

Currimundi State School 2023 Student Resource Scheme

10 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

This letter details important improvements to 2023 class booklists and Student Resource Scheme (SRS).

In previous years, our school has provided parents/carers with a Booklist and the option to purchase through a recommended supplier. In addition, we've asked families to pay an additional Student Resource Scheme contribution. We have had feedback that while it is convenient to purchase the booklist through our supplier, it is significantly more expensive for parents/carers to do so whilst being time-consuming to source items elsewhere. We also know that some families struggle to provide the resources their children need for school and we want to do something to help.

Families will be offered an easy and cost-effective alternative to purchasing the booklist.

From 2023, parents/carers will not need to purchase a booklist. Instead, our school will invest in bulk-purchasing of all the stationery and textbooks required for Currimundi students. This bulk purchasing strategy allows the school to offer both SRS and booklist at a great savings for our families.

Financial comparison	
2023 - Student Resource Scheme and Booklist	2022 - Student Resource Scheme and booklist
Cost: \$120 total per student Prep – Year 06	Cost : \$225 min total = \$150 booklist + SRS fee \$75
Inclusions: Books Stationery Levies	Inclusions: Books Stationery Levies

The SRS will be paid directly to the school and will cover all the above items. The plan has been discussed, supported and approved by the P&C Association at the meeting held on 12/10/2022. Families will benefit from the following:

- Cost Saving- Families will save on the ongoing expense as they won't need replace items throughout the year,
- **Time Saving** There will be no need to prepare book-packs and label items as this will be done by our teaching staff.
- Waste Saving More sustainable and less wasteful with class sets of items like Calculators, Dictionaries, Atlases are purchased and replaced only as needed, not purchased for every single child.
- **Every student** will have the correct resources they need to learn with no distractions caused by missing/wrong items.

The Department encourages parents/carers to participate in the scheme, however, participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent/carer to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

A parent's/carer's participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per their previously completed Participation Agreement Form. A parent/carer can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

Should you choose to opt out of the scheme year level booklists are available on request.

Kind Regards

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Resource Inclusions

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the attached <u>SRS Resource list</u>. This list is also available on the school's website. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs.

Parents/Carers must inform the school if items on the list of resources are not received by their child when resources are distributed.

Type of Resources provided

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

- Owned these items are retained by the student and used as required (e.g. stationery, exercise books, student diary).
- Used these items are used/consumed in class by the student (e.g. industry technology/cooking/art supplies).
 - work/items produced from these resources will remain the property of the student.
- **Hired** these items are hired to the student for their personal use for a specific period of time (e.g. textbooks, dictionary's musical instruments, laptops).
 - 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/carer 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 a year level of students

Please refer to the SRS Resource list for the associated costings. This list can be found on our website.

The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school's website. **Participation Agreement Form is Due Friday 9 December 2022.** The Participation Agreement Form applies for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school. You can choose to opt out for future years at any stage.

Financial Hardship

Parents/Carers 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

To enable your child to have their resources on the first day of school, the SRS fee must be paid in full by Monday 16 January 2023 or have set up a payment plan. Alternatively, one third of the total payment can be made before this date.

Several payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or term instalments are available. An instalment plan can also be negotiated with the school.

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

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, Centrepay.

- 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.
- 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 the CRN, please contact the school.
- Centrepay Deductions are available to pay the SRS fees. Use Centrepay to make regular deductions from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary and easy payment option available to Centrelink customers. Go to <u>humanservices.gov.au/centrepay</u> for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

If Parents wish to pay directly into school account, please use details below:

BSB: 064-406 **A/C#:** 00090171

NAME: Currimundi State School **REFERENCE:** Students Name

Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with **Stacey Hyder, Business Manager, on 5436 6888.**