



STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Under the Education (General Provisions) Act (EGPA) and Department of Training (DET) policies and after consultation with our P&C, Red Hill Special School operates a whole of school Textbook & Resource Scheme.

Due to the specialised needs of our environment, a lot of our resources are expensive and/or specialist items not readily available to the general public. This scheme is to ensure that all students have the necessary resources for their education, and to save parents/caregivers the need to shop for basic school resources. It also provides bulk purchase advantages and a uniformity of resources.

In order to reduce the number of fees payable to the school the Student Resource Scheme combines fees into one payment. **Once the Student Resource Scheme contribution has been paid, the only additional fees to be paid will be for camp, gym membership**

The resources provided to the students under the scheme include items such as:

- Class course packs including all stationery, scrapbooks, pencils, glue sticks, folders, art supplies, class cooking program, sensory programs
- Specialised ICT resources including specialised software & licences, apps for devices including Proloquo2go,
- Student ID Card;
- Access to specialised communication resources including AAC (PODD), switches
- Specialised equipment use including repairs, modifications and purchases;
- Specialised hydrotherapy resources & programs
- Specialised physical education programs & resources
- Senior Phase of Learning activities & resources;
- Specialised curriculum resources
- All incursions & excursions, activities including dance, gym, yoga, (exception is camp & *gym membership fee)

The cost to participate in the Student Resource Scheme for 2024 is:

Playgroup	\$10.00 per year	ECDP	\$50.00 per year
Early Years	\$250.00 per year	Middle School	\$250.00 per year
Junior Secondary	\$250.00 per year	Senior School	\$350.00 per year

For students in year levels 7-12, this will be offset by Government Textbook and Resource Allowance. 2024 rates will be:-

Years 7 – 10 \$155 Years 11-12, \$337

This allowance will be offset against fees owed to school. Please wait for invoice before paying fees.

Please Note: Additional activities such as school camps or Graduation attendance may not be offered while there are outstanding fees or a payment plan is not in place.



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Centrepay Deductions – The school has registered as a Service Provider with Centrepay to make it easier for parents/carers to pay their child's school payments. Instead of paying full or instalment payments you can apply to have an amount deducted from your Centrepay payments and placed into the school's bank account. The minimum deductions are as follows:

- ECDP - \$10 per fortnight until maximum reached
- Early Years, Middle School, Junior Secondary & Senior students - \$20 per fortnight until maximum reached

If you are interested, please tick "Centrepay" on the Student Resource Participation Agreement Form, sign the form and return to the school. .

Online – through QParents or BPOINT. See website for information on QParents on how to register. If paying by BPOINT, use the Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number printed on the invoice.

Payments by Cheque/ Cash/ Credit Card – Over the counter payments by cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card can be made at either campus between 8am – 3pm school days. Please note – we are unable to take credit card details over the phone.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:

Please read the following conditions of the Textbook & Resources Scheme and complete the attached form:

- Participation in the scheme is voluntary and parents/carers who do not wish to participate will be required to provide all the necessary resources. **Non-participants will be invoiced for those items not able to be sourced elsewhere in week 5**
- Participation is for life of enrolment unless otherwise notified.
- All monies received by the school under this scheme will be banked into the school's General Bank Account and subject to annual audit.
- For students enrolling after the first week of school, a pro-rata fee based on a 40-week year will be charged.
- If a student leaves school or transfers to another school during the year, a pro-rata refund based on a 40-week year will be calculated.
- Textbook & Resources Scheme Fees are GST Free and not tax deductible.
- A receipt will be issued to the parent/caregiver for the fees received.
- Payment options are as follows:
 - Instalment payments – **40% by 8/3/2024; 40% by 7/6/2024 & balance by 6/9/2024**
 - Centrepay deductions (see above) – **must be finalised by 15/11/2024**

NON-PARTICIPATION

If you choose not to be part of this scheme, please indicate on attached form and a full resource list will be provided to you together with an invoice for those items not able to be sourced elsewhere. Although there are no charges for instruction in a state school and facilities and administration services are provided free of charge, textbooks and resources are at families' expense.

However, no child will be excluded due to financial difficulties. Please contact either the Principal or Business Manager in this instance.

Please read the following conditions, complete the attached form and return to the school by **9 February 2024** to assist the school in planning programs for the year.

Steve McKnoulty, A/ Principal 18/11/2023

Emma Kirkland, P&C President 18/11/2023