## Albany Creek State High School Student Resource Scheme Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2026 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, computer or musical equipment for personal use, and many 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, Albany Creek State High School operates a SRS for 2026.

The scheme 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 scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 12/08/2025.

## **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.

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.

#### **Resource Inclusions**

All resources included in the SRS are detailed in the SRS Resource list available on the school's website. This is a comprehensive list of all resources included in the scheme and their associated costs. Any subject that requires additional items that the SRS does not cover is also detailed on the SRS Resource list.

Parents 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, musical instruments, laptops).
  - Hired items must be returned to the school in good condition at the end of the hire period or when 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 flat fee for a cohort group of students (e.g. a year level) Please refer to the SRS Resource list located on the school website for the associated costings.

#### The Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist parents with the cost of textbooks and other education resources for eligible Years 7 to 12 students. For those students who are eligible to receive the TRA, the TRA will be applied to reduce the cost of participation in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the department's website (<u>Textbook and resource allowance</u>). Current at time of publishing.

2026 TRA (Government Textbook Allowance)		
Year 7-10 - \$164	Year 11 & 12 - \$357	

## The SRS Participation Fee

The SRS fee payable for the year is available in the attached information and published on the school website. This also includes the TRA component which has been deducted to reduce the SRS fee payable. \* If the cost of the SRS is equal to the TRA rate, no SRS Fee is payable.

Please Note: Certain senior subjects incur a subject fee in addition to the SRS due to the volume of resources used. See additional costs documents Year 11 and Year 12

If you have opted to pay the SRS by term you will receive an invoice for the full amount and instalments will be due on the dates as set out on the last page of this document.

### 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**

Several payment options including a single payment for the full year's fee or instalments are available. A payment 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 (<u>Debt management procedure</u>).

#### **Payment Method**

SRS payments can be made by QParents, BPOINT, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cash, 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 <a href="https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay">https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay</a> for more information on how to set up
  your Centrepay deductions.

#### **Contact Us**

For all queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact and arrange an appointment with the Business Manager, phone 3325 6333 or email bsm@albanycreekshs.eq.edu.au



# Albany Creek State High School SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form Years 7-10



## **Section 1: Student Details**

Student Name	
Student ID	
Year Level	

**Section 2: SRS Category** 

SRS Category	SRS Fee Payable	Option Selected
Year 7 - 10 Curriculum Resources (see due dates listed below)	\$365	
Instrumental Music Due: 27/02/2026	\$150	
Program of Excellence - Football  First instalment \$205 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$205 due by 27/02/2026	\$410	
Program of Excellence - Dance First instalment \$110 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$110 due by 27/02/2026	\$220	
Program of Excellence - Drama First instalment \$110 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$110 due by 27/02/2026	\$220	
Program of Excellence - Instrumental Music  First instalment \$125 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$125 due by 27/02/2026	\$250	
Program of Excellence - Visual Art First instalment \$100 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$100 due by 27/02/2026	\$200	
Program of Excellence - Media (Year 7 & 8)  First instalment \$50 due by 28/11/25 (non-refundable). Balance \$50 due by 27/02/2026	\$100	
TOTAL	\$	

## **Section 3: Payment Arrangement. Please select the preferred payment options:**

Payment options	Instalments	Amount for Curriculum Resources	Or amount for more than 1 scheme	Option Selected
A single payment for the full year's fee	\$365 or Insert total from above if participating in other programs  Due date: 30/01/2026	\$365	Total as above \$	
Instalments (paid over 3 payments)     Available only for SRS     Curriculum Resources fee	Instalment 1: <b>Due by 28/11/2025</b> Instalment 2: <b>Due by 30/01/2026</b> Instalment 3: <b>Due by 02/04/2026</b>	\$120 \$120 \$125		
3. Instalment plan as negotiated with the school Payment plans are available for the SRS. If you require a payment plan for Programs of Excellence, this will be assessed and provided based on individual circumstances.	Request a payment plan form from the office. Please email admin@albanycreekshs.eq.edu.au	As negotiated		

## **Section 4: Return of the Participation Form**

Parents are reminded to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form if opting out during the student's enrolment.

Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form and provide resources for your child.

## **Section 5: Parent Signature**

Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	

