme.

## Textbook and Resource Allowance

14. The Queensland Government provides financial assistance to parents of students in Years 7 to 12 or of secondary education age, attending State and approved non-State schools, to offset the costs of textbooks and other resources. Assistance is provided in the form of a Textbook and Resource Allowance which is paid once a calendar year through the school. Parents have the option to receive the allowance directly from the school or as an offset of fees associated with participation in the school's Student Resource Scheme. This option is made available to each parent annually by the school. Current allowance rates are available from <http://education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/fund/garp/html/par-stu.html>

## Payment Arrangements

15. Payment of the participation fee may be made by EFTPOS (Debit Card; MasterCard; Visa; American Express where accepted by the school), cheque, or cash.
16. 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.
17. 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 your CRN, please contact the school.

18. Payment of the participation fee may be made in whole or by instalment as indicated on the Participation Agreement Form or for another amount as approved by the Principal.
19. For payments made in person by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be provided to the payer. Where payments are received by other methods, a receipt will be provided on request. All receipts and documentation on the scheme should be retained by the parent for future reference and possible taxation purposes.

## Parent Experiencing Financial Difficulties

20. A parent wishing to participate in the Student Resource Scheme and experiencing financial hardship is encouraged to contact the principal to discuss how their financial obligations can be met throughout the school year, or to negotiate alternative arrangements that may be available to accommodate their individual circumstances. Centrelink deduction is a payment option offered by the school. All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.
21. The onus of proof of being so affected is on the parent, and might include a current Health Care Card or other evidence to establish financial hardship.
22. Any concessions given to the participation fee will be at the discretion of the Principal.

## Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Scheme

23. Payment of the prescribed fee implies acceptance of the Student Resource Scheme including the Terms and Conditions irrespective of whether or not the signed form has been returned.
24. For the purposes of the scheme, where a student is living independent of his/her parents, reference in the terms and conditions to "parent" is a reference to the independent student.
25. Where a parent chooses to join the scheme and completes a Participation Agreement Form, an annual participation fee will be due and payable by the parent to the Student Resource Scheme.
26. In return for payment of the participation fee, the scheme will provide the participating student with textbooks and/or resources, consumables and materials as listed on the Year Level Requirements List and/or Subject Requirements List as being provided by the scheme, when due for the student's use.
27. Payment of the participation fee is to be made according to the payment arrangement option indicated by the parent on the Participation Agreement Form, or as otherwise approved by the Principal.
28. Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) will generate a reminder notice to the parent from the school at intervals of 30 days overdue and 60 days overdue. The Principal may thereafter undertake debt recovery action for the overdue participation fee including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency. This may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent.
29. Without limiting any other action the Principal may take in accordance with these terms and conditions, subject to 26 above, the Principal may withdraw a student's participation in the scheme due to non-payment of a participation fee, and/or may require the return of items provided by the scheme for the temporary use of the student, and/or may withhold the giving of any further items under the scheme until the debt is paid.
30. The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the scheme where participation fees are overdue from the previous year's scheme.
31. Where participation fees are overdue, the Principal has the discretion to exclude a student from an optional school activity, but not from graduations and formals.
32. The scheme provides the entire package for the specified participation fee, and is not available in parts unless specifically provided for by the school in the fee structure.
33. All textbooks and resources provided for temporary use by the scheme remain the property of the scheme and shall be returned at the end of the course or school year or when the student leaves the school, whichever is the earlier. Where an item is not returned, the parent will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken.
34. Textbooks and other resources provided for temporary student use by the scheme shall be kept in good condition by the student. The school Administration Office shall be notified immediately of the loss or negligent damage to any issued item. Where an issued item is lost or negligently damaged, parents will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken.
35. The parent is responsible for supplying the student with any additional student materials that are not provided by the Student Resource Scheme, as indicated on the Year Level Requirements List and/or Subject Requirements List or otherwise advised by the school.
36. If a student enters the scheme after the first week of school, a pro-rata participation fee will apply, calculated on a 40-week school year basis.
37. If a student, having paid a participation fee, leaves the school through the year, a pro-rata refund will be made to the parent, calculated on the participation fee paid, less the cost of consumed materials and the replacement cost of scheme items that are lost or negligently damaged or not returned, plus the pro-rata Textbook and Resource Allowance calculated on a 40-week school year basis.
38. As the scheme operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded solely from participation fees, resources provided by the scheme will not be issued to students whose parents choose not to participate in the scheme.



# MOUNTAIN CREEK STATE SCHOOL

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (2017 SRS)

### PREP TO YEAR 6

Dear Parents / Carers

Mountain Creek State School values its high quality of teaching and learning. With a managed enrolment plan, we will have approximately 950 students from Prep to Year 6.

The school's supportive ethos is captured in the motto 'Caring, Sharing and Learning Together.' Through committed teachers, innovative programs, quality facilities and strong community partnerships, Mountain Creek State School seeks to set the benchmark for educational excellence.

The following information provides details of school resource needs and uniform expectations. Through careful planning, your child will have a smooth transition to their next year level.

Rob Van den Heuvel  
Principal

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)

Please complete form on Page 3

Mountain Creek State School operates a Student Resource Scheme (SRS) to reduce the cost of textbooks and other learning resource materials for parents. It also provides additional materials to ensure innovative and quality activities for students.

These ensure our curriculum programs are of the highest quality. As the Mountain Creek State School aspires for excellence and high academic achievement, we run exciting programs that enhance student interest and academic rigor.

Mountain Creek State School provides a \$35 Student Resource Scheme that:

- Produces class workbooks and worksheets to reduce the role of text books. Through the use of carefully designed and matched worksheets, students focus on tasks for their specific needs. Text books are limited across the school to ensure learning is targeted at individual and group learning needs.
- Allows classes to use group work so students are challenged at their academic level while experiencing a range of hands on activities. Often students will be provided specific resources to complement the school's curriculum priorities. These could involve using laminated games and resources for Maths or English.
- Specific resources are purchased to support targeted school priorities. Resources include reference materials or other practical resources such as Show Me-Boards.

**It is clear that there are very distinct learning benefits and cost savings for all families joining the Student Resource Scheme. Our Scheme needs ALL families to support the school to ensure excellence and limit text books on booklists.**

Should parents prefer not to participate, they may request specific invoices for resources instead, but please be aware that costs are higher as discounts are achieved through bulk purchasing.

This Student Resource Scheme does not provide any funds for the Parents and Citizens' Association and is entirely voluntary and parents are under no obligation to join. Parents wishing to take advantage of the services provided by the Scheme pay an annual joining fee and sign the form agreeing to the conditions therein.

**Departmental policy requires that all students should have a signed form returned to school indicating whether they are participating or not.**

**YES I wish to join the Student Resource Scheme (\$35)**

Anyone experiencing financial difficulties may take advantage of paying their fees by instalments (*please see page 3*) or making an appointment to see the School Business Services Manager to arrange alternative arrangements. Full payment of your joining fee should be finalised before the first day of school in 2017.

**NO I do not wish to join the Student Resource Scheme**

Should parents / carers decide not to join the Scheme, they must indicate this under the participation section on the Participation Agreement Form. The school will provide separate invoices for services and resources. Invoice totals will vary for year levels.

- \$20.00 workbook fee for class booklets and sheets used replace major textbooks.
- \$14.50 for spelling resources to support our Priority Learning Area in 2017.
- \$7.50 for replacement of Show Me Boards for all students.

## UNIFORMS AND DRESS CODE REMINDER

Mountain Creek's Student Dress Code reflects community standards and is endorsed by the Parents and Citizens' Association. Uniforms may be purchased through the Uniform Shop at the Tuckshop.

The school has a uniform policy to provide clothing that contributes to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment. This is maximised by:

- Ready identification of students and non students at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging;
- Eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school.

### Girls Uniform Options

School dress  
Navy blue colutties  
School polo shirt  
Navy blue tracksuits or jackets  
All black covered shoes and dark navy blue socks  
Senior Jacket – Year 5 & 6 only

### Boys Uniform Options

School polo shirt  
Navy blue ruggers or shorts. (No cargo pants or pants below the knee)  
Navy blue tracksuits or jackets  
All black covered shoes and dark navy blue socks  
Senior Jacket – Year 5 & 6 only

Acceptable Shoes	Unacceptable Shoes
	

**NOTE:** Please remember that coloured laces, nail polish and jewellery should not be worn at school. Students may wear a watch and small plain sleepers or studs. Students may request to wear a medical bracelet or necklace of religious significance through their child's sector leader (Deputy Principal). Fashion accessories are best kept at home or for social events as school focuses on learning.

Shu Valu (Maroochydore) and Amart (Kawana) have loyalty programs to support the school. There is no obligation to use these, but they do sell shoe types meeting uniform requirements. Simply let them know you are from Mountain Creek State School.

## BOOKLIST REMINDER

In 2017 the school will be using **OfficeMax to fill booklists for years 1 to 6**. OfficeMax is a major stationery distributor that has links across Australia. Parents will be able to lodge orders online OR return the completed form with payment details to the office. The school will forward these on to OfficeMax.

**Prep booklists will be available for purchase directly from the "One Stop Shop"**

Parents may order online or view stationery examples at: [www.officemaxschool.com.au](http://www.officemaxschool.com.au) School code: **17RA3N**

### Key Details

- Delivery is **nil** for all orders placed through the [www.officemaxschools.com.au](http://www.officemaxschools.com.au) website by 04 December 2016
- Delivery fee is **\$9.95** for orders placed between 5th and 18th December 2016
- Delivery fee is **\$19.90** for orders placed after the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

All deliveries are made by Australia Post. Please note that in the event that nobody is available to receive the delivery, the courier will attempt to locate a **safe place to leave the parcel**. If the courier cannot locate a safe place to leave the parcel, a card will be left and the delivery will be transported to the local Post Office for collection. Delivery timeframe is 5 to 7 working days from date of order.

### Participation Agreement Form

The scheme is designed to offset the cost to you of the provision of educational resources associated with your child's education. These resources enhance your child's educational experience and assist them to fully engage with the curriculum. The scheme may be split into two components:

1. a whole of school component which is common to all students depending on their year level; and
2. specific goods and services consumed by your child which are related to individual subjects undertaken by your child

**Yes** I wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme in 2017. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them and to pay the participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement below.

**No** I do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme in 2017. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them, particularly paragraphs 12 and 38.

Please refer to the accompanying *Subject Requirements List* and/or *Year Level Requirements List* for fee details.

Student Given Name	Student Surname	Yr Level	Fee
1.			<b>\$35.00</b>
2.			\$
3.			\$
4.			\$
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>

#### Parent Details

Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

#### Payment Arrangement

- Now:** I wish to make full payment now as a single payment of the total amount above.
- Instalments:** I wish to make instalment payments, during the first two weeks of the first three terms, in the following proportion of the total amount: Term 1: \$\_\_\_\_\_; Term 2: \$\_\_\_\_\_; Term 3: \$\_\_\_\_\_; or as negotiated with the school: \_\_\_\_\_.

I agree to make payments by the due dates and I understand that any failure to make payments by these dates may result in debt recovery action being undertaken including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency at my expense. I understand my student will not be permitted to participate in optional school activities if my payment arrangement falls into arrears.

School Use Only: negotiated instalments approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Method

I wish to make payment by:

QParent/BPOINT\*       BPAY\*\*       EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card)  
 ~~Centrepay Deduction\*\*\*~~       Cheque       Cash

\* **Online** through QParents/BPOINT or see your school's website  
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 your CRN, please contact the school.

\*\* Following return of this completed form to the school, an invoice, which will include **BPAY details** will be provided

\*\*\* ~~Payment by Centrepay deduction can be arranged through the school office~~