



Rochedale South State School

the school of choice

27 November 2013

Prep and Year 1

Classroom and Student Resource Scheme for 2014

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Queensland Government legislation requires schools to use consistent names across all schools, to explain the charges they are making. Details about the fees have to be explained in writing to parents. For 2014, charges are as follows.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - \$90

In **Prep and Year 1** at Rochedale South there are two types of expenses. The first is the **STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME for \$90**. For children to be able to learn to read, they need reading books. Our children access many many books over the year as class readers and home readers. We do not require parents to go out and buy all of those books as there are so many and children need different books on a week by week basis. Neither do we set a textbook for Maths as students don't use all the same books. They still need print and electronic materials though, to progress in their Maths. Where children are capable, they will have different reading books and Maths tasks from another child who struggles in reading or Maths. This is one of the ways we ensure every child is moving ahead at an appropriate level. This also includes the Art and Technology levy. Your child will be able to get all reading books, Maths tasks and electronic Maths, reading, science and technology resources they need to enable them to learn. All the money collected, will go into the purchase of specific Maths and reading resources in the school. Students will also be able to access Reading Eggs, Mathletics, World Book for Students, World Book for Kids and Early World of Learning on-line, even at home for free, providing you have internet access. Students who do not pay will not be able to access all of these classroom and on-line resources or have home access.

CLASSROOM STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME - \$100

The second requirement is the **CLASSROOM STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME for \$100**. Rather than a booklist in Prep and Year 1, our school operates a Classroom Student Resource Scheme. This second amount of \$100 covers all the books, pens, pencils, glue, folders and all the other items used by your child for the whole year. Some of the benefits of not having a booklist are the materials are cheaper when purchased by the school in bulk and there is a clear saving to you. The second reason is that in Prep and Year 1, the struggle to manage all of their own equipment is minimised as the classroom materials are able to be shared. Thirdly, you will not be getting notes home, telling you that your child has run out of glue or filled up their book and requires replacements. It also allows teachers to focus on the essentials of teaching and learning without the distraction of little people trying to manage such increased responsibility for their belongings. In my experience, trying to manage hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes is more than enough for little people in their first years of school.

With this letter, you will receive the **Participation Agreement Form** for the Student Resource Scheme (green form) and the **Participation Agreement Form** for the Classroom Student Resource Scheme (yellow form).

Both of these forms need to be filled out, signed and returned in the first week of school to enable the resources to flow to your child.

Wendron Street Rochedale South Qld 4123
phone: (07) 3340 0777 facsimile (07) 3340 0700
email: admin@rochsoutss.eq.edu.au website: www.rochsoutss.eq.edu.au

small enough to care – big enough to make a difference

Payments are required by Thursday **27 February 2014**. After this date, students will not be able to continue to access school resources unless they have made the payments. If parents wish to make part payments, they may do so. Please see the Business Services Manager (BSM) for the forms. Payments may be made at the cash window on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.15 to 9.15**

Yours faithfully



Michelle Butler
Principal

STUDENT SERVICES WINDOW OPEN
Tuesday and Thursday 8.15 – 9.15am

CASH, CHEQUE CREDIT OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE
MASTERCARD, BANKCARD OR VISA
(located in the Admin building right of the front door)

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR INTERNET BANKING

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| School's Bank A/c Name | ROCHEDALE SOUTH STATE SCHOOL |
| BSB Number | 064-167 |
| Account Number | 00090042 |
| Activity Reference Code for Student Resource Scheme \$90 | First 2 letters of child's first name + surname + SRS |
| Activity Reference Code for Classroom Student Resource Scheme \$100 | First 2 letters of child's first name + surname + CSRS |

Important points to consider:

- If you use this option you need to allow two working days for payment to come through.
- If we can identify the student but not the activity - Payment will be applied against the oldest debt.
- If we cannot identify the student – Payment will be paid into a holding account

If you wish to pay by credit card but are unable to come to the payment window when open, you may complete this form and hand it into the office during school hours.

Payment By Credit Card Only – Visa, MasterCard, Bankcard

Name of Student Class

Student Resource Scheme \$90 and/or Classroom Student Resource Scheme \$100 Total Amount \$.....

Name of Cardholder Signature

Credit Card Number I hereby authorise Rochedale South State School to debit my:

Bankcard Mastercard Visa

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Expiry Date

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Prep – Year 7
Student Resource Scheme
 Maths, Reading, Art and Technology

Participation Agreement Form
Privacy Statement

The Department of Education, Training and Employment, through the school, is collecting your personal information in accordance with section 51 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* in order to administer the Student Resource Scheme in an efficient, ethical and secure manner. The information will only be accessed by school employees administering the scheme. Some of this information may be given to departmental employees for the purpose of debt recovery. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given permission or the Department of Education, Training and Employment is authorised or required by law to make the disclosure.

Participation

Yes I wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme in 2014 (Year). I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them and to pay the participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement below.

No I do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme in 2014. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them, particularly paragraphs 12 and 36.

Please refer to the accompanying *Subject Requirements List* and/or *Year Level Requirements List* for fee details.

| Student Given Name | Student Surname | Yr Level | Participation Fee |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. | | | \$ 90.00 |
| 2. | | | \$ |
| 3. | | | \$ |
| 4. | | | \$ |
| 5. | | | \$ |
| Total | | | \$ |

Parent Details

Given Names:

Surname:

Address:

Contact Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Fax:

Mobile:

Email:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Payment Arrangement

Now: I wish to make full payment now as a single payment of the total amount above.

Instalments: I wish to make instalment payments, during the first two weeks of the first three terms, in the following proportion of the total amount: Term 1: \$ _____; Term 2: \$ _____; Term 3: \$ _____; or as negotiated with the school: _____

I agree to make payments by the due dates and I understand that any failure to make payments by these dates may result in debt recovery action being undertaken including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency at my expense.

School Use Only: Negotiated Instalments Approved: _____ Position: _____

Payment Method

I wish to make payment by:

 EFT

 EFTPOS Credit/Debit Card

 Cheque

 Cash

Payment by EFT can be made to the school bank account BSB:064-167 Account Number: 00090042. To ensure Correct identification of the payment, please ensure that the **EFT payment reference clearly includes the **STUDENT NAME** along with the characters SRS e.g. JISMITHSRS



Prep and Year 1 Classroom Student Resource Scheme

(Replaces Booklist)

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| Student Given Name | Student Surname | Yr Level | Participation Fee |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. | | | \$ 100.00 |
| 2. | | | \$ |
| 3. | | | \$ |
| 4. | | | \$ |
| 5. | | | \$ |
| Total | | | \$ |

Parent Details

Given Names:

Surname:

Address:

Contact Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Fax:

Mobile:

Email:

Parent Signature:

Date:

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EFT

EFTPOS Credit/Debit Card

Cheque

Cash

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Purpose of the Scheme

1. 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.
2. Parents 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 Resource Scheme (the "scheme") that enables a parent to enter into an agreement with the school that, for a specified annual participation fee, provides for the temporary use by the student of prescribed textbooks and/or other resources, and/or the purchase of consumables and materials for the student.
3. A Student Resource Scheme is separate to and distinct from a request for a voluntary financial contribution.

Benefits of the Scheme

4. The purpose of the scheme is to provide the parent with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing practices.
5. The scheme also ensures that students have consistent personal resources for their education, and saves the parent time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere.
6. The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the operation of the scheme.

Participation in the Scheme

7. Participation in the scheme is voluntary, and there is no obligation on a parent to participate in the scheme. A parent's decision to participate or not is based on consideration of the value afforded to them by the scheme.
8. The completed and signed Participation Agreement Form should be returned to the school by the advertised date to indicate participation or non-participation in the scheme.
9. If a parent chooses to participate in the scheme and completes the Participation Agreement Form, a fee will be due and payable by the parent for the items provided by the scheme to the student.
10. Payment of the participation fee is a requirement for continued participation in the scheme. An unpaid fee will be subject to the school's debt collection processes.
11. A parent who does not wish to participate in the student resource scheme shall inform the school by completing the Participation Agreement Form and returning it to the Administration Office. Arrangements will be made for the parents of students in Years 8 to 12 or of secondary education age to be paid the value of the Textbook and Resource Allowance for each of their eligible children.
12. A parent who chooses not to participate in the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all items that would otherwise be provided to the student by the scheme as detailed on the *Year Level Requirements List* and/or *Subject Requirements List*, to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.

Parents and Citizens' Association Support of the Scheme

13. The operation of the Student Resource Scheme is discussed annually at a meeting of the Parents and Citizens' Association. Parents are extended an invitation to attend this meeting and provided with an opportunity to express their opinions. A vote is taken at this meeting on supporting the operation of the scheme.

Textbook and Resource Allowance

14. The Queensland Government provides financial assistance to parents of students in Years 8 to 12 or of secondary education age, attending State and approved non-State schools, to offset the costs of textbooks and other resources. Assistance is provided in the form of a Textbook and Resource Allowance which is paid once a calendar year through the school. Parents have the option to receive the allowance directly from the school or as an offset of fees associated with participation in the school's Student Resource Scheme. This option is made available to each parent annually by the school. Current allowance rates are available from <http://education.qld.gov.au/finance/grants/fund/corp/html/par-stu.html>

Payment Arrangements

15. Payment of the participation fee may be made by EFTPOS (Debit Card; MasterCard; Visa; American Express where accepted by the school), cheque, or cash.
16. For payment made by direct deposit (EFT) to the bank account indicated on the front of the form, please ensure that the payment reference includes the reference as indicated on the front of this form. The acknowledgement from your financial institution of the successful electronic transfer of funds should be retained as your record of payment.
17. Payment of the participation fee may be made in whole or by instalment as indicated on the Participation Agreement Form or for another amount as approved by the Principal.

18. For payments made in person by cash, cheque or credit/debit card, a receipt will be provided to the payer. Where payments are received by other methods, a receipt will be provided on request. All receipts and documentation on the scheme should be retained by the parent for future reference and possible taxation purposes.

Parent Experiencing Financial Difficulties

19. A parent wishing to participate in the Student Resource Scheme and experiencing financial hardship is encouraged to contact the principal to discuss how their financial obligations can be met throughout the school year, or to negotiate alternative arrangements that may be available to accommodate their individual circumstances. Centrelink deduction is a payment option offered by the school. All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.
20. The onus of proof of being so affected is on the parent, and might include a current Health Care Card or other evidence to establish financial hardship.
21. Any concessions given to the participation fee will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Scheme

22. For the purposes of the scheme, where a student is living independent of his/her parents, reference in the terms and conditions to "parent" is a reference to the independent student.
23. Where a parent chooses to join the scheme and completes a Participation Agreement Form, an annual participation fee will be due and payable by the parent to the Student Resource Scheme.
24. In return for payment of the participation fee, the scheme will provide the participating student with textbooks and/or resources, consumables and materials as listed on the *Year Level Requirements List* and/or *Subject Requirements List* as being provided by the scheme, when due for the student's use.
25. Payment of the participation fee is to be made according to the payment arrangement option indicated by the parent on the Participation Agreement Form, or as otherwise approved by the Principal.
26. Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) will generate a reminder notice to the parent/carer from the school at intervals of 30 days overdue and 60 days overdue. The Principal may thereafter undertake debt recovery action for the overdue participation fee including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency. This may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent.
27. Without limiting any other action the Principal may take in accordance with these terms and conditions, subject to 26 above, the Principal may withdraw a student's participation in the scheme due to non-payment of a participation fee, and/or may require the return of items provided by the scheme for the temporary use of the student, and/or may withhold the giving of any further items under the scheme until the debt is paid.
28. The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the scheme where participation fees are overdue from the previous year's scheme.
29. Where participation fees are overdue, the Principal has the discretion to exclude a student from an optional extra curricula school activity.
30. The scheme provides the entire package for the specified participation fee, and is not available in parts unless specifically provided for by the school in the fee structure.
31. All textbooks and resources provided for temporary use by the scheme remain the property of the scheme and shall be returned at the end of the course or school year or when the student leaves the school, whichever is the earlier. Where an item is not returned, the parent will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken.
32. Textbooks and other resources provided for temporary student use by the scheme shall be kept in good condition by the student. The school Administration Office shall be notified immediately of the loss or negligent damage to any issued item. Where an issued item is lost or negligently damaged, parents will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken.
33. The parent is responsible for supplying the student with any additional student materials that are not provided by the Student Resource Scheme, as indicated on the *Year Level Requirements List* and/or *Subject Requirements List* or otherwise advised by the school.
34. If a student enters the scheme after the first week of school, a pro-rata participation fee will apply, calculated on a 40-week school year basis.
35. If a student, having paid a participation fee, leaves the school through the year, a pro-rata refund will be made to the parent, calculated on the participation fee paid, less the cost of consumed materials and the replacement cost of scheme items that are lost or negligently damaged or not returned, plus the pro-rata Textbook and Resource Allowance calculated on a 40-week school year basis.
36. As the scheme operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded solely from participation fees, resources provided by the scheme will not be issued to students whose parents choose not to participate in the scheme.

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| For payment by EFTPOS (Credit/Debit Card), I hereby authorise the school to debit my: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Other (where accepted) _____ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Card Number: | | | | | | | | | | Expiry Date: | |
| For <input type="checkbox"/> an amount of \$ _____ (total above) or <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ on the first school day of the first three terms (equal instalment payments of the above amount), or <input type="checkbox"/> in accordance with the negotiated Payment Arrangement completed above. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of cardholder as it appears on the card: | | | | | | Signature of Cardholder: | | | | | |