



SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL

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STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME YEAR 3 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) was introduced at Samford State School in 2007 to ensure that all students have the necessary resources to support their educational requirements. This scheme has been fully endorsed by the Samford State School Parents and Citizens' Association. The scheme operates at this school under the policy and guidelines of Education Queensland.

This letter includes important information about changes to 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 enrolment, 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.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME

The scheme provides parents/caregivers with the following general benefits:

- Ready and consistent access for students to consumables and resource materials as needed;
- Cost savings and convenience in purchasing student consumables and resource materials;
- Opportunities for students to access a wider variety of resources and costly items by sharing cost with whole class;
- Enhancements to educational experiences for students.

What is provided by the Queensland Government?

The Queensland Government supports children's education by providing funding for instruction (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 lower rates due to its bulk buying power. Resources such as textbooks or musical instruments that will be used over a period of time are hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS also 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**

Booklist items included in the SRS plus additional items students are asked to supply.

e.g. student diary – once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.

→ **Used in class**

e.g. stationery, material, workbooks – these items will be used in class, Curriculum computer subscriptions. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student.

The Fee

Fees for resources are calculated for the entire 2021 school year. The fees are split into a basic book list and a year level levy, which includes the following:

IT Resources (including Apps & Software), School Curriculum booklets produced, developed and photocopied at school to replace commercial text books, science experiments, art supplies, cooking supplies.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS fee represents good value for money, you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete a new Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you no longer wish to participate. **If you choose not to participate, you will need to request a booklist for your child's year level via email from admin@samfordss.eq.edu.au or collect one from the office. You will then be required to supply all items listed on the booklist and requested by your class teacher.**

The items chosen for Samford State School SRS are decided on after quality testing and ensuring fit for purpose. The brand names listed in the book lists are required for each year level. We understand there are cheaper items, which may seem identical to the ones listed but the quality does not stand up to long-term usage. **In some cheaper brands it has been identified that they do not meet health and safety standards suitable for children under the age of 12.** If you are not participating in the SRS we ask you to purchase the **brand names** listed to ensure durability and longevity of supplies. This also aligns with whole class consistency in resourcing. 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.



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Recommended Retail Price (Non Participants) Recommended retail prices for identical items listed on Student Resource Booklist and included in the student Levy.	Levy (All Students)	Student Resource Scheme Bulk Discount price Participant annual fee
Booklist items: \$150.80 Levy total: \$ 61.80 Total if not participating: \$212.60	Shared Resources: \$41.80 Digital resources: \$20.00	Booklist items: \$73.20 Levy total: \$61.80 Total Discounted SRS: \$135.00 You Save: \$77.60
A comprehensive booklist is available via email to admin@samfordss.eq.edu.au or from the office. This list has been priced through independent stationery suppliers (e.g Big W, Officeworks, etc.) We know the price listed above is the current recommended retail price for all items on the list. In comparison, after an extensive tender process, we are able to pass on a bulk discount price for all participants in the scheme.	Due to the nature of these resources, items bought in bulk offer better value for money than if each student was asked to purchase individual products, all students are invoiced for these. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All printed class notes and reproduced materials which complement and/or substitute for textbooks/student workbooks; Materials for practical activities (may include but not limited to - cooking ingredients, student subscriptions, art materials) Access to class sets of materials purchased through the Student Resource Scheme (eg dictionaries, atlases) 	This will be your 2021 Student Resource cost for Year 3, upon the return of the signed Participation Agreement Form. This cost can be paid in term instalments as below: <u>Instalment 1:</u> Due Friday 20 November 2020 <u>Instalment 2:</u> Due Friday 12 th February 2021 <u>Instalment 3:</u> Due Friday 30th April 2021
<p>All students will be invoiced for items indicated in red regardless of participation status in the scheme. (shared classroom resources and digital resources totals.) For non- participants, in addition to the Classroom Consumables list which you have chosen to supply for your student/s, your 2021 class teacher will email you with a request to supply additional student resources from the classroom consumable resource list (first List) if required that are automatically supplied to all SRS participants.</p>		
<p>REQUIRED ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN SRS (Larger items which are personal or might be used over a number of years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chair bag. 1 Art Smock (Optional) 1 Set over ear Headphones with microphone* Suggested brand: Verbatim Multimedia Headset with microphone VB41646 (3.5mm jack) Limited stock available from the Uniform Shop. <p>(Further items may be advised by your class teacher)</p>		

* All Student Resource Scheme payments are to be completed by **Week 2 Term 2 2021** OR an approved payment plan in place.