

ALEXANDRA HILLS STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2024 INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This document includes important information about the fees and inclusions for the SRS. If you have previously opted into the Student Resource Scheme your participation is assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment, unless you inform the school otherwise by completing a new participation agreement form: https://alexandrahillsshs.eq.edu.au/Support and Resources/Forms and https://alexandrahillsshs.eq.edu.au/Support and Resources/Forms and https://alexandrahillsshs.eq.edu.au/Support and Resources/Forms and

Documents/Payments/Student-Resource Scheme/Participation Agreement Form 2024 If you are a new parent to the school following the same link to SRS Info, Terms and Conditions, this information will assist you in making a decision as to whether you wish to participate in the SRS.

What is provided by the Queensland Government

The Queensland Government supports children's education by providing funding for instruction (teachers), facilities (school grounds and buildings, internet) and administration (staff to run the school). Funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, equipment for personal use, and many items used by the student in the classroom.

The SRS helps parents to source these resources. The school can purchase resources at lower rates due to its bulk buying power. Resources such as textbooks that will be used over a period of time are hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS also offers a convenient way for parents to source the items that their child needs for school, and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of resources.

The types of resources that will be included are;

- Retained by the student eg student diary, ingredients for cooking, building materials etc, once provided, these items are retained by the student and used at their discretion.
- Hired to the student for a specific duration of time eg textbooks– these items will need to be returned to the school in reasonable condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school
- Used in class eg materials, workbooks these items will be used in class. Finished products that are created from these resources will generally come home with the student.

The Fee

The Resource Contribution Scheme Fee amount which is endorsed by the Parents' and Citizens' Association for 2024 is:

Year 7, 8, 9: **\$300** and **Years** 10, 11,12: **\$385**

Clarification of what the SRS fee represents is available on the school's website <u>Alexandra Hills State High</u> <u>School</u>. If you don't believe it is good value for money you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, please complete a new Participation Agreement Form, indicating that you no longer wish to participate. If you choose not to participate, you will be provided with a detailed list of resources that you will need to provide for the student based on their timetabled classes.

The Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) to assist parents with the cost of textbooks and other education resources for eligible Years 7 to 12 students.

For those students who are eligible to receive the TRA, the allowance will be applied to reduce the cost of participation as shown in the table below. Thus, the SRS invoice you receive will be the full cost of participation in the SRS minus the TRA already held at the school.

Cost Breakdown

The diagrams below reflect how the TRA has been deducted from the SRS fee for eligible students who have opted into the Curriculum SRS.

Year Level	Total cost of resources	TRA contribution	SRS fee	
7,8 & 9	\$455	\$155	\$300	
10	\$540	\$155	\$385	
11 & 12	\$722	\$337	\$385	

If you have opted to pay the SRS by term instalments you will receive an invoice for the <u>full</u> amount and 3 term instalments will be due at the start of Term 1, 2, and the final payment in term 3.

In addition to the year level fees, there will also be subject charges for the high consumable subjects which you will be invoiced separately for if your child participates. These are as follows;

Subject/Academy	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Furnishing Skills	-	-	30	50	120	190
			full year	Per Semester	full year	full year
Food and Fibre	-	-	140	70	-	-
			full year	Semester 1		
Industrial Graphic Skills	-	-	-	-	25	-
					full year	
Industrial Technology Skills	-	-	-	-	-	25 full voor
						full year
Hospitality Practices	-	-	-	70	190	190
				Semester 2	full year	full year
Visual Arts	-	-	-	-	60	60
					full year	full year
Rugby League Academy	160	160	160	160	60	60
Basketball Academy	40	110	110	110	110	110
Dance Academy	160	160	160	160	160	160
Instrumental Music	65	65	65	65	65	65
Instrument Hire	100	100	100	100	100	100

Financial Difficulty

If you would like to participate, but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school Accounts Department to discuss your options. Any information that you provide will remain confidential.

Release of resources

Resources will not be distributed until the full or first payment (as per the payment plan) has been paid to 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 extracurricular activities until payments are made.

Return of hired resources

A repair or replacement cost will be charged to the parent for any items that are damaged or not returned.

Benefits of participating in the scheme

Participating students will receive many resources required in the course of their studies.

These resources include but not limited to:

- textbooks (classrooms) and eBooks/licences (laptop access) required
- Education Perfect (online Education Resource)
- prescribed resources for subjects studied
- student electronic diary (Compass)
- some credit towards computer printing costs
- access to class sets (novels, plays, recipe book etc)
- class workbooks, worksheets and teacher-prepared material which complement and/or substitute for textbooks (photocopying including paper)
- student and subject consumables e.g., art and craft supplies; cooking materials
- Art, Practical Arts, Industrial Design & Technology consumables

Not covered by the scheme

The scheme does not cover students' personal requisites such as stationery and writing materials.

Resources not covered under the SRS are included on the stationery requirements list for each year

level. These items are to be purchased by the student.

- excursions / incursions
- work experience placements Years 10 to 12
- TAFE courses Years 10 to 12
- courses / certificates offered by external providers Years 10 to 12
- Distance Education Fees
- subject charges for high consumable subjects/Academies as mentioned above
- other resources / services may be recommended for purchase

Payment Methods

AHSHS is now a cashless school, your payment options are available in order of preference;

- 1. BPoint details on the invoice
- 2. Direct Transfer (using Bank details: AHSHS General Account BSB 064-172 ACC 00090223)
- 3. Eftpos, only during Finance opening hours
- 4. Centrepay (available to families receiving Centrelink Payments)

Payment opening Times

2024 Monday to Friday 8am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3.30pm

2024 The week before school resumes:-

Mon 15th January (8am to 12.30pm and 1:30 to 2:30pm) Tues 16th January (8am to 12.30pm and 1:30 to 2:30pm) Wed 17th January (11:30 to 2:30) Thur 18th January (8am to 12.30pm and 1:30 to 2:30pm) Fri 19th January – **CLOSED**

SRS fees must be paid in full by 29th February to receive a \$50 discount.

First \$100 needs to be paid for students to have access to all school resources

If you do not wish to take up the \$50 discount then the first **\$100** must be paid by **25**th **January** and the remainder of fees due in full by **12**th **April** unless on a payment plan or Centrepay arrangement.

Payment plan or Centrepay arrangements need to be completed before your child's first day of school for 2024. The first **\$100** must be paid by **25**th **January** for your student to have full access to all school resources including internet. The **remainder of the fees** must be paid by the end of Term 3 (**13**th **September**).

Pro rata Refunds

Students transferring to another school throughout the year will be entitled, after receipt of a written request, to a pro-rata refund of any parent contribution paid to the school and the Textbook and Resource Allowance. The pro-rata calculation is based on a 40-week school year dependant on the date the textbooks are returned. Costs for the replacement of any lost or damaged resources will be deducted from the refund. A payment will be issued to the parent/caregiver within one month of the school being notified the student has left and confirmation that all outstanding textbooks are returned and receiving the request. **No refunds will be paid to other schools.**

Contact us

If you have any queries regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact Accounts by email <u>accountsreceivable@alexandrahillsshs.eq.edu.au</u> or 3820 1401 Monday to Friday (8am – 3:30pm)

