

2026 Student Resource Scheme – Year 8

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)

\$300

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 7-10	\$164 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 8.

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	\$23.50	\$23.50
General Item	Software: Language Perfect	Hired	\$23.50	\$23.50
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	\$165.00	\$85.00
General Item	Software: Soundtrap for Education	Hired	\$15.38	\$15.38
English	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
English	ClickView	Hired	\$11.25	Incl in general
English	Unit 3 Reading Pack	Hired	\$100.00	\$20.00
English	Campion: Jacaranda English 8 LearnON	Hired	\$55.00	Incl in general
Humanities	Campion: Jacaranda Humanities Alive 8 AC 3E learnON (L)	Hired	\$55.00	Incl in general
Languages	ClickView	Hired	\$14.30	Incl in general
Languages	Education Perfect	Hired	\$23.50	Incl in general
Mathematics	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 8 Australian Curriculum 5E	Hired	\$55.00	Incl in general
Mathematics	Education Perfect	Hired	\$23.50	Incl in general
Music	Soundtrap for Education software	Hired	\$15.38	Incl in general
Music-Instrumental	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
Science	Science Starter Kit (new enrolments only) see Appendix 4	Used	\$20.51	Separately invoiced
The Arts	Adobe suite	Hired	\$287.89	Incl in general
The Arts	Soundtrap for Education	Hired	\$15.38	Incl in general
The Arts	Art Kit (continuing students only) – Top Up Kit	Used	\$56.13	Separately invoiced
The Arts	Art Kit (new enrolments only)	Used	\$146.95	Separately invoiced
Total Values			\$1,523.03	\$461.94



Appendix 2: Not Participating in the SRS – Buy Your Own for Year 8.

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

General /Subject 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	\$23.50
General Item	Software: Language Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$23.50
General Item	Software: ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$14.30
General Item	Software: Sora eBooks Library	CSDE invoiced	\$1.50
General Item	Software: Jacaranda Bundle via Campion	CSDE invoiced	\$165.00
English	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
English	ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$11.25
English	Unit 3 Reading Pack	CSDE invoiced	\$100.00
English	Campion: Jacaranda English 8 LearnON	CSDE invoiced	\$55.00
Humanities	Campion: Jacaranda Humanities Alive 8 AC 3E learnON (L)	CSDE invoiced	\$55.00
Languages	ClickView	CSDE invoiced	\$14.30
Languages	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$23.50
Mathematics	Campion: Jacaranda Maths Quest 8 Australian Curriculum 5E	CSDE invoiced	\$55.00
Mathematics	Education Perfect	CSDE invoiced	\$23.50
Music	Soundtrap for Education software	BYO	\$15.38
Music-Instrumental	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
Science	Science Starter Kit – see Appendix 4	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
The Arts	Adobe suite	BYO	\$287.89
The Arts	Soundtrap for Education	BYO	\$15.38
The Arts	Art Kit - top up for continuing students / Yr 7 kit for new students - See Appendix 3	BYO	Prices vary depending on supplier
Estimated total			\$1,466.03

Appendix 3: Items included in Year 8 Visual Arts Kit

Year 8 Visual Arts Kit		
Items	Image	Quantity
Brushes (Set of 5) Flat - Taklon		1
Brushes (Set of 6) Round - Taklon		1
Diary, Born A4 Visual Art Diary 120 page Spiral Bound		1
Glue Stick, Blue, 40g		1
Atelier Interactive Artists' Acrylic Paint 12 x 20mL paint set		1
Graphite Sketch Set: # Includes 5 Staedler Pencils (2H, HB, 2B, 4B, 6B) 1 sharpener & 1 eraser		1
Paint – Amsterdam Acrylic Paint 20mL, 12 pack Urban Landscapes		1
Pen - Fine liner pen 0.4mm – permanent, black		1
Pencils - Micador colourfun water soluble coloured pencils		1
Quill A3 Board (white)		1
Mont Marte Set of modelling tools Signature 6pc		1



Appendix 4: Items included in Science Starter Kit for new students

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