

# Birkdale South State School



## Student Resource Scheme

### Annual Parent Information Letter – Instrumental Music

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter contains important information about the **2026 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, **Birkdale South State School** operates a SRS for **2026**.

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 prescribed 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 **13/10/2025**.

#### 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 SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. If no participation form is received by **5/03/2026**, 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 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 [SRS Resource list](#). 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. industry technology/cooking/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 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.

This also includes the TRA component which has been deducted to reduce the SRS fee payable.

\* If the cost of the SRS is equal to the TRA rate, no SRS Fee is payable.

## Financial Hardship

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 (<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Procedure%20Attachments/debt-management/debt-management.pdf>).

## Payment Method

SRS payments can be made by QParent/BPOINT, BPAY, EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), Cheque, Cash, 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 [humanservices.gov.au/centrepay](https://humanservices.gov.au/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 **Megan Murphy, Business Manager 3820 4333**.

**Please complete the SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form and the Participation Agreement Form (this will be sent via QParents). Please note that all fees are due for payment by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

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## SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form

**Section 1: Student Details**

Student Name	
Student ID	
Year Level	

**Section 2: SRS Category**

SRS Category	SRS Fee Payable	Option Selected
Band	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strings	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instrument Hire *must be paid before receiving instrument. (Instrument hire includes protective case, shoulder rest if applicable, service, cleaning, repair and replacement costs)	\$150	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section 3: Payment Arrangement**

Please select the preferred payment options:

Payment options	Instalments	Amounts	Option Selected
1. A single payment for the full year's fee	Instalment 1:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Term instalments (paid over the first 3 terms)	Instalment 1:	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Instalment 2:	\$	
	Instalment 3:	\$	
3. An instalment plan as negotiated with the school			<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section 4: Return of the Participation Form**

Parents are reminded to complete and return the SRS Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time or opting in/out during the student's enrolment.

Have you completed and returned the SRS Participation Agreement Form?      Yes                       No

**Please note if you choose to opt out of the SRS, you are still required to complete and return the Participation Agreement Form.**

**Section 5: Parent Signature**

Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	

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## Instrumental Music SRS Resource List

The following items will need to be provided to the school at the beginning of the school year if opting to not participate in the Student Resource Scheme for Instrumental Music, and therefore opting to NOT pay the annual fee of \$60.00 for Strings/Band (in addition to any instrument hire).

QTY	PRODUCT	Parent Approx RRP	SRS Cost
<b>A. Instrument Hire \$150 (incl. \$50 refundable security deposit)</b>			
1	Choice of Instrument and Approximate Cost Per Below		
	Alto Saxophone (average life 12yrs)	\$2000	
	Amplifier (average life 10yrs)	\$550	
	Bass Clarinet (average life 12yrs)	\$4000	
	Bass Drum (average life 15yrs)	\$1200	
	Bass Guitar (average life 10yrs)	\$600	
	Bongos (average life 15yrs)	\$500	
	Cello (average life 10yrs)	\$2000	
	Clarinet (average life 12yrs)	\$815	
	Congas (average life 15yrs)	\$700	
	Double Bass (average life 15yrs)	\$5000	
	Drum Kit (average life 15yrs)	\$1500	
	Euphonium (average life 12yrs)	\$4000	
	Flute (average life 12yrs)	\$815	
	French Horn (average life 10yrs)	\$4800	
	Glockenspiel (average life 15yrs)	\$300	
	Keyboard (average life 12yrs)	\$2500	
	Oboe (average life 12yrs)	\$5000	
	Piano (average life 30yrs)	\$10000	
	Snare Drum (average life 15yrs)	\$600	
	Tenor Saxophone (average life 12yrs)	\$2200	
	Timpani (set of 4) (average life 20yrs)	\$20000	
	Trombone (average life 10yrs)	\$1500	
	Trumpet (average life 10yrs)	\$815	
	Tuba (average life 15yrs)	\$7200	
	Viola (average life 10yrs)	\$600	
	Violin (average life 10yrs)	\$700	
	Annual Servicing	<b>Band</b> \$120-\$150 per instrument <b>Strings</b> \$80-\$120 per instrument	
	Repairs as needed during the year	<b>Band</b> \$50-\$80 per repair <b>Strings</b> \$60-\$160 per repair	



	Replacement of accessories every 3-5 years (e.g. neck straps, harnesses, ligatures, thumb rests, strings, bows, sticks, mallets)	<b>Band</b> \$10-\$50 per item <b>Strings</b> \$70-350 per item	
	TOTAL		<b>\$150</b>
<b>B. Strings and Band Curriculum – Instrumental Music General SRS \$60</b>			
1	Regional levy	\$8	
1	Music books / sheet music / folder	\$25	
1	Reference materials printed to complement and/or substitute for textbooks	\$10	
1	Auxiliary Band gear	\$10	
1	Consumables / stationery	\$15	
1	Accompanist (Strings only)	\$5	
	TOTAL	\$73	<b>\$60</b>

