

# The Gap State School

## Student Resource Scheme

### Annual Parent Information Letter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2025 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, equipment for personal use, and 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 textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, The Gap State School operates an SRS for 2025.

***Book List Items - In addition to the SRS, book list items for each individual student, are to be provided by parents/guardians on the first day of the new school year. Parents/Guardians should refer to the school's letter "The Gap SS 2025 Book List and SRS Information" for information about book lists and other classroom requirements.***

The SRS 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 prescribed materials elsewhere. Savings are gained through the school's bulk purchasing practices and 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 financial impact on parents and whether the school can absorb any of the cost has been considered before determining the SRS fee.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 22/10/2024.

#### **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 optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

***Student is new to 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 **24/01/2025**, the school will take the view that the parent has chosen to opt out of the SRS. The parent is then required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year. A parent can opt in or out of the scheme in subsequent years by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

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

If a parent has opted out of the scheme the parent is required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year.

More detailed information about the SRS can be found on the Department's website:  
(<https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-resource-scheme-srs-procedure>).

## Resource Inclusions

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

## 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
- **Used** – these items are used/consumed in class by the student
  - 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
  - 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 a general fee for all students or a cohort group plus additional fees for individual subject inclusions (i.e. Instrumental Music instrument hire). Please refer to the **SRS Resource lists** for the associated costings.

## The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school's website.

## 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

Payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or 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. Only as a last resort, a Principal may use discretion to exclude a student from optional, non-curricular activities where a parent has an outstanding debt with the school. (<https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure>).

## Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParents/BPOINT, BPAY, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cash or 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 [humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/centrepay) for more information on how to set up your Centrepay deductions.

## Contact Us

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact The Gap State School Administration on 3511 3333.

***To pay by instalments, please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form, available on the school's website (<https://thegapss.eq.edu.au/enrolments/resource-scheme>) and return to the school administration office by 2/12/2024.***