

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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LEARNING DELIVERY

Q. How is my course delivered?

A. All courses are delivered via digital programs. Students access their courses online via Blackboard. Student can also access their courses via CD/DVD (MyStick) if internet access is unreliable or not available.

Q. Are printed materials available?

A. Printed/ paper materials are available on request. The use of digital programs is the default option when enrolling at Cairns SDE.

Q. Why choose digital programs rather than printed materials?

A. Digital materials can be amended and changed as required. Print materials are unable to be changed or modified. There is a significant time lapse between students completing their work, posting the written materials to their teacher and receiving the teacher's feedback. Digital materials also enables opportunities for interaction.

Q. How do I request printed materials?

Complete the relevant 'Materials Request Form' for your year level. This form is automatically submitted to the Principal once the 'SUBMIT' button at the bottom of the form is activated. These can be found [here](#).

Q. Where can I find out more about the Learning Delivery Model?

A. You can read this Policy [here](#).

RESOURCES

Q. Are text books and other course resources like science equipment available?

A. Text books and resources needed for each course/ subject are available. You are able to access these through the Student Resource Scheme.

A. What is the Student Resource Scheme?

A. In accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students enrolled at State schools who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, or children of Australian citizens or permanent residents, is met by the State.

Parents / carers are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school. In recognition that these costs can be high, the school operates a Student Resources Scheme that enables a parent / carer to enter into an agreement with the school that, for a specific annual participation fee, provides for the temporary use by the students of prescribed textbooks and other resources, for the student.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials from elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes.

A. What does it cover?

A. Textbooks, resources, consumables and/or materials and Course packs (including consumables such as art materials or science kits). For a comprehensive list please see ['State Education Fee Matrix'](#)

A. What doesn't it cover?

A. The Student Resource Scheme does not include:

- any "extra-curricular" activities like excursions, camps, formals and access to specialised equipment in subjects like Instrumental Music
- student internet access
- resources funded by the state through grant funding to provide a core educational service

A. How do I find out what text books and resources I need for each course/ subject?

A. Our Course Outlines tell you what texts, textbooks and resources are needed.

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