

Dalby State High School
Parents' and Citizens' Association



Resources and
Textbook Hire Scheme

Parent Information
Booklet
2017

Creating the future; every student, every day.

About the scheme ...

The Parents' and Citizens' Association of Dalby State High School wishes to invite you to participate in our Resources and Text Hire Scheme. The P&C Association has been successfully operating the scheme for the past twenty years. Parents are advised that participation in the scheme is entirely voluntary.

Objectives of the scheme ...

This initiative allows the school to:

- reduce the cost for the purchase of textbooks and other resources for the education of students;
- provide for the operation of a voluntary, co-operative scheme in order to maximise the benefits to parents, to schools and the entire school community;
- provide for the operation of the levy-based scheme to assist the school to enhance resources for all students' learning, recreation and comfort.

How the scheme operates ...

Operating a scheme like this means that individual parents do not need to purchase textbooks and other covered items necessary for classroom learning. As the scheme is annually audited and run separately from the school, parents can be assured that the best value for money is achieved at all times.

What is provided through the scheme?

The scheme provides resources including:

- prescribed textbooks for each subject studied which will be distributed to students for the full year's schooling, or changed throughout the year;
- class sets of texts, eg novels and plays and other learning materials for use within the classroom;
- workbooks and other student reference books;
- consumable items like photocopied workbooks;
- photocopies of printed class notes (excluding student personal copying);
- consumable materials in subjects including Manual Arts (like timber, acrylic, nuts and bolts), Home Economics (demonstration food items), Visual Art (like paint and clay) and Science activity manuals;
- curriculum-based transport costs and venue hire and entrance fees (Physical Education) eg tennis court hire, golf green fees, pool entry fee;
- CDs, DVDs, printer toner and paper for computer-based activities;
- School software site licences;
- Other miscellaneous course material requirements;
- Student diary will be supplied to all students in 2017;
- One school hat (choice of bucket hat or cap) will be supplied to all *new* students in 2017;
- One Texas Instruments TI-30XB calculator will be supplied to all *new* students in Years 7 – 10 in 2016.

How does the Government Resources Allowance contribute to the scheme?

The Government Textbook and Resource Allowance is paid to all eligible students. The allowance is currently \$121 for students in years 7 to 10 and \$262 for students in years 11 and 12. For contributing members of the scheme, this allowance is paid directly to the scheme and contributes towards your commitment. Further information about Government Textbook and Resources Allowances can be found at <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/Textbook-and-Resource-Allowance.aspx>.

Why is it good value for money?

For those families who choose not to be part of the scheme, individual levies are applicable for each subject, along with the purchase of relevant textbooks. As an illustration, the following information would be applicable to a Year 8 student in 2017:

Non-member:

Approximate textbook costs \$234.90

Subject levies:

Art \$24.60
English \$25.50
Mathematics \$38.10
Science \$22.45
Japanese \$10.00
Social Science \$10.00
Health & PE \$27.05
Home Economics \$52.30
Manual Arts \$38.00
Performing Arts \$22.35
Business/Computing Studies \$13.00
General photocopy charge \$87.00
Student Diary \$ 6.95

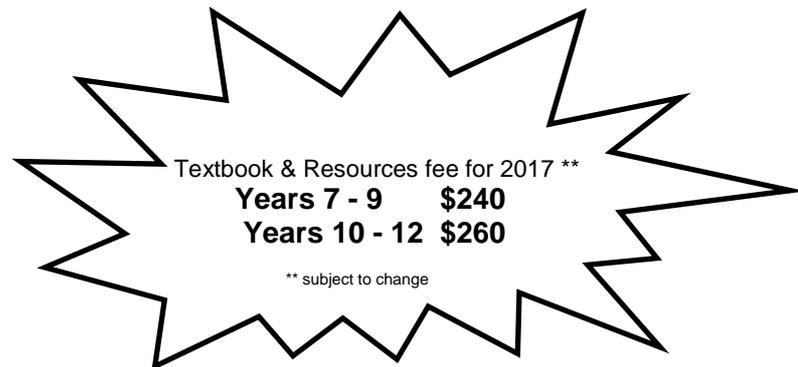
TOTAL COST (non-member) \$612.20

Member:

All textbook costs covered

Subject levies:

All subjects covered
General photocopy charge covered
Student Diary covered



Membership Costs ...

A security deposit of \$50 is required for each new student member of the scheme. The security deposit is refundable when the student leaves the school, provided all texts are returned undamaged and a *Termination of Membership Form* is completed. If texts are returned to the scheme in a damaged condition, the security deposit will be used for repair or replacement of the item. The security deposit will then need to be “topped up” to return it to the value of \$50 for the following year. The security deposit will be forfeited if not claimed within two years of leaving the school.

The fee for 2017 will be \$240 for Year 7, 8 and 9 students and \$260 for Year 10, 11 and 12 students (subject to change).

Students who do not study the full complement of subjects (for example, six subjects in the senior school) are entitled to a pro-rata refund of contributions.

Early payment discount ...

A \$20 discount will be offered for payments received before **1 December, 2016**.

Payment instalment scheme ...

Payment in instalments can be made any time during 2016, up to the last day of school in term 4. However, in January, 2017, no instalment payment options will be provided and full payment will be required before texts and resources are issued.

Parents experiencing financial difficulty ...

Parents wishing to join the scheme, but who are having financial difficulties are asked to contact the Principal of the school. All discussions are in confidence.

Non participation ...

Parents who do not wish to participate in the scheme will be expected to notify the school office and provide all necessary texts and resources for their children. A copy of this list can be obtained from the school administration office.

Conditions of membership ...

1. Students will supply their own personal learning items – as detailed in the school book lists, these items include pencils, pens, calculator and notebooks.
2. Books issued to students must be kept in good condition.
3. Students will be responsible for replacement of lost or negligently damaged books.
4. The scheme Convenor should be contacted immediately if a text is lost or damaged.
5. All textbooks remain the property of the scheme and must be returned to the scheme at the end of the school year or when a student leaves.
6. Books and resources provided under the scheme can not be issue to students whose parent/caregivers choose not to participate in the scheme.
7. If a student enrolls after the school year commences, the amount of contribution will be on a pro-rata basis based on the number of weeks of the year remaining.
8. If a student member leaves the school during the school year, completes a termination form and has returned all materials in an appropriate condition, a refund will be calculated based on the number of weeks remaining in the year. The security deposit will also be refunded under the same conditions. All unclaimed security deposits will be forfeited if not claimed within two years of leaving the scheme.
9. Some other costs may be applicable with some subjects. Parents will be notified throughout the year of these costs. Excursions and performances are examples of these costs.

<p>To contact the Convenors: Email: dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com Phone: 4669 0953 Office hours: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, school days.</p>
