12 October 2016

Please find attached all the details and information regarding the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) for 2017.

In accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, 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.

The scheme is supported and approved annually by the school’s Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), is managed by the school and operates in accordance with section 51 of the Education (General Provision) Act 2006.

The scheme is voluntary and you are under no obligation to join. However, a parent who does not wish to contribute to the scheme is responsible for providing the student with all necessary items and covers the cost of activities for engaging in the curriculum.

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, health and wellbeing, resources and handouts.

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

Non participating families wishing to access these online resources will have to purchase an individual licence directly from supplier.

If you join the scheme, the school will provide all required classroom resources.

If you do not join the scheme, you will have full responsibility to provide all required classroom resources.

You cannot partly join the scheme.

The total cost for the 2017 year is $160.00; we are offering the following payment options:

1. Full payment due prior to Friday 18 November 2016

2. Instalment 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

3. Payment Plan – 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

4. 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)
Regardless of if you are joining the scheme or not the attached Participation Agreement Form, indicating your intentions must be returned to the school office by Friday 4 November 2016.

The SRS does not include:

- Voluntary contributions to supplement the instruction, administration and facilities provided at the school
- 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 (those students will be invoiced for the booklet early in 2017).

The following conditions apply to the Student Resource Scheme:

- All fees received by the school will be banked in the school’s general account, which is subject to audit.
- If a student starts at school after the first term the fee is reduced on a pro-rata basis.
- If a student leaves the school having paid the full fee, a pro-rata refund will be made.
- Materials provided under the classroom material scheme cannot be issued to students whose parents/caregivers choose not to participate.
- 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.
- 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

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.

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

*** REMINDER: The Participation Agreement Form, indicating your intentions must be returned to the school office by Friday 4 November 2016.***