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Student Resource Scheme - Prep 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) was introduced at Patricks Road State School (PRSS) in 2020 to ensure that all students have the necessary resources to support their educational requirements. The scheme was rolled out with the 2019 Prep cohort so that by the end of 2025 it will be available to all students from Prep to Year 6. The SRS has been endorsed by the Patricks Road Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The SRS operates at this school under the policy and guidelines of the Department Education Queensland.

This letter outlines important information about the fees and inclusions for the SRS. Once you have opted in to the SRS, your participation is assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment at PRSS, unless you inform the school otherwise by completing a new participation agreement form. If you are a new family to the school, this information will assist you in making a decision as to whether you wish to participate in the SRS.

What is provided by the Queensland Government?

The Queensland Government supports children's education by providing funding for:

- Instruction, e.g. teachers and teacher aides
- Facilities, e.g. school grounds, buildings, amenities, internet, furniture
- Administration, e.g. staff to administer the operations of the school.

Funding does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, digital resources and musical equipment for personal use, and many items used by the student in the classroom. Supply of these items is the responsibility of parents.

Why participate in the SRS?

The SRS helps parents and carers save time and money in sourcing the resources required for students to engage with the curriculum for their education. Savings are gained through the school's bulk purchasing practices and hire agreements. The SRS is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through this scheme is only used to purchase resources for students participating in the SRS.

As many items are shared resources, the SRS enables students access to these at a much-reduced cost than if parents were to purchase these items individually.

Participation in the scheme ensures that students have access to the same standard of resources.

It is our intention to encourage all families to join the scheme and enjoy its benefits. The greater the participation, the greater the school's capacity for bulk buying.

What types of resources are included in the SRS?

- Owned by the student these items are retained by the student and used as required, e.g. stationery, exercise books
- Used these items are used by the student, e.g. art, science and technology supplies, curriculum computer subscriptions. Work/ items produced from these resources will remain the property of the student.

All resource inclusions are calculated for the entire school year. The fees are split into stationery items and a year level levy which this year includes all shared resources, printed materials and subscriptions in the one payment. See over page for details.

What if I am in financial hardship?

Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should contact the school to discuss available options in confidence.

Option 1 – Full participation in SRS.
Includes all stationery items and access to all shared resources, PLUS levy for all digital subscriptions, apps and printed materials. If you select this option, the school will invoice you for the following amount:
Prep: \$240.00
Full payment will be due by Friday 24 th January. This can be paid off in installments. This will be invoiced at the beginning of January.
Option 2 – Part participation - Digital subscriptions, apps and printed materials only.
The cost of digital subscriptions includes subscriptions that are required to be purchased by the school to enable teachers to set learning tasks, e.g. Soundwaves online, Maths Seeds, Reading eggs, Seesaw
This cost IS included in the full SRS participation price.
For parents/carers selecting Option 2, you will be invoiced this amount:
Prep: \$40.00
Parents/ carers selecting Option 2 must supply all stationery items and shared resources. Anticipated total retail cost (not including the digital subscriptions, apps and printed material):
Prep: \$425.00
Please note, if you select Option 2, you will NOT be invoiced this amount. A comprehensive stationery and shared resources list is available via email to admin@patricksroadss.eq.edu.au or from the school office.
Shared resources include access to class sets of materials and consumables purchased through the SRS, e.g. craft, art, science resources and tools, iPads, apps. The cost of items that can be used from year to year (shared resources for those participating in the SRS) is divided across the anticipated years of use. Due to the nature of these resources, items bought in bulk and shared, offer better value for money than if each student were asked to purchase individual products.
For non-participants in the SRS, in addition to the stationery and shared resources that you have chosen to supply for your child/ren, your child's classroom teacher/s will email you a list of resources that may be required throughout the year. Such items will be dependent on the nature of the learning activities undertaken in response to the students' interests and learning needs. These items will automatically be purchased for students who participate in the SRS.
Please tick which option above and return to the office by Monday 2 nd December.
Student Name Year level in 2025: PREP
Parent Name Parent Signature