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2026 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME PARTICIPATION FEE YEAR 1

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) is designed solely to provide parents/caregivers with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing resources from elsewhere, through reduced prices while maintaining item quality gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes. It is a non-profit scheme that directly provides each participant with online subscriptions, resources and materials, when required. The scheme is fully endorsed annually by the McDowall State School P&C Association.

Participation in the scheme is voluntary, and parents/caregivers are under no obligation to join. However, if you do not elect to join the scheme, you will need to provide all necessary online subscriptions and resources for your child. This cost to the individual is substantially higher than taking part in our scheme. A [Year Level/Student Resource Scheme List for Non-participants](#) is available from School Administration and/or classroom teacher.

The **Student Resource Scheme fee for 2026 is \$52.00** and provides:

Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets and teacher prepared material which complement and/or substitute for textbooks • Curriculum Practice Workbooks	\$ 13.50
Student and subject resources where core curriculum are extended through practical learning experiences, in excess of materials provided by school grants • Art - Craft and collage consumables used for art activities, celebration events and special days e.g. Mother's Day, Easter, Christmas. • STEM (Science, Technologies, Engineering, Mathematics) - Consumables and materials used in student directed investigations and experiments.	\$ 15.00 \$ 5.00
Student Reference Material and additional Computer Software • Mathletics – online mathematics program aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Student access from school and at home • Sunshine Online Bundle – online reading program with access to levelled e-books, interactive activities and games that focus on phonics, comprehension, fluency, spelling, writing and mathematics • SORA – online electronic library	\$ 13.25 \$ 3.75 \$ 1.50
TOTAL	\$ 52.00

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of joining the Scheme is \$52.00

The [2026 Student Resource Scheme Consent Form](#) has been sent out via QParents. Please **Grant** or **Decline** permission via QParents no later than **Friday 29th May 2026**. Please contact Administration if you require the details to set up a QParents account. An [invoice](#) will be issued on Wednesday 29th April 2026, with **payment due by Friday 15th May 2026**. QParents is the preferred method of payment. Alternatively, invoices will be emailed with BPOINT details or payment can be made at School Administration on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 8am-11am.

Payment options include:

- In full by 15th May 2026.
- Instalments of full fees: \$26 by 15th May 2026; \$26 by 12th June 2026.
- Or as mutually agreed with the Business Manager at School Administration.

Please contact the Business Manager if financial hardship exists so that an individual payment arrangement can be made. All discussions will remain confidential.

Should the 2026 Student Resource Scheme Consent Form and payment not be received by Friday 15th May 2026, from this date, non-participating students will be unable to access the online subscriptions.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?

Parents only need to complete ONE Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form, and it will remain current while your child is enrolled at this school. An invoice will automatically be forwarded annually. You do not need to complete a second form; however, **any Yr 1-6 families who have previously completed a PAF form, we ask that you renew this agreement electronically via QParents.**

- Please grant or decline the QParents consent request by Friday 29th May 2026 and indicate if you will be participating.
- If you choose to participate, please make payment on invoice by Friday 15th May 2026.
- Once completed via QParents, the Participation Agreement Form allows parents to participate in the Student Resource Scheme for the whole of their child's enrolment at the school. Parents only need to complete a new Participation Agreement Form if they change their mind about participating in the Student Resource Scheme in any year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN A STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME?

A Student Resource Scheme can include the provision of:

- Administration of the scheme.
- Equipment Hire (musical instruments, electronic devices) **Please note that instrumental hire is charged as an additional SRS Fee at this school to participating students only.*
- Reproduced class materials and workbooks which complement and/or substitute for textbooks.
- Other reference materials.
- Equipment.
- Audio and video recordings.
- Computer software.
- Materials where the core curriculum is extended through provision of practical learning experiences and material, in excess of those provided by school grants.

WHY DOES MCDOWALL STATE SCHOOL OPERATE A RESOURCE SCHEME?

The objective of the Scheme is to offer parents an economic alternative to their independent purchase of school resources. These additional funds, provided directly to Year Level teachers, enhance and extend educational experiences and opportunities for students. While membership of the Scheme is *not compulsory*, the school strongly encourages your participation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD LEAVES DURING THE YEAR?

If a student leaves the school during the year, having paid a fee, a pro-rata refund to the parent may be made. The pro-rata refund is based on the fee paid, less the cost of consumed materials/resources, based on a 40-week school year. A bank transfer will be completed within one month of the school receiving the Request for Refund Form, as long as all outstanding invoices have been paid.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM ENROLLING MY CHILD LATER IN THE YEAR?

If a student enrolls at the school after the first term, the fee will be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

WHAT IF I DON'T JOIN?

Participation in the Student Resource Scheme is voluntary, however, if you choose not to participate you will be required to provide all resources that would have been otherwise provided by participation in the Scheme. This includes all materials, resources and online subscriptions that are covered under the Scheme.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME AND DO NOT PAY ANY OF THE AMOUNTS OWING?

Parents/Caregivers who have consented to join the Student Resource Scheme at this school have entered into an agreement and there is an obligation to pay these fees in exchange for the use of resources. If the parent/caregiver has made no attempt to make payment, or made arrangements for payment, resources may be withheld or retrieved. The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the Scheme if there are payments overdue from the previous year. All arrears from participants in the Scheme from previous years must be paid in full.