

Silkstone State School

Student Resource Scheme

Annual Parent Information Letter



Dear Parents/Caregivers

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 a musical instrument, Silkstone State School operates a SRS Program.

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 musical instrument required. Savings are gained through the school's 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 24 October 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 **compulsory** for students involved in the Instrumental Program. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

Parents are required to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received by Friday 16 February 2024, the school will take the view that the parent has chosen to opt out of the Instrumental Program.



Resources provided

Silkstone State School offers hired instruments to the student for their personal use for a specific period of time.

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.

Costing Methodology

The schools SRS fee is calculated based on:

1. A flat fee for all students in the school

Level	Rate
Students who hire instruments	\$80.00
Students who do not hire instruments	\$45.00

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

The arrangement is a single payment for the full year's fee by Thursday 28 March 2024.

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

(<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Procedure%20Attachments/debt-management/debt-management.pdf>).

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), or Direct Deposit.

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with **Mrs Samantha Berry on 34372111**.

Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and return to the school administration office by Friday 16 February 2024.

Yours in education



Richenda Wagener
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Silkstone State School



SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form

Section 1: Student Details

Student Name	
Student ID	
Year Level	

Section 2: SRS Category

SRS Category	SRS Payable	Fee	Option Selected
Instrumental Hire	\$80.00		
Non-Instrumental Hire	\$45.00		

Section 3: Return of the Participation Form

Parents are reminded to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme - opting in (by ticking yes) or out (by ticking no) during the student's enrolment.

Have you completed and returned the SRS Participation Agreement Form? **Yes** **No**

Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form.

Section 5: Parent Signature

Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	

