



2025 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)

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MacGregor 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, 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, MacGregor State School operates a SRS for 2025.

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 required 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 15/10/2024.

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 online SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received by **28/02/2025**, 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 online 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.

Resource Inclusions

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

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. cooking/art supplies/ICT subscriptions).
 - 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 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:

- 1. A flat fee for all students in the school, OR
- 2. A flat fee for a cohort group of students (e.g. a year level), OR
- 3. A fee determined by the subjects selected by the individual student.

Please refer to the SRS Resource list 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 schools website.

Financial Difficulty

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 term 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 and may result in the student being excluded from the scheme and/or from participating in non-curricular activities until payment is made (https://ppr.ged.gld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure).

Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, BPAY and 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
 https://doi.org/10.1007/j.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 and arrange an appointment with Mary Efthimiou, Business Manager 3323 4333 or finance@macgregorss.eq.edu.au

ADMINISTATION OFFICE INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

Principal	lgerc1@eq.edu.au	Lee Gerchow
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Finance Enquiries		finance@macgregorss.eq.edu.au
Report a student absence	QParent App	absent@macgregorss.eq.edu.au
	3323 4366	
Website		http://macgregorss.eq.edu.au
Facebook		MacGregor State School

HOURS OF OPERATION

Administration Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3.30pm

Payment window open Every Tuesday 8.15am – 9:30am

CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that the School can contact parents and guardians at all times. Parents/guardians should advise the School of any change of student or parent personal details by completing a change of personal details form which can be obtained by emailing enrolment@macgregorss.eq.edu.au

PREP - YEAR 6 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

The objective of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is to offer parents an economic alternative to the purchase of school resources and textbooks and to enhance and maximise resources available for student learning. While membership of this scheme is *not compulsory*, MacGregor State School strongly encourages your participation.

Parent contribution to the Student Resource Scheme for 2025 is **\$200**. This is approximately **\$5.00** per week. *For payment methods that are available (see page 9).* A payment plan is offered to families, and is to be paid in 3 instalments.

If you have enrolled in the E-Learn program for Years 3-6 the parent contribution to the Student Resource Scheme for 2025 is **\$170**. This is approximately **\$4.25** per week. For payment methods that are available (see page 9). A payment plan is offered to families, and is to be paid in 3 instalments as follows:-

Start of Term 1 \$70 Start of Term 2 \$70

Start of Term 3 \$60 non e-Learning /\$30 e-learning (laptop classes only)

PREP - YEAR 6 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - LIST OF RESOURCES

Prep -Year 6					
Subject	Resources required	SRS	SRS 3to 6 e-learn (laptop only)	Cost to Parents (Approx)	Type of Resource
Technology Education Software Subscriptions	Additional computer software & licences and tech support eg Mathletics Reading Eggs Literacy Planet Sunshine Online Decodable Readers etc	\$60	\$60	\$99 \$109.99 \$75 \$150 \$299.50	Hired
Access to digital devices and Apps	Access to iPads, Laptops and access to enhance student learning (non e-learning laptop only)	\$15	\$0	\$15/\$0	Hired
Reprographics	Access to STEM equip & Apps Access to reproduced workbooks, teacher prepared materials which complement and/or substitute for books	\$15	\$15	\$15	Used
	Consumables – photocopy	\$20	\$20	\$20	Used
Learning Area Consumables	Cooking materials Art and craft materials Classroom projects	\$40	\$40	\$40	Owned
TOTAL COST	Prep to Year 6 (non-e-learning laptop)	\$200		\$873.49	
	Year 3 to 6 (e-learning laptop)		\$170	\$843.49	

IN ADDITION, PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OR PAY FOR

- Stationery booklist per student (stationery lists for all year levels are available on our website https://macgregorss.eq.edu.au
- Year 6 Senior Shirt if applicable. Further information will follow in Term 1 2025.

USER PAYS SUBJECT SPECIFIC FEES

Some subjects require an additional fee to cover specific resources costs. The summary below outlines the costs for 2025. Further information will be provided as part of the <u>expression of interest process</u>.

Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music	Instrumenta	al Status	Additional Items
Orchestra	Loan Instrument	Own Instrument	Music Folder
Junior Strings	\$200	\$160	\$16
Intermediate Strings	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
Senior Strings	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
MacGregor Strings	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
MacGregor Concert Band	\$200	\$160	\$16
Wind Ensemble	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
Wind Symphony	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
Percussion Ensemble	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
Stage Band	\$200	\$160	\$16 only if new folder required
Music Excellence (MEX)		\$100	N/A

Choir	Additional Items
Vocal Melody	120
Vocal Harmony	120
MacGregor Voices	120
Junior Speech Choir YR1	120
Junior Speech Choir YR2	120
Senior Speech Choir YR3-6	120

Dance	Additional Items
MacGregor Dancers	\$140
Prep	\$140
Year 1	\$140
Year 2	\$140
Year 3	\$140
Year 4	\$140
Year 5	\$140
Year 6	\$140
Dance Excellence	\$140
Polynesian	\$140
Chinese	\$140

EXCURSIONS, CAMPS, SPORTS AND OPTIONAL NON COMPULSORY EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Additional fees are incurred for excursions, camps, sports and optional non-compulsory extra-curricular school activities. Below are some examples of these events along with the guidelines around participation.

- Year level camps, performances, incidental activities and excursions
- Sports events and interschool sport
- Camps interstate and overseas trips
- End of Year Excursions

Before a student is invited to participate in extra-curricular and optional school activities, a parent is expected to

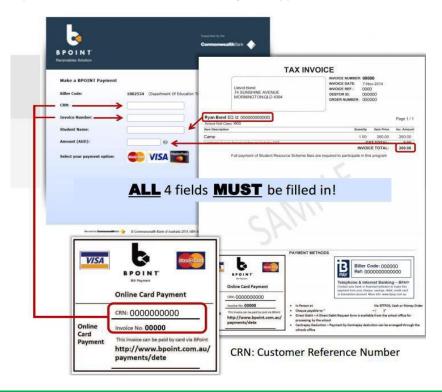
- fully pay the Student Resource Scheme participation fee; or
- pay the Student Resource Scheme participation fee up to and including the term in which the school activity takes place; or
- make regular on-going payments towards the Student Resource Scheme annual participation fee, as previously arranged; or
- be exempted by the Principal from paying all or part of the Student Resource Scheme participation fee; or return the Participation Agreement Form opting out of the SRS and supply their student with all resources on the subject requirements list supplied by the School.

PAYMENT METHODS

BPOINT - PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

BPOINT is now the preferred payment method for all student invoices at Queensland State Schools. All invoices that you receive will display a web link (hyperlink on emailed invoices) to the DET BPOINT payment portal, a **CRN** Customer Reference Number and the invoice number for online payment. This information will allow you to pay via BPOINT using a credit or debit card. BPOINT will provide you with a receipt for the transaction only if paid online.

Please note that payments processed via BPOINT will take overnight to appear on the School's bank account.



BPOINT BY PHONE - 1300 631 073

Phone payment using credit/debit card via BPOINT 1300 631 073. Please quote CRN and Invoice number from invoice provided.

CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS

You are able to set up Centrepay Deductions via your Centrepay account. Alternatively, please email finance@macgregorss.eq.edu.au if you would like assistance in setting up Centrepay Deductions.



BPOINT eDDR – Payment Plans

This is a payment solution that enables parents/guardians to set up payment plans on invoices to pay them off through the school year (for example, SRS fees)

- 1. Please contact finance@macgregorss.eq.edu.au to request an eDDR payment plan.
- 2. School sends parent/guardian an email with the BPOINT eDDR link.
- 3. Parent/guardian clicks on the BPOINT eDDR link and the registration page opens up with all relevant information prefilled.
- 4. Customer registers their payment method (credit/debit card or bank account) and receives a confirmation email detailing the agreement.
- 5. Customer receives a reminder email the day before their payment is due to be charged.



QPARENT

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland State School students to interact with their child's school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child's school to access and manage their child's student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence.
- Consent management including excursion consent, third party consent etc
- Behaviour information, Academic Report Cards, class timetables.
- Downloading exam timetables and assessment planners.
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online.
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address enrolment details.
- Upcoming events list showing school events, exam and assessment dates, and excursions.

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information, in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in February. If you require support in the setup of your QParent account, contact enrolment@macgregorss.eq.edu.au

QParents does not replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us and obtain information.

More information about QParents at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about