Robina State School

Year 1 2017  Student Resource Scheme

Participation Agreement Form

☐ 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, in particular paragraphs 12 and 36.

Please refer to the Subject Requirement list available from the Administration Office

Student Given Name  Student Surname  Year Level  Participation Fee

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Total Payable: $140.00

Parent/Carer Details

Given Names:  
Surname:  
Contact Details: Home:  Mobile:  
Signature:

Payment Arrangement

Now: I wish to make a single payment now of $140.00

Instalments: I wish to make two equal instalments of $70.00 by the below dates:

16/01/2017  |  13/03/2017

Please note: Outstanding invoices from 2016 must be paid in full prior to acceptance of payment for 2017 Student Resource Scheme, excursions, camps etc. Payment options are available, please contact the finance office.

School use only: Negotiated Instalments Arrangement:

Payment method:

I wish to make payment By:

Centrepay*  EFT**  EFTPOS Debit or credit card  Cheque  Cash

* Payment by Centrelink deductions can be arranged through the school finance office/see attached form

** Payment by EFT can be made to the Robina SS bank account BSB: 064-445 Account Number: 00902494. To ensure correct identification of the payment, please ensure that the EFT payment reference clearly includes the students surname and first name – please provide as many details as possible and record the reference.

Reference Used:

For Payment by EFTPOS (credit/debit card), I hereby authorise the school to debit my:

Mastercard  Visa

Card Number:  Expiry:

Total: $

Name of Cardholder as it appears on the card:  Signature of cardholders:
**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 conducting 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. Under section 51 of 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/carers are responsible for providing textbooks and other 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 the parent/carer 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/carer with a cost effective alternative to purchasing the prescribed 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 the education, and saves the parent/carer time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere.

6. The scheme is used to raise sufficient 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/carer chooses to participate in the scheme and completes the Participation Agreement Form, a participation fee will be due and payable to the school by the terms of these terms and conditions. The participation fee is non-refundable.

10. Payment of the participation fee is a requirement of continued participation in the scheme. An unpaid fee will be subject to the school's debt recovery procedures.

11. A parent/carer who does not wish to participate in the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all items that would otherwise be provided by the student by the scheme as detailed on the Year Level Requirements List. For Subject Requirements List, to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.

**Parents and Citizens’ Association Support of the Scheme**

12. Parents and Citizens’ Association support of the Student Resource Scheme is discussed annually at a meeting of the Parents and Citizens’ Association. Parents/carers are extended an invitation to attend this meeting and provided with an opportunity to present their opinions. A vote is taken at this meeting on supporting the operation of the scheme.

**Textbook and Resource Allowance**

13. The Queensland Government provides financial assistance to parents/carers of students in Years 8 to 12 or of secondary education age, attending State and approved non-State schools, to offset 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/carers 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. The allowance is made available to each parent annually by the school. Current allowance rates are available from the Department of Education website at: [education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/funds/qrsr/html/qrsr-stu.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/funds/qrsr/html/qrsr-stu.html)

**Payment Arrangements**

14. Payment of the participation fee may be made by Centrelink deductions (arranged through the school), EFT (electronic funds transfer), EFTPOS (Debit Card; Mastercard; Visa) or cash. Checks are not accepted.

15. For payment made by direct deposit (EFT) to the bank account indicated on the front of the form, please ensure that the payment reference indicates the student's name and the year level requirements list. 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/carer for future reference purposes.

16. For a parent/carer experiencing financial difficulties, the school will enter into an agreement with the parent/carer to make payments to the scheme in instalments, in the manner and at the frequency determined by the Principal.

17. Payment of the participation fee may be made in whole or by instalment as indicated on the Participation Agreement Form or for another amount approved by the Principal.

18. For non-payment in person by cash 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/carer for future reference purposes.

**Parent/Carer Experiencing Financial Difficulties**

19. A parent/carer wishing to participate in the Student Resource Scheme and experiencing financial hardship is encouraged to contract the school administration 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.

20. The onus of proof of being so affected is on the parent/carer, and might include a current Health Care Card or other evidence to establish financial hardship.

21. Any concessions given to the participation fee will be at the discretion of the Principal.

**Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Scheme**

22. For the purposes of the scheme, where a student is living independent of his/her parents, reference in the terms and conditions to "parent/carer" is a reference to the independent student.

23. Where a parent/carer chooses to join the scheme and completes a Participation Agreement Form, an annual participation fee will be due and payable by the parent/carer to the Student Resource Scheme.

24. In return for payment of the participation fee, the school will provide the participating student with textbooks and/or resources, consumables and/or services listed on the Year Level Requirements List as being provided by the scheme, when due for the student's use.

25. Payment of the participation fee is to be made according to the payment arrangement option chosen by the parent/carer on the Participation Agreement Form, or as otherwise approved by the Principal.

26. Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) will generate a reminder notice to the parent/carer 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/carer.

27. 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 by the student and/or the giving of any further items under the scheme until the debt is paid.

28. The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the scheme where participation fees are overdue from the previous year's scheme.

29. Where participation fees are overdue, the Principal has the discretion to exclude a student from an optional extra curricula school activity.

30. 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.

31. All textbooks and resources provided for temporary use by the student remain the property of the scheme for the duration of the course or school year or while the student attends the school, whichever is the earlier. Where an item is not returned, the parent/carer will be responsible for replacement of the item at replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency. This may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer.

32. Textbooks and other resources provided for temporary student use 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, parent/carers 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 including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency.

33. The parent/carer 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 the Student Resource Scheme, as indicated on Year Level Requirement List and/or Subject Requirements List or otherwise advise by the school.

34. 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.

35. If a student, having paid a participation fee, leaves the school through suspension, expulsion or removal, the entire participation fee paid, less the cost of consumed materials and the replacement cost of the scheme items that are lost or negligently damaged or not returned, will be refunded. The pro-rata textbook and Resource Allowance calculated on a 40-week school year basis.

36. As the scheme operates for the benefit of participating parents and carers and is funded solely from participation fees, resources provided by the scheme will not be made available to student who parents or carers choose not to participate in the scheme.