STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Participation Fees

This Scheme ensures all students have the required resources for their education, as well as saving parents/carers time and money in sourcing appropriate textbooks.

IN RETURN FOR A HIRE FEE OF $160, THIS SCHEME PROVIDES:

- reproduced class materials which complement and/or substitute for textbooks
- other student reference book
- series of workbooks
- student diaries
- student ID Card
- school magazine
- additional computer software/web based programs (mathletics)
- individual student printing allocation
- minor equipment, such as calculators for loan
- photocopying costs (classroom materials and workbooks only)
- materials for subjects where the instruction is extended through providing practical learning experiences in excess of materials provided by school grants
- allocation of printing from computers in the Library & Computer labs
- Arts Council and Motivational Media performance
- other items as agreed by school community

This Scheme provides the entire package for a set fee and is not available in parts. The Queensland Government Textbook and Resource Allowance supports this Scheme. The Textbook and Resource Allowance is paid only once in any calendar year, regardless of the number of schools the student attends. Allowances are $111 per year for students in years 8-10, and $242 for those in years 11-12.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATING IN SCHEME

- Students will supply their own personal requirements - as outlined in Subject Requirements Lists.
- Books issued to students are kept in good condition.
- Students may be responsible for up to the full cost of books that are negligently damaged or lost before any further issues can be made.
- School Administration Office to be notified immediately of the loss of any textbook.
- All textbooks provided under the Scheme remain the property of the Scheme and must be returned when the student leaves or at the end of the school year.
- All fees received by the school on behalf of the Parents and Citizens Association will be banked into the school’s general account, which is subject to annual audit.
- If a student starts school after first term, the fee is reduced on a pro-rata basis.
- If a student leaves school having paid a fee, a pro-rata refund will be made. Refunds are based on the full charge (which include the QG Textbook Allowance and parent/carers charge), less cost of consumed materials and/or cost of replacing lost or damaged textbooks.
- Books and resources provided under the Scheme will not be issued to students whose parents/carers choose not to participate.
- School principals may refuse to admit a student to the Scheme if there are payments overdue from the previous year.

Parents/carers who do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme informs the school administration so they can receive a cheque to the value of the QG Textbook Allowance for each of their children. However, they are expected to provide all necessary textbooks and resources for their children as detailed on the Subject Requirements Lists.

Where there is genuine parental financial hardship, parents can discuss with the school principal how they can meet their financial obligations by instalments throughout the school year or discuss alternative arrangements to accommodate special circumstances.
INVITATION

The Student Resource Scheme is discussed at the November meeting of the school’s Parents and Citizens Association. Parents/Carers are invited to attend this meeting and express their opinions. A vote is taken annually at this meeting on the continuation of this scheme.

The total payment required is made up as follows:

**Resource Bond on joining the scheme** $50.00
(refundable on leaving the scheme)

**Annual Contribution** $160.00
(Consists of $35.00 text hire fee and $125.00 for other resources not listed below)

**CHARGE FOR SUBJECT CONSUMABLES** (For materials which will go home)

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TBA = To be Advised

Annual Contributions and the Government Textbook and Resources Allowance will be refunded to the parent on a prorata basis including subject costs which are refunded on a semester basis, e.g. once a student starts a subject they will be billed for that semester.

*See attached Laptop agreement, this attached form must also be signed.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT

Please sign the attached Parent/Carer Consent Form and return it to Blackwater State High School within seven days. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, Visa, MasterCard, BPAY or EFTPOS. A receipt will be provided. If you prefer to pay by instalment, this can be done by making three equal payments on the first day of each term.

Parents/carers experiencing financial difficulty

Please contact the school principal on 4986 9555 if financial hardship exists so that special arrangements can be made to meet your needs. All discussions will be held in confidence.

We certify that the Blackwater State High School Student Resource Scheme operate according to a budget presented to, and approved by, the Blackwater State High School P & C Association.

Frank Brunetto
PRINCIPAL
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