



# THE GUMS ENROLMENT PACKAGE

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## Enrolment Agreement

The Gums State School is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong Wellbeing.

This behaviour plan for students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community. Our school motto is Work Conquers All and our Student Code of Conduct seeks to honour this motto by enabling all students to achieve their potential by always treating others with respect, being safe and being responsible for their own learning.

This enrolment agreement sets out the responsibilities of the student, parents or carers and the school staff about the education of students enrolled at The Gums State School.

### **Responsibility of student to:**

- attend school on every school day for the educational program in which they are enrolled, on time, ready to learn and take part in school activities
- act at all times with respect and show tolerance towards other students and staff
- work hard and comply with requests or directions from the teacher and Principal
- abide by school rules/expectations as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, including not bringing items to school which could be considered as weapons (e.g. dangerous items such as knives)
- meet homework requirements and wear school's uniform
- respect the school property.

### **Responsibility of parents to:**

- ensure your child attends school on every school day for the educational program in which they are enrolled
- advise the school as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school and reason/s why (e.g. child is sick)
- attend open meetings for parents
- let the school know if there are any problems that may affect your child's ability to learn
- ensure your child completes homework regularly in keeping with the school's homework policy
- treat all school staff with respect
- support the authority of school staff thereby supporting their efforts to educate your child and assist your child to achieve maturity, self-discipline and self-control
- not allow your child to bring dangerous or inappropriate items to school
- abide by school's instructions regarding access to school grounds before, during and after school hours
- advise Principal if your child is in out-of-home care
- keep school informed of any changes to your contact details or your child's details, such as home address, email address and phone number
- ensure the school is aware of any changes to your child's medical details.

**Responsibility of school staff to:**

- design and implement engaging and flexible learning experiences for individuals and groups of students
- inform parents and carers regularly about how their children are progressing
- design and implement intellectually challenging learning experiences which develop language, literacy and numeracy
- create and maintain safe and supportive learning environments
- support personal development and participation in society for students
- foster positive and productive relationships with families and the community
- inform students, parents and carers about what the teachers aim to teach the students each term
- teach effectively and to set high standards in work and behaviour
- clearly articulate the school's expectations regarding the Student Code of Conduct and the Student Dress Code policy
- ensure that parents and carers are aware that the school does not have personal accident insurance cover for students
- advise parents and carers of extra-curricular activities operating at the school in which their child may become involved (for example, sports programs)
- set, mark and monitor homework regularly in keeping with the school's homework policy
- contact parents and carers as soon as possible if the school is concerned about the child's schoolwork, behaviour, attendance or punctuality
- notify parents of an unexplained absence of their child as soon as practicable on the day of the student's absence (allowing time for parents to respond prior to the end of the school day)
- deal with complaints in an open, fair and transparent manner in accordance with departmental policy, Customer complaints management
- treat students and parents with respect.

I accept the rules and regulations of The Gums State School as stated in the school policies as found in the enrolment package that have been provided to me as follows:

- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Dress Code

I acknowledge:

- That I have read and understood the responsibilities of the student, parents or carers and the school staff outlined above; and
- That information about the school's current rules, policies, programs and services, as outlined above has been provided and explained to me.

Student Signature:

Parent/Carer Signature:

On behalf of The Gums State School:

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Date:

Date:

Date:

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## ICT Responsible Use Policy

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

- This policy covers the use of School owned hardware, peripherals and software, internet and email use, the publishing of images as well as personal mobile devices used by students.
- Schools are constantly exploring new and innovative ways to incorporate safe and secure ICT use into the educational program.
- This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the Student Code of Conduct.

### **AUTHORISATION AND CONTROLS**

The Principal reserves the right to restrict student access to the School's ICT services, facilities and devices if access and usage requirements are not met or are breached. The Department of Education monitors access to and use of its network, including email and internet usage in determining compliance with state and departmental policy.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR USING THE SCHOOL'S ICT FACILITIES AND DEVICES**

- Students are expected to demonstrate safe, lawful and ethical behaviour when using the School's ICT network.
- Parents/Carers are responsible for ensuring students understand acceptable and unacceptable behaviour requirements of the School's ICT access and usage including appropriate internet use by students outside the school environment when using a school-owned or school-provided mobile device.
- The school will educate students regarding cyber bullying, safe internet and email practices, and health and safety regarding the physical use of ICT devices. Students have a responsibility to adopt these safe practices.
- Use of the School's ICT network is secured with a username and password. The password must be kept private by the student and not divulged to other individuals (e.g. a student should not share their username and password with fellow students).
- Additionally, students should not divulge personal information (e.g. name, parent's name, address, phone numbers), via the internet or email, to unknown entities or for reasons other than to fulfil the educational program requirements of the School.
- Students need to understand that copying software, information, graphics or other data files may violate copyright laws without warning and be subject to prosecution from enforcement agencies.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES FOR USING A PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK**

- Students may use a personally owned mobile device, **only** with the approval of their teacher and only for a specific educational activity.
- Unacceptable use will lead to the mobile device being confiscated by the teacher, with its collection/return to occur at the end of the school day where the mobile device is not required for further investigation.

### **ACCEPTABLE/APPROPRIATE USE/BEHAVIOUR BY A STUDENT**

It is acceptable for students while at school to:

- Use their personal mobile device before or after school and during breaks for private use, provided they are courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a mobile device.
- Personal mobile devices are to be switched off and placed in bags during classes, when these devices are not being used in a teacher-directed activity.
- Seek teacher's approval where they wish to use a mobile device under special circumstances.

### **UNACCEPTABLE/INAPPROPRIATE USE/BEHAVIOUR BY A STUDENT**

It is unacceptable for The Gums State School students to:

- use a mobile device in an unlawful manner
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- use obscene, abusive, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language or comments to bully, intimidate, harass, stalk or threaten others
- deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- damage computers, printers or network equipment
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws
- share their own or others' personal information and/or images which could result in risk to themselves or another person's safety
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching the department's network security
- use in-device cameras inappropriately, such as in change rooms/toilets or to record inappropriate behaviours
- invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, texting, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
- use the mobile device (including those with Bluetooth functionality) to cheat during exams or assessments.

**MOBILE DEVICE:** *phone, wearable technology (eg smart watch), laptop, tablet, iPad, slate, or other*



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## ICT Responsible Use Agreement

### **Student Declaration:**

I understand that the school's information and communication technology (ICT) services, facilities and devices provide me with access to a range of essential learning tools, including access to the internet. I understand that the internet can connect me to useful information around the world.

While I have access to the School's ICT services, facilities and devices: I will use it only for educational purposes; I will not undertake or look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive; and I will not reveal my password or allow anyone else to use my school account.

I understand that I can use my personal mobile device before/after school and at breaks provided I am courteous, considerate and respectful of others. I can only use my personal mobile device in the classroom for a specific educational activity AND with teacher permission.

Specifically in relation to internet usage, should any offensive information appear on my screen I will close the window and immediately inform my teacher quietly, or tell my parents/carers if I am at home. If I receive any inappropriate emails at school I will tell my teacher. If I receive any at home I will tell my parents/carers.

When using email or the internet I will not:

- reveal names, home addresses or phone numbers – mine or that of any other person
- use the school's ICT service, facilities and devices (including the internet) to annoy or offend anyone else.

*I understand that my online behaviour is capable of impacting on the good order and management of the school whether I am using ICT devices (School or personal) inside or outside of school hours. I understand that if the school decides I have broken the rules for using its ICT services, facilities and devices, appropriate action may be taken, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for a period of time.*

**I have read and understood this policy and I agree to abide by it.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Carer Declaration:**

I understand that the school provides my child with access to the school's information and communication technology (ICT) services, facilities and devices (including the internet) for valuable learning experiences. In regard to internet access, I understand that this will give my child access to information from around the world; that the school cannot control what is available online; and that a small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend upon responsible use by my child. Additionally, I will ensure that my child understands and adheres to the school's appropriate behaviour requirements and will not engage in inappropriate use of the College's ICT services, facilities and devices. Furthermore, I will advise the school if any inappropriate material is received by my child that may have come from the school or from other students.

I understand that the school is not responsible for safeguarding information stored by my child on a departmentally owned student computer or mobile device. I understand that the school may remotely access the departmentally owned student computer or mobile device for management purposes.

I understand that the school does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered to personal mobile devices as a result of using the department's services, facilities and devices. Further, no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any mobile device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the College's negligence.

I believe \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access and use the School's ICT services, facilities and devices (including the internet) under the school rules. I understand where inappropriate online behaviours negatively affect the good order and management of the School, the School may commence disciplinary actions in line with this user agreement. This may include loss of access and usage of the School's ICT services, facilities and devices for some time.

**I have read and understood this policy and agree to abide by it.**

Parent/Carer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Department of Education through its [Information privacy and right to information](#) procedure is collecting your personal information in accordance with the [Education \(General Provisions\) Act 2006 \(Qld\)](#) in order to ensure:

- appropriate usage of the school network
- appropriate usage of personal mobile devices within the school network.

The information will only be accessed by authorised School employees to ensure compliance with its [Information privacy and right to information](#) procedure. Personal information collected on this form may also be disclosed to third parties where authorised or required by law. Your information will be stored securely. If you wish to access or correct any of the personal information on this form or discuss how it has been dealt with, please contact your child's school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, stored or disclosed, please also contact your child's school.



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## Introduction to the State School Consent Form

### **Introduction to the State School Consent Form for The Gums State School**

This letter is to inform you about how we will use your child's personal information and student materials. It outlines:

- what information we record
- how we will use student materials created during your child's enrolment.

Examples of personal information which may be used and disclosed (subject to consent) include part of a person's name, image/photograph, voice/video recording or year level. Your child's student materials:

- are created by your child whether as an individual or part of a team
- may identify each person who contributed to the creation
- may represent Indigenous knowledge or culture.

### **Purpose of the consent**

It is the school's usual practice to take photographs or record images of students and occasionally to publish limited personal information and student materials for the purpose of celebrating student achievement and promoting the school and more broadly celebrating Queensland education.

To achieve this, the school may use newsletters, its website, traditional media, social media or other new media as listed in the 'Media Sources' section below.

The State School Consent Form may, at your discretion, provide consent for personal information and a licence for the student materials to be published online or in other public forums. It also allows your child's personal information and student materials to be presented in part or alongside other students' achievements.

The school needs to receive consent in writing before it uses or discloses your child's personal information or student materials in a public forum. The attached form is a record of the consent provided.

It should be noted that in some instances the school may be required by the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (Qld) or by law to record, use or disclose the student's personal information or materials without consent (e.g. assessment of student materials does not require further consent).

### **Voluntary**

There will not be any negative repercussions for not completing the State School Consent Form or for giving limited consent. All students will continue to receive their education regardless of whether consent is given or not.

### **Consent may be limited or withdrawn**

Consent may be limited or withdrawn at any time by you.

If you wish to limit or withdraw consent, please notify the school in writing (by email or letter). The school will confirm the receipt of your request via email if you provide an email address.

If in doubt, the school may treat a notice to limit consent as a comprehensive withdrawal of consent until the limit is clarified to the school's satisfaction.

Due to the nature of the internet and social media (which distributes and copies information), it may not be possible for all copies of information (including images of student materials) once published by consent, to be deleted or restricted from use.

The school may take down content that is under its direct control, however, published information and materials cannot be deleted and the school is under no obligation to communicate changes to consent with other entities/ third parties.

### **Media sources used**

Following is a list of online and social media websites and traditional media sources where the school may publish your child's personal information or student materials subject to your consent.

- School Website: <https://thegumsss.eq.edu.au/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thegumsss/>
- QSchools: <https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/department-apps/qschools>
- Local newspaper
- School newsletter
- Traditional and online media, printed materials, digital platforms' promotional materials, presentations and displays.

The State School Consent Form does not extend to P&C run social media accounts or activities, or external organisations.

### **Duration**

The consent applies for the period of enrolment or another period as stated in the State School Consent Form, or until you decide to limit or withdraw your consent.

During the school year there may be circumstances where the school or Department of Education may seek additional consent.

### **Who to contact**

To return a consent, express a limited consent or withdraw consent please contact the Business Manager, by phone 07 4665 9170 or email <mailto:admin@thegumsss.eq.edu.au>

The Business Manager should be contacted if you have any questions regarding consent.



## State School Consent Form

### 1 IDENTIFY THE PERSON TO WHOM THE CONSENT RELATES

- Parent/carer to complete
- Mature/independent students may complete on their own behalf (if under 18 a witness is required).

(a) Full name of individual: .....

(b) Date of birth: .....

(c) Name of school: .....

(d) Name to be used in association with the person's personal information and materials\* (please select):

Full Name  First Name  No Name  Other Name .....

\* Please note, if no selection is made, only the Individual's first name will be used by the school. However, the school may choose not to use a student's name at its discretion.

\*\* For school photos Full Name will be used unless a limitation is given in Section 5 below.

### 2 PERSONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIALS COVERED BY THIS CONSENT FORM

(a) **Personal information** that may identify the person in section 1:

Name (as indicated in section 1), Image/photograph, School name, Recording (voices and/or video), Year level

(b) **Materials** created by the person in section 1:

Sound recording, Artistic work, Written work, Video or image Software, Music score, Dramatic work,

### 3 APPROVED PURPOSE

If consent is given in section 6 of the form:

- The personal information and materials (as detailed in section 2) may be recorded, used and/or disclosed (published) by the school, the Department of Education (DoE) and the Queensland Government for the following purposes:
  - Any activities engaged in during the ordinary course of the provision of education (including assessment), or other purposes associated with the operation and management of the school or DoE including to publicly celebrate success, advertising, public relations, marketing, promotional materials, presentations, competitions and displays.
  - Promoting the success of the person in section 1, including their academic, sporting or cultural achievements.
  - Any other activities identified in section 4(b) below.
- The personal information and materials (as detailed in section 2) may be disclosed (published) for the above purposes in the following:
  - the school's newsletter and/or website;
  - social media accounts, other internet sites, traditional media and other sources identified in the 'Media Sources' section of the explanatory letter (attached);
  - year books/annuals and school photographs; - promotional/advertising materials; and - presentations and displays.

### 4 TIMEFRAME FOR CONSENT

**School representative to complete.**

(a) Timeframe of consent: duration of enrolment.

(b) Further identified activities not listed in the form and letter for the above timeframe: n/a

### 5 LIMITATION OF CONSENT

The Individual and/or parent wishes to limit consent in the following way:

**CONSENT AND AGREEMENT****CONSENTER – I am (tick the applicable box):**

- parent/carer of the identified person in section 1  
 the identified person in section 1 (if a mature/independent student or employee including volunteers)  
 recognised representative for the Indigenous knowledge or culture expressed by the materials

I have read the explanatory letter, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it and any questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. By signing below, I consent to the school recording, using and/or disclosing (publishing) the personal information and materials identified in section 2 for the purposes detailed in section 3. By signing below, I also agree that this State School Consent form is binding. For the benefit of having the materials (detailed in section 2) promoted as DoE may determine, I grant a licence for such materials for this purpose. I acknowledge I remain responsible to promptly notify the school of any third party intellectual property incorporated into the licensed materials. I accept that attribution of the identified person in section 1 as an author or performer of the licensed materials may not occur. I accept that the materials licensed may be blended with other materials and the licensed materials may not be reproduced in their entirety.

Print name of student .....

Print Name of consenter .....

Signature or mark of consenter .....

Date .....

Signature or mark of student (if applicable) .....

Date .....

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

If the form is required to be read out (whether in English or in an alternative language or dialect) to a parent/carer or Individual student; or when the consenter is an independent student and under 18 the section below must be completed.

**WITNESS – for consent from an independent student or where the explanatory letter and State School Consent Form were read**

I have witnessed the signature of an independent student, or the accurate reading of the explanatory letter and the State School Consent Form was completed in accordance with the instruction of the potential consenter. The individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given consent freely and I understand the person understood the implications.

Print name of witness .....

Signature of witness .....

Date .....

**Statement by the person taking consent – when it is read**

I have accurately read out the explanatory letter and State School Consent Form to the potential consenter, and to the best of my ability made sure that the person understands that the following will be done:

1. the identified materials will be used in accordance with the State School Consent Form
2. reference to the identified person will be in the manner consented
3. in accordance with procedures DoE will cease using the identified materials from the date DoE receives a written withdrawal of consent.

I confirm that the person was given an opportunity to ask questions about the explanatory letter and State School Consent Form, and all the questions asked by the consenter have been answered correctly and to the best of my ability. I confirm that the individual has not been coerced into giving consent, and the consent has been given freely and voluntarily. A copy of the explanatory letter has been provided to the consenter.

Print name and role of person taking the consent .....

Signature of person taking the consent .....

Date .....

**Privacy Notice**

The Department of Education (DoE) is collecting your personal information on this form in order to obtain consent for the use and disclosure of the student's personal information. The information will be used and disclosed by authorised school employees for the purposes outlined on the form. Student personal information collected on this form may also be used or disclosed to third parties where authorised or required by law. This information will be stored securely. If you wish to access or correct any of the personal student information on this form or discuss how it has been dealt with, please contact your student's school in the first instance.

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## Student Resource Scheme - Participation Agreement Form

### The Student Resource Scheme

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is a user-charging scheme operated by schools to provide parents with a mechanism to access individual student resources that are not funded by the government.

Government funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources and equipment for their personal use or consumption. Supply of these items, such as textbooks and personal laptops/iPads, is the responsibility of the parent.

The objective of the scheme is to provide parents a convenient and cost-effective alternative to individual supply of resources for their students. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate.

Terms and conditions for participating in the scheme are provided on the reverse side of the form. Information is also provided on the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) where applicable.

This Participation Agreement Form applies for the duration of a student's enrolment at the school, however parents who are participating in the scheme can choose to opt out from the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form. Any new Participation Agreement Form submitted annually and received by the school will supersede the previous form lodged.

Parents pay the annual participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement. If a student joins the school mid-year, a pro-rata participation fee may apply.

Parents not participating in the scheme must provide their student with all items that would otherwise be provided by the scheme as detailed in the information provided by the school. Parents can choose to join the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

To assist schools in managing and administering the scheme, parents are requested to complete the Participation section of this form and return it to the school.

If parents have not completed and returned the form before the due date indicated by the school in the SRS Annual Parent Information documents, the school will take the view that the parent does not wish to participate.

### Payment

On agreeing to participate in the SRS, a parent agrees to pay the participation fee as advised and invoiced by the school. For families experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school as soon as possible to discuss options available.

### Participation

**YES I wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme.** I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions of the scheme (see reverse) and agree to abide by them and to pay the annual participation fee in accordance with the selected payment arrangement. I understand that I can opt out of participation in the SRS in any year by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

**NO I have read the terms and conditions and I do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme.** I understand I must provide my child with all items that would otherwise be provided by the SRS as detailed in the information provided by the school. I understand that I can choose to join the SRS in future years by completing a new Participation Agreement Form.

<b>School Name</b>	
<b>Form Return Date</b>	
<b>Student Name</b>	
<b>Year Level</b>	
<b>Parent Name</b>	
<b>Parent Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

### Privacy Statement

The Department of Education collects the information you complete on the Participation Agreement Form in order to administer the Student Resource Scheme (SRS). The information will only be accessed by school employees administering the SRS. However, if required, some of this information may be shared with 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 is authorised or required by law to make the disclosure.

## Terms and Conditions

### Definition

1. Reference to a "parent" is in accordance with the definition in the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* and refers equally to an independent student.

### Purpose of the SRS

2. In accordance with the *Act*, 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.
3. Parents are directly responsible for providing textbooks and other personal resources for their children while attending school.
4. The SRS enables a parent to enter into an agreement with the school to provide the resources as advised by the school for a specified annual participation fee.

### Participation in the SRS

5. Participation in the SRS is optional and parents are under no obligation to participate.
6. The school will provide parents with a list of resources supplied by the SRS to enable parents to assess the cost effectiveness of participation.
7. Parents indicate whether or not they wish to participate in the SRS by completing this Participation Agreement Form.
8. Parents must complete and sign the Participation Agreement Form and return it to the school by the advertised date.
9. This agreement is for the duration of the student's enrolment at the school, unless a new Participation Agreement Form is completed.
10. Parents are given the option annually to choose whether to participate in the SRS or not by completing this form.
11. Where a parent signs up to participate in the SRS they are agreeing to pay the annual participation fee for the items provided by the SRS.
12. Payment of the participation fee implies acceptance of the SRS including the Terms and Conditions irrespective of whether or not the signed form has been returned.
13. Where a student starts at the school during the school year, the parent may be entitled to pay a pro-rata participation fee to participate based on a 40-week school year.
14. Where a participation fee has been paid and a student leaves the school during the year, the school must determine if the parent is eligible for a pro-rata refund. This will also take into account any pro-rata of the Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) (see Additional Information regarding TRA eligibility) and any outstanding SRS debts (including any debts from damaged or non-returned items). Where the cost of outstanding debts is higher than the calculated refund, the parent is liable to pay this balance of funds.

### Non-Participation in the SRS

15. Parents who choose not to participate in the SRS are responsible for providing their student with all items that would otherwise be provided by the SRS to enable their student to engage with the curriculum.
16. The school will provide non-participating parents with a list of resources the parents are required to supply for their child.
17. All items included in the SRS must be able to be independently sourced, purchased and supplied by parents who choose not to participate in the SRS.
18. As the SRS operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded from participation fees, SRS resources will not be issued to students whose parents choose not to participate in the SRS.

### The Resources

19. SRS funds received by the school will only be expended on student resources outlined in the school's SRS and will not be expended on other items or used to raise funds for other purposes.
20. In return for payment of the participation fee, the SRS will provide the participating student with the entire package of resources for the specified participation fee. It is not available in parts unless specifically provided for by the school in the fee structure.
21. The resources, as determined and advised by the school may be:
  - retained by the student and used at their discretion; or
  - used/consumed by the student in the classroom; or
  - hired to the student for their personal use for a specified period of time.
22. All SRS resources hired to a student for their temporary use remain the property of the school. The resources must be returned by the agreed date or if the student leaves the school.

23. Parents are responsible for ensuring that any hired SRS resources provided for their child's temporary use are kept in good condition.
24. The school administration office must be notified immediately of the loss or damage to any hired item.
25. Where a hired item is lost, not returned, or damaged, parents will be responsible for payment to the school of the value of the item or its repair.
26. The replacement cost of any resource may be up to the maximum value (subject to depreciation where appropriate) of the acquisition cost to the school.
27. Parents may be responsible for supplying their child with other resources not specified in the SRS as advised by the school.

### Payment Arrangements

28. Payment of the participation fee may be made in whole, as per a nominated payment plan, or for another amount as approved by a Principal.
29. Payment of the participation fee must be made as per the payment methods nominated by the school.
30. Any concessions relating to the participation fee will be at the discretion of the Principal.

### Debt Management

31. Payment of the participation fee is a requirement for continued participation in the SRS.
32. Non-payment of the participation fee by designated payment date(s) may result in debt recovery action in accordance with the Department's Debt Management Procedure <https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/debt-management-procedure>

### Parents' Experiencing Financial Hardship

33. Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating in or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the school to discuss options.
34. Principals may vary payment options, negotiate alternative arrangements and/or waive all or part of the participation fee for parents experiencing financial hardship.
35. The onus of proof of financial hardship is on the parent.
36. The school may require annual proof of continuing financial hardship.
37. All discussions will be held in the strictest confidence.

## Additional Information

### Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA)

- The Queensland Government provides financial assistance to parents of students in Years 7 to 12, to offset the costs of textbooks and other resources. Assistance is provided in the form of a TRA which is paid through the school. Refer to the department's website for current TRA rates <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>
- The TRA is used to offset the fees associated with participation in the SRS.
- Parents not participating in the SRS will receive the TRA directly from the school.
- Parents not participating in the SRS should contact the school directly if they do not automatically receive the payment

