



2026 Student Resource Scheme – Year 12

Annual Parent Information Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter provides important information about the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). Participation in the SRS is optional however, we encourage all parents/carers to consider it as it offers a convenient, cost-effective way to access the resources your child needs for their education.

What is provided by the Queensland Government?

The Queensland Government funds schools for instruction (e.g. teachers), facilities (e.g. buildings and amenities), and administration. Funding does not extend to individual student resources like textbooks, equipment for personal use, and materials consumed during classes. Providing these items is the responsibility of parents/carers.

To help ease financial burden, Cairns School of Distance Education offers the Student Resource Scheme. This enables parents/carers to access the required resources at lower costs through bulk purchasing and hire agreements. By participating in the SRS, parents/carers save time and money sourcing textbooks, equipment and other materials, while ensuring that their students have access to the same high-quality resources.

Resource Types 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/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 (e.g., digital or physical textbooks, musical instruments).

Return of Hired Resources:

Any hired items must be returned in good condition at the end of the hire period. If items are damaged or not returned, a repair or replacement fee will be charged.

SRS Fee and Cost Breakdown:

**Cost of the Student Resource Scheme
(SRS)**

\$100 + subject fees invoiced separately

TRA has been applied to reduce the SRS cost to the parents

For a detailed list of the resources included in the Student Resource Scheme, please refer to Appendix 1.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 8th October 2025.

SRS Participation

Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent/carer to participate. Students whose parents/carers have elected to join the SRS are provided with textbooks and other resources throughout the year. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school. A parent/carer can opt in or out of the scheme at any time during the student enrolment by completing and submitting another [Participation Agreement Form](#).

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 has been applied to reduce the cost of participation in the SRS. Information on the TRA can be found on the [department's website](#).

Year Level	Amount
Year 11-12	\$357 per student per annum (2026 Rate)

Opting out of Student Resource Scheme – Buy Your Own

If you choose to opt out of the SRS, the parent/carer is required to provide the educational resources listed in Appendix 2. Please be advised there are required resources that can only be provided by the school (such as educational software licences) which will be invoiced to you by the school as per Appendix 2. If a parent has opted out of the scheme, the parent/carer is required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child by the start of the school year or enrolment.

Payment Options & Financial Hardship:

Invoices to be settled as a lump sum or instalments by the due date.

We offer multiple payment options to suit different family needs. To view and make payments please log in to your [QParents App](#). For more information on other payment options, please refer to [our website](#).

If wish to discuss a payment plan and/or you are experiencing financial difficulty, we understand and encourage you to contact the school for available options in confidence.

Contact Us

For any queries regarding resources, please contact:

Prep to Year 6	preptoyear6enrolments@cairnssde.eq.edu.au	+61 7 4080 9250
Year 7 to Year 9	year7toyear9enrolments@cairnssde.eq.edu.au	+61 7 4080 9243
Year 10 to Year 12	year10toyear12enrolments@cairnssde.eq.edu.au	+61 7 4080 9203

For queries regarding payment plans and financial transactions, please contact:

Student Accounts	studentaccounts@cairnssde.eq.edu.au	+61 7 4080 9228 or +61 7 4080 9199
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Appendix 1: Student Resource Scheme Inclusions for Year 12.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General item	Wellbeing Planner	Owned	\$6.25	\$6.25
General item	Software: Adobe Suite	Hired	\$287.89	\$287.89
General item	Software: Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	\$35.00
General item	Software: ClickView	Hired	\$14.30	\$14.30
General item	Software: Sora eBooks Library	Hired	\$1.50	\$1.50
General item	Software: Jacaranda Bundle via Campion	Hired	\$85.00	\$85.00
General item	Software: Campion various publishers	Hired	\$15.00	\$15.00
All Science Subjects	Science Starters kit (new enrolments only) – See Appendix 8	Used	\$21.50	Invoiced separately
Ancient History	Campion: Cambridge Senior Ancient History for Queensland	Hired	\$25.00	Invoiced separately
Biology	Campion: Biology for QLD Units 3 & 4	Hired	\$39.95	Invoiced separately
Biology	Biology Kit - issued from CSDE / subsidised cost	Used	\$15.00	Invoiced separately
Biology	Virtual Microscope	Used	\$0.00	Link Supplied
Business	Campion: Cengage Business for QCE Units 3 & 4: Creation & Growth	Hired	\$29.95	Invoiced separately
Chemistry	Campion: Chemistry for QLD Units 3 & 4	Hired	\$39.95	Invoiced separately
Chemistry	Chemistry Kit - issued from CSDE / subsidised cost	Used	\$250.00	Invoiced separately
Chemistry	Newbyte software	Hired	\$999.00	School funded
Chemistry	SPARKvue software	Used	\$0.00	Link Supplied
Chemistry	Chem matters	Hired	\$59.95	School funded
Dance	Campion: Cengage Dance for Senior Students 2E Snook, B.	Hired	\$29.95	Invoiced separately
Dance	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Digital Solutions	Digital Solutions Online	Hired	\$297.00	School funded
English	Campion: Oxford English for Queensland Units 3 & 4 digital licence	Hired	\$43.95	Invoiced separately
English	The Namesake	Hired	\$24.99	Invoiced separately
English	Burial Rites	Hired	\$22.99	Invoiced separately
English	Twelfth Night Shakespeare Play	Hired	\$21.95	Invoiced separately
Geography	Campion: Jacaranda Senior Geography for QLD Units 3 & 4 4e learnON	Hired	\$60.00	Incl in general
ICT	Visual Studio Code	Hired	\$0.00	School funded
Languages	ClickView	Hired	\$14.30	Incl in general
Languages	Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	Invoiced separately
Languages - Italian	Campion: Ecco! Senior digital licence	Hired	\$52.45	Invoiced separately
Languages - Japanese	Campion: iTomoSenior 2nd ed digital licence	Hired	\$49.95	Invoiced separately
Literature	Campion: Literature: Guide to Literary Analysis - new students only	Hired	\$49.95	Invoiced separately
Maths Essential	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Essential Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	Hired	\$60.00	Incl in general
Maths Essential	Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	Incl in general
Maths General	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 General Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	Hired	\$60.00	Incl in general
Maths General	Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	Incl in general



Maths Methods	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Mathematical Methods Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	Hired	\$60.00	Incl in general
Maths Methods	Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	Incl in general
Maths Specialist	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	Hired	\$60.00	Incl in general
Maths Specialist	Education Perfect	Hired	\$35.00	Incl in general
Media Arts in Practice	Adobe suite- including Premiere Pro	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Media Arts in Practice	ClickView	Hired	\$14.30	Incl in general
Modern History	Campion: Cambridge Senior Modern History for Queensland	Hired	\$25.00	Invoiced separately
Music-Instrumental	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Physics	Campion: Physics for QLD Units 3 & 4	Hired	\$39.95	Invoiced separately
Physics	Physics Kit - issued from CSDE / subsidised cost	Used	\$300.00	Invoiced separately
Visual Art	Campion: Cambridge Creative Inquiry: VisuaArt for Qld 2E Jo-Anne Hine et al	Hired	\$25.00	Invoiced separately
Visual Art	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Visual Art	Visual Art Kit (new students only)	Used	\$270.00	Invoiced separately
Visual Art	Visual Art Kit (continuing students only)	Used	\$81.00	Invoiced separately
Visual Arts in Practice	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Visual Arts in Practice	Visual Arts in Practice Kit (continuing students only – top up kit)	Used	\$39.00	Invoiced separately
Visual Arts in Practice	Visual Arts in Practice Kit (new students only)	Used	\$210.00	Invoiced separately
Total Values				\$100.00

VET Certificate	Course Fee	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
Dual qualification comprising: Certificate II Workplace Skills & Certificate III Business	Year of Entry into Dual Qualification	User Pays	\$295	Invoiced separately
	Continuing Year of Dual Qualification	User Pays	\$65	Invoiced separately

Any students who have completed a Cert II in Workplace Skills with a different RTO will need to supply a Statement of Attainment and meet with the VET HOD to determine eligibility. Fees will be determined after the eligibility assessment.



Appendix 2: Not Participating in the SRS – Buy Your Own for Year 12.

Please note these are indicative pricing only. CSDE invoicing per table.

General Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost
General item	Wellbeing Planner	CSDE invoiced	\$6.25
General item	Software: Adobe Suite	BYO	\$287.89
General item	Software: Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
General item	Software: ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$14.30
General item	Software: Sora eBooks Library	CSDE invoiced	\$1.50
All Science Subjects	Science Starters kit (new enrolments only) – See Appendix 8	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Ancient History	Cambridge Senior Ancient History for Queensland	BYO	\$25.00
Biology	Biology for QLD Units 3 & 4	BYO	\$39.95
Biology	Biology Kit - See Appendix 3	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Biology	Virtual Microscope	BYO	
Business	Cengage Business for QCE Units 3 & 4: Creation & Growth	BYO	\$29.95
Chemistry	Chemistry for QLD Units 3 & 4	BYO	\$39.95
Chemistry	Chemistry Kit - see Appendix 4	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Chemistry	Newbyte software	Link Supplied	School Funded
Chemistry	SPARKvue software	Link Supplied	School Funded
Chemistry	Chem matters	Link Supplied	School Funded
Dance	Cengage Dance for Senior Students 2E Snook, B.	BYO	\$29.95
Dance	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
Digital Solutions	Digital Solutions Online	BYO	\$297.00
English	Oxford English for Queensland Units 3 & 4 digital licence	BYO	\$43.95
English	The Namesake	BYO	\$24.99
English	Burial Rites	BYO	\$22.99
English	Twelfth Night Shakespeare Play	BYO	\$21.95
Geography	Jacaranda Senior Geography for QLD Units 3 & 4 4e learnON	BYO	\$60.00
ICT	Visual Studio Code	BYO	\$0.00
Languages	ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$14.30
Languages	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
Languages - Italian	Ecco! Senior digital licence	BYO	\$52.45
Languages - Japanese	iiTomoSenior 2nd ed digital licence	BYO	\$49.95
Literature	Guide to Literary Analysis - new students only	BYO	\$49.95
Maths Essential	Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Essential Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	BYO	\$60.00
Maths Essential	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
Maths General	Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 General Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	BYO	\$60.00
Maths General	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
Maths Methods	Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Mathematical Methods Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	BYO	\$60.00
Maths Methods	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
Maths Specialist	Jacaranda Maths Quest 12 Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4 for Qld 2E	BYO	\$60.00



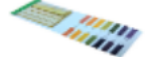
Maths Specialist	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$35.00
Media Arts in Practice	Adobe suite- including Premiere Pro	BYO	\$287.89
Media Arts in Practice	ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$14.30
Modern History	Cambridge Senior Modern History for Queensland	BYO	\$25.00
Music-Instrumental	Adobe suite		\$287.89
Physics	Physics for QLD Units 3 & 4	BYO	\$39.95
Physics	Physics Kit - - see Appendix 5	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Visual Art	Cambridge Creative Inquiry: VisuaArt for Qld 2E Jo-Anne Hine et al	BYO	\$25.00
Visual Art	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
Visual Art	Visual Art Kit - see Appendix 6	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Visual Arts in Practice	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
Visual Arts in Practice	Visual Art Kit - see Appendix 7	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Estimated Total			\$2,473.14

VET Certificate	Course Fee	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost
Dual qualification comprising: Certificate II Workplace Skills & Certificate III Business	Year of Entry into Dual Qualification	CSDE invoiced	\$295
	Continuing Year of Dual Qualification	CSDE invoiced	\$65

Any students who have completed a Cert II in Workplace Skills with a different RTO will need to supply a Statement of Attainment and meet with the VET HOD to determine eligibility. Fees will be determined after the eligibility assessment.



Appendix 3: Items included in Year 12 Biology Kit

Year 12 Biology Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Cellulose Tubing 20cm		2
Filter Paper		3
Methyl cellulose 2 grams		1
pH paper		30
Pipettes Plastic (disposable)		5
Beaker, Plastic, 500ml		1
Cylinder, 25ml, graduated		1
Stirring Rod		1
Test Tubes, glass x 5		5



Appendix 4: Items included in Year 12 Chemistry Kit

Year 12 Chemistry Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Buffer solution pH 7 - 40ml		1
Buffer solution pH 10 - 40ml		1
Buffer solution pH 4 - 40ml Note: Calibration prior to performing a pH measurement should be carried out at two pH values either side of the expected pH		1
Calcium Carbonate, Powdered 200g		1
Calcium Carbonate marble chips 200g (Small size chips)		1
Calcium Carbonate marble chips, 200g (large size chips)		1
Filter paper, round		12
Molymod Kit		1
Petri Dishes (disposable)		6
Pipette, plastic, disposable		6
Potassium chloride - 50ml 4M Note: pH probe storage solution to prevent drying out and cracking of the glass electrode		1
Beaker, glass, 250ml		3
Filter funnel, small		1
Measuring cylinder 10ml, glass		1



Measuring cylinder 50ml, glass		1
Measuring cylinder 100ml, glass		1
Pipette bulb filler, rubber.		1
Pipette bulb, glass, 25ml		1
Retort stand (4 pieces: base, bolt, washer & stand)		1
Spatula, metal		1
Stirring rod		1
Wash bottle, plastic.		1
Digital Bench Scale		1
pH Sensor – Wireless * Important Note: Always keep the pH electrode moist. Store the electrode in a solution of 4 M KCl. If 4 M KCl is not available, use a pH 4 or 7 buffer solution. DO NOT store electrode in distilled or deionized water—this will cause ions to leach out of the glass bulb and render the electrode.		1
Drop Counter –Pasco, Wireless, (6 items) *		1



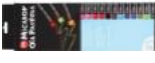
Appendix 5: Items included in Year 12 Physics Kit

Year 12 Physics Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Alligator clips (Heavy Duty)		6
Aluminium block		1
Bar magnets		2
Beaker, glass, 250 mL		2
Boss head		1
Bulb (6.2 volt)		3
Bulb holder		3
Clamp, Retort Combined		1
Cricket ball		1
Copper block		1
Foam Cup (200ml)		1
Measuring cylinder (100ml)		1
Metal tongs		1
Neodymium magnets		2
Resistor 2Ω (wire wound)		1
Resistor 5Ω (wire wound)		1
Retort stand: (4 pieces: base, bolt, washer, rod)		1
Switch		2
Tape measure (5 m)		1



Banana /banana leads, double leads – black and red (Heavy Duty)		6
Constantin wire (18,20,24,26) swg		2 metres
Copper wire (14,16,18, 20, 24, 26) swg		2 metres
Nickel chrome wire (18,20,24,26,28) swg		2 metres
*Ammeter digital		1
*Bee spi Photogate (Require x 2 AA batteries purchased separately)		1
*Digital bench Scale		1
*Digital Stem thermometer		2
*Laboratory hot plate		1
*Power supply unit (with black power cord)		1
*Projectile launcher (contains launcher, 2 marbles with holes – different weights)		1
*Reflection, Refraction apparatus		1
*Variable resistor (Rheostat)		1
*Voltmeter (digital)		1

Appendix 6: Items included in Year 12 Visual Arts Kit

Year 12 Visual Arts Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Art Spectrum Pastel Pad 220gsm A4 (15 sheets) Australian colours		1
Aqua wash brush pen –medium tip		1
Brushes (set of 5) Flat - Taklon		1
Brushes (set of 5) Round - Taklon		1
Micador chalk (soft) pastels (set of 12) square		1
Born A4 Visual Art Diary 120 page Spiral Bound		1
Glue Stick, 35g		1
Faber-Castell water soluble graphite pencils with brush		1
Graphite Sketch Set: Staedtler Lumograph sketching set: pencils, sharpener & eraser		1
Ink Zig Kuretake Sumi Ink 60mL Black		1
Micador regular size Oil Pastels (box of 25)		1
Atelier Interactive Artists' Acrylic Paint 12 x 20mL paint set		1
Artline 200 Fineliner pen 0.4mm black - permanent		1
Mars Lumograph charcoal pencil set of 3 plus paper stump (sometimes called blending stump)		1
Micador water soluble colourfun pencils		1



Rains Watercolour 300gsm single sheet of Paper		1
Staedtler Design Journey Soft Artist Pastel Chalks 12 pack		1
Koh-i-Noor Watercolour Discs 12 pack Assorted basic colours, black tray		1

Appendix 7: Items included in Year 12 Visual Arts in Practice Kit

Year 12 Visual Arts in Practice Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Brushes (Set of 5) Flat - Taklon		1
Brushes (set of 5) Round - Taklon		1
Born A4 Visual Art Diary 120 page Spiral Bound		1
Glue Stick, 35g		1
Graphite Sketch Set: Staedtler Lumograph sketching set: pencils, sharpener & eraser		1
Amsterdam Acrylic Paint 20mL, 12 pack- Landscapes		1
Artline 200 Fineliner pen 0.4mm black - permanent		1
Micador water soluble colourfun pencils		1
Reeves Intro A3 Watercolour Pad Cold Pressed, 300gsm 12 sheets		1
Reeves A3 Pastel Pad 15 sheets 160gsm assorted colours		1
Staedtler Design Journey Soft Artist Pastel Chalks 12 pack		1
Koh-i-Noor watercolour Discs 12 pack Assorted basic colours, black tray		1

Appendix 8: Items included in Science Starter Kit

Science Starter Kit *New Enrolments Only*		
Items	Image	Quantity
Magnifying Lens		1
Measuring Tape		1
Safety Glasses		1
Thermometer, 100 degrees		1