

## Student Resource Scheme 2017

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) will be in place for 2017. Considerable discussion with staff and parents leads us to believe this is the best way to ensure our girls and boys are equipped with all they need to make the most of the programs we teach during 2017.

**At \$200.00 per child, costs are comparable** to other schools adopting this scheme. **This is \$5.00 per week of school** over the course of a full year's enrolment.

To ensure this scheme works well and to enable final budget decisions, it is preferred fees be paid in full by Thursday **9 February 2017**. It is hoped that by providing scheme information now, it will enable families to begin paying the scheme now.

Payments can be made immediately via the internet. Payments at school will commence on Tuesday 24 January 2017.

**Payment via the internet is the preferred payment method.** This method allows families to make payments conveniently, without the need to come into the school. It also means that payments can be made in just a few instalments up to Thursday 9 February 2017. This is a very good way to manage this giving family's flexibility with payment timing. Other alternatives are listed on the attached form.

**Should you have difficulty making this payment**, we encourage you to make an appointment with the Deputy Principal or Business Services Manager as soon as possible so we can work out the best solution for you and your family. We are very aware things can be challenging for families in the present economic climate, however we are very willing to work with our families to ensure a positive outcome for all concerned.

### **Why do we need a resource scheme? Isn't education free?**

Education is free i.e. the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities is free. **However, the resources required to provide that education are not.** Funds collected through the resource scheme are distributed to teachers in the form of individual budgets for their classes. This provides them with flexibility in what they choose to use in their classrooms. It also means that you, as a parent, will not have to purchase any further classroom resources throughout the year. Initially students will be provided with a "starter pack". Further requisites are provided throughout the year in order to meet the programming needs of year levels and individual classes.

### **Inclusions in the program**

Participating in the scheme means that your child will be provided with any necessary textbooks/reading materials and stationery, but also with access to technology which will allow them to participate fully in the curriculum.

If you do not wish to join the scheme you are still responsible for providing your child with items that would otherwise have been provided by the school as detailed on the Year Level Resource List, to enable your child to engage with the curriculum.

Please note the cost of swimming, instrumental music, camps and excursions are not covered by this scheme.

**Parents and carers are required to return the signed Student Resource Scheme form to indicate participation. Thank you in anticipation for your contribution to this valuable scheme.**

Regards



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Principal