**GILSTON STATE SCHOOL STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) 2017**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Exactly what does the $160.00 include?

For families who are joining the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) for 2017 the cost for the year will be **$160.00** (equates to 80 cents per day) and will include **all consumable supplies** that students use during the school year such as stationery, reprographics, photocopying, art materials, school programs, computer supplies, other **text materials** and access to **online programs** to consolidate learning eg: Mathletics.

What if I don’t want to join the scheme?

Parents who **do not wish** to join will be required to pay an annual **fee of $60.00** per student to cover the cost of additional items including:
- **Technology:** Internet and school based computer programs, etc.
- **Health and wellbeing:** use of puzzles, board games, gross motor equipment, etc.
- **Resources:** Home readers, class sets, reading books, atlas, etc.
- **Handouts:** photocopying of prepared worksheets, laminating, etc.

In addition to paying the $60, non-participating families wishing to access these online resources will have to purchase an individual licence directly from supplier.

Mathletics ($99) is the approximate price if families have to purchase individually per student.

If you do not join the scheme, you will have the full responsibility to provide all required classroom resources, eg: stationery, text materials, art supplies.

Parents / caregivers who do not wish to participate in the scheme should inform the school office by returning the Participation Agreement form and ticking **NO**.

These families will require a meeting with the **BSM** Jan Wallace who will provide a list of supplies that will be required.

Can you buy just part of the book pack?

No, all requisites are required for your child to participate in the full program. Our teachers have identified the requisites that will be necessary for your child.

If I choose to buy the items myself, where do I obtain the texts?

The maths CMC book can be purchased from the school directly. (Cost approx. $25) All other texts are available at Symons in Southport (the most recent supplier of book packs to Gilston). Other stationary outlets may have texts available.

What are the due dates?

If making a full payment of $160 it is due on or before **Friday 18 November 2016**

OR

You can choose to make instalments, payments as follows:

- **Instalment 1 due Friday 18 November** $100.00 per student
- **Instalment 2 due Friday 3 February 2017** balance of $60.00 per student.

Is there a Payment Plan available to me?

Yes, if you would like to have a payment plan please call the office 5501 2333 to make an appointment with the Business Services manager (BSM), Jan Wallace.

Is there a Regular Payment Option available to me?

Yes, families can also choose the regular payment option. Weekly or fortnightly small payments are accepted as long as the **deposit** is made prior to the 18 November and **full payment** made by 3 February 2017 (unless other arrangements have been made).

What is the Student Resource Participation Agreement Form?

It is the agreement signed by families indicating their intention to participate, this form must be returned regardless of if you are joining the scheme or not.

The **Participation Agreement Form** must be returned to the school office by **Friday 4 November 2016**.
What does SRS not include?

School activities, such as school excursions, camps, sport, music instrumental program or other extra-curricular competitions and performances.
RI (Religions Instruction) booklets for students participating in RI, (students will be invoiced for the booklet early in 2017.)

How can I make my SRS Payments?

The finance window at the office is open for payments on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00am till 11:00am where we accept cash / credit and EFTPOS.
First instalment ($100) or full payment ($160) is due on or before **Friday 18 November 2016**.
Internet payments can be made at any time to the **Gilston State School General** bank account BSB 064-468 Account Number 10012085. To ensure correct identification of the payment, please ensure that the EFT payment reference states the individual students EQ ID number and SRS eg: 1111111111X SRS.

If I didn’t fully pay in 2016 or do not keep up with my payments in 2017 what will happen?

The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the SRS if there are payments overdue from the previous year. Participation in extra-curricular activities where a financial contribution is necessary will depend on whether all SRS fees are paid and up to date. This includes but not limited to: Excursions / Incursions / Competitions etc Interschool Sport / Gala Days / Camps.

Price of items seems more expensive.

We have sourced best quality items. These are intended to last for the longest possible time so as to not require topping up throughout the year. Expendables are structured in to the cost for the whole of year. A School Resource Scheme will give the Gilston State School Community greater buying power.

If I enrol at Gilston SS part way through the year how much will I be required to pay?

The cost of the SRS will be evaluated, taking into consideration the remaining amount of time and therefore amount of resources needed to complete that year. If arriving during, and up to the end of term 1 - $160, arriving during, and up to the end of term 2 - $120, arriving during, and up to the end of term 3 - $80 etc.

If I move to another school part-way through the year will I be refunded any portion of the initial outlay?

Each case will be considered on merit, and worked out on a pro rata basis. General guide will be $80 after term 1, $50 after term 2 and nothing after term 3 (for families who have paid the full $160).

Is there a family discount for more than one child?

No, $160.00 per child, per year. This arrangement replaces the booklist concept that used to exist in year 1-6.

How does Gilston’s SRS compare in cost to other local schools?

William Duncan SS is $170 per year. Worongary SS is between $190-200 per year. Broadbeach SS asks parents for $280 per year.

What will happen to “excess funds” should cost-savings be achieved?

It is anticipated that any cost savings gained through repeated years of the scheme will allow us to absorb the increased cost of inflation. That is, it is likely that the cost will remain at $160 for a few years. If savings are made beyond this rate, the cost of the scheme will be reduced accordingly.

My child is working on a program that differs from others in his class, will all the classroom resources he requires be provided under the scheme.

Yes. Resources appropriate for the differentiated program will be provided.

Do I need to cover my child’s books?

No. They will be labelled at school.