



BRACKEN RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME AND OTHER CHARGES INFORMATION

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Each student in the Student Resource Scheme receives:

- **Textbooks, Class Texts & Resources** issued through the Resource Centre (library) or individual subject areas.
- **Student ID Card, Student Planner, Class Handouts**
- **All Resources In The School** which include:
 - **Audio Visual, Inter-active Whiteboards, Digital Cameras**
 - **Videos, DVDs, CDs, Computer Software, Computer Programming**
 - **Staffing** to maintain Scheme
 - **Consumable items in subject areas** i.e: Manual Arts, HPE, Home Economics, and The Arts etc.
 - **Other Equipment** except Stationery & Personal items
 - Student laptop resource program (Yr10, Yr11 & Yr12)

SPORT FEE

The annual **SPORT FEE** covers costs involved in the participation in school sport programs. This (P&C approved) fee has replaced numerous individual payments. The annual fee will include: Year 7 – 11 Interschool Sport transport by bus, referees and venues; Year 7-12 all school, regional and district sporting carnivals including transport by bus, venues and affiliation fees. Also included are sporting uniforms and equipment as well as supervised sporting activities at external venues like the Bracken Ridge Indoor centre. Due to the disproportionate expense of some specialist recreational sporting options, such as ice skating, the Fee will not cover participation in these specialist options. The vast majority of recreational sport options, however, will be covered. Also, on occasions where very small numbers of students are travelling to an event making bus hire uneconomical, private transport will still be required. It is hoped this fee will increase the ease of participation in school sport, thereby enhancing the health and physical education of all students at BRSHS.

CURRICULUM ACTIVITY CHARGES

The inclusion of planned activities to the payment form has been added to give families a better outline of expenses throughout the whole school year.

Note: Payment will be due prior to each individual activity.

GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOK & RESOURCE ALLOWANCE (Transferring students only)

Annual allowance: 2020 - Years 7–10 \$130.00 and Years 11-12 \$281.00. A pro-rata payment is required (calculated on a 40-week school year basis) from students transferring from intrastate schools. The Qld government provides financial assistance to offset the costs of textbooks and other resources. This allowance is paid once a calendar year through the school.

2021 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FORMS

- SRS & other Charges Information sheet
- SRS Participation Agreement form

2021 SRS forms will be issued to 2020 Year 6 students on our *Transition Day* which is scheduled to be held on Thursday 3 December 2020 (tbc). If your student is not attending this event forms can be collected from the main office.

2021 PAYMENTS

Main Office (Finance Officer)

Office hours:

Monday – Friday: 8.00am – 3.30pm

➤ **Payment Arrangements**

1. Full Payment OR
2. Instalment plan: Families can arrange to pay instalments either weekly, fortnightly or monthly, after a discussion with the Business Manager.

➤ **Payment Methods**

1. QParent/BPoint
2. Centrepay deduction
3. EFTPOS Credit/Debit card
4. **Cheque-** payable to: Bracken Ridge State High School
5. **Cash**

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME OFFICE

Located in the Resource Centre (Library)

Office hours:

Wednesday 8:30am – 2:30pm

➤ **Textbook Issue**

All students are to individually collect their own books from the Resource Centre main counter when the SRS office is closed.

Note: Full payment or deposit + instalment plan must be received along with a signed SRS Participation Agreement form before textbooks can be issued.

[NO FORM, NO BOOKS]

➤ **Textbook Return**

It is necessary that all Textbooks and Resources are returned to the school at the end of each school year or when a student changes subject classes or leaves the school.

Textbooks are on loan only and are expensive to replace; the school cannot operate efficiently and other students can be disadvantaged if stock levels run short.

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

A voluntary financial contribution is not part of a student resource scheme that might operate in the school, and is not included within the charging framework of a student resource scheme. This contribution is for the P&C Association to assist with various projects in conjunction with the school.

Parents/carers are encouraged to participate by forwarding their contribution along with the Student Resource Scheme Fee payment. Your assistance is appreciated.

Each State school is resourced by the State Government through grant funding to provide a core educational service to students. Voluntary financial contributions are used by schools to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.

Operating Statement

1. The costs of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of students at the school are met by the State Government for students enrolled at the school who are Australian citizens or Permanent residents, or the children of Australian citizens or permanent residents.
2. The school is resourced by the State Government through school grants to provide a core educational service.
3. Section 56 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* provides that the Principal may ask the parents of a student of the school to make a voluntary financial contribution to supplement government funding for instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school. If the student is an adult, the principal may ask the student to make a voluntary financial contribution.
4. Voluntary financial contributions are used by the school to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning, recreation and comfort.
5. A voluntary financial contribution is not a fee. Debt recovery action will not be undertaken by the school for non-payment of all or part of a request for a voluntary financial contribution.
6. A voluntary financial contribution is separate from a Student Resource Scheme that might operate in the school.
7. While the request to parents may indicate a nominated amount, the financial contribution to the school is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to make all or part of the contribution.
8. To enable an informed decision to be made by the parent, the request for a voluntary contribution should indicate how the funds will be used by the school.
9. The school and the parents share decision-making and responsibility for the operation of the voluntary financial contribution funds. The amount of the requested contribution and the operation of the voluntary contributions are endorsed by the Parents and Citizens' Association annually.

10. The voluntary financial contribution is not to be a deterrent for a student enrolling at the school, participating in extra-curricular activities or undertaking a particular subject.
11. Where a parent decides not to make a voluntary financial contribution, instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at the school will continue to be provided by the school, and the student will suffer no educational detriment by way of school action as a result of the decision.

For any payment by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be issued.

CHAPLAINCY DONATION

This donation is tax deductible and parents/carers are encouraged to participate by forwarding their donation with the Student Resource Scheme Fee. The Chaplaincy service supports students, staff and families on many issues and is funded by local churches and donations.

OUTSTANDING FEES

Can I join this year's Student Resource Scheme if I have outstanding fees from previous years?

- All families are eligible to apply for individual plans, do not presume that you cannot join this year's scheme if you have existing debt. All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.

Do I still need to pay the full amount for the Student Resource Scheme fee if I haven't made a payment as yet?

- ALL STUDENTS ARE DEEMED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME for billing purposes unless formal withdrawal from the scheme is made in writing (see Participation Agreement form for full costing details).

Are students with outstanding fees owing to the school eligible to participate in Curriculum Support Activities?

- **Years 7 – 12** any students with large-amount debts owing to the school may be stopped from participating in non-curriculum activities (eg: senior jerseys, external trips during activities week/ reward days, ski trips), students will be assessed on an individual basis.
- **Year 12: Formal** - *all outstanding monies must be paid prior to formal tickets being booked and purchased. No Year 12 student will be able to attend the formal with debt owing to the school.*