

2026 Student Resource Scheme – Year 1

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)

\$180

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](#).

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 1

General/Subject Items	Resource	Type of Resource	Acquisition cost	Value (to parent)
General Item	Green Mail Satchels x 2	Hired	\$20.00	\$4.00
General Item	Postage	Owned	\$30.00	\$30.00
General Item	Software: Reading Eggs	Hired	\$33.15	\$33.15
General Item	Software: Mathseeds	Hired	\$38.00	\$38.00
General Item	Software: Sora e-Books library	Hired	\$1.50	\$1.50
General Item	Software: ClickView	Hired	\$14.30	\$14.30
General Item	Visual Timetable	Owned	\$3.50	\$3.50
Drama	Giraffes Can't Dance	Hired	\$16.99	School funded
Drama	The Rainbow Fish	Hired	\$12.99	School funded
Drama	The very blue thingamajig	Hired	\$15.99	School funded
English	Tom Tom	Hired	\$14.95	School funded
English	Family Tree	Hired	\$19.99	School funded
English	Why I love summer	Hired	\$19.99	School funded
English	Student Activity Booklet	Owned	\$3.00	School funded
English	Big Rain Coming	Hired	\$25.25	School funded
English	Fly Guy Presents: Weather	Hired	\$7.99	School funded
English	Thank You Rain	Hired	\$27.99	School funded
English	Who likes rain	Hired	\$14.99	School funded
English	Student Activity Booklet	Owned	\$3.00	School funded
English	Click Clack Moo	Hired	\$16.99	School funded
English	Student Activity Booklet	Owned	\$16.99	School funded
English	Don't let the pigeon drive the bus	Hired	\$14.25	School funded
English	Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!	Hired	\$15.80	School funded
English	The Pigeon finds a Hotdog!	Hired	\$15.80	School funded
English	The Pigeon wants a Puppy!	Hired	\$15.80	School funded
English	Student Activity Booklet	Owned	\$3.00	School funded
English - Phonics	Get Reading Right PLUS	Hired	\$11.76	\$11.76
English - Phonics	Phonics Booklets- Advanced Code - Blue Unit 1,2A/2B, 3,4A/4B, 5A/5B, 6A/6B,7	Owned	\$65.30	\$43.79
English - Phonics	Whiteboard	Owned	\$14.85	School funded
English - Phonics	Whiteboard Cloth	Owned	\$2.70	School funded
English - Phonics	Whiteboard Marker - Blue	Owned	\$1.30	School funded
English - Phonics	Camera Word Flash Cards	Owned	\$5.00	School funded
English - Phonics	Phonics Whiteboard Templates	Owned	\$5.00	School funded
Mathematics	Maths Printed Resources	Owned	\$6.12	School funded
Mathematics	Maths Trek Student Book 1	Hired	\$20.95	School funded
Mathematics	Attribute Blocks	Hired	\$14.25	School funded
Mathematics	Balance Scales	Hired	\$19.99	School funded
Mathematics	Clock	Hired	\$3.10	School funded
Mathematics	Coloured Counters	Owned	\$2.36	School funded
Mathematics	Counters, two sided	Hired	\$5.50	School funded
Mathematics	Dice, Blank	Owned	\$0.80	School funded



Mathematics	Dice, dot	Owned	\$1.20	School funded
Mathematics	Dice, number	Owned	\$1.00	School funded
Mathematics	Linking cubes	Hired	\$8.80	School funded
Mathematics	MAB	Hired	\$22.19	School funded
Mathematics	Magnetic Numbers 0-9	Hired	\$15.10	School funded
Mathematics	Measuring Cups	Owned	\$1.75	School funded
Mathematics	Modelling Clay	Owned	\$4.61	School funded
Mathematics	Paper Cups	Owned	\$3.00	School funded
Mathematics	Paper Plates	Owned	\$3.93	School funded
Mathematics	Paper Streamers	Owned	\$1.20	School funded
Mathematics	Play Money	Hired	\$9.85	School funded
Mathematics	Pop sticks	Owned	\$1.30	School funded
Mathematics	String	Owned	\$0.65	School funded
Mathematics	Teddy Bears	Hired	\$28.30	School funded
Mathematics	Threading Beads	Owned	\$0.80	School funded
Visual Arts	Acrylic Paint Splash Classroom - Set of 8 pots (70ml) Purple, Yellow, Orange, Red, Green, White, Blue, Black Paint + pots	Owned	\$9.04	School funded
Visual Arts	Coloured paper	Owned	\$0.50	School funded
Visual Arts	Brushes - medium flat and round	Owned	\$1.92	School funded
Total			\$716.32	\$180.00



Appendix 2: Not Participating in the SRS – Buy Your Own for Year 1.

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

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Visual Arts	Coloured paper	BYO	\$0.50
Visual Arts	Brushes - medium flat and round	BYO	\$1.92
Estimated total			\$666.52