# Calamvale Special School

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Dear Calamvale Special School families,

#### Subject: Important Information – 2025 Student Resource Scheme (SRS)

Calamvale Special School operates an SRS in line with the Department of Education QLD policy and in consultation with our P&C. In recognition of the rising cost of living and the financial pressures being experienced by many families, we are pleased to advise that the Student Resource Scheme will be reduced for the 2025 school year.

The Queensland Government continues to support students' education by funding; classroom staff, facilities, and staff to support school operations. This funding does not extend to individual student resources and many items used and consumed by students in the classroom, personal care, and hygiene products (e.g. nappies, wipes) or cost of camps, excursions, incursions, and other special events. These remain the responsibility of parents/carers.

Families are asked to participate in the SRS which is designed to provide individualised resources to meet student needs, offer a cost effective and convenient alternative to sourcing resources for families and ensuring all students have access to the same standard of resources. Additionally, our bulk buying power allows us to purchase at a lower rate. Participation in the SRS is optional, and no obligation is placed on a parent to participate. Participation is for the duration of your child's enrolment at the school.

The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and revenue collected through the scheme is applied only to the resources and operation of the scheme. The financial impact on parents and whether the school can absorb any of the cost has been considered before determining the SRS fee.

The scheme's operation, resource inclusions and participation fees were approved by the school's P&C Association at the meeting held on 27/02/2025.

For more detailed information about the SRS can be found on the Department's website: (https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-resource-scheme-srs-procedure).

For general information on school fees and charges please see the 'parents and carers' site on <u>School fees and charges</u>.

The resources provided to the students under the scheme include items such as:

#### Consumables

- Art materials
- Sensory support material
- All stationery requirements
- Cooking/Food play ingredients

#### Items used in replacement of text books

- Individualised printed materials
- Worksheets
- Visual supports
- Online learning resources such as subscriptions and high-tech communication tools
- Low tech communication tools

#### **Educational Services**

• ASDAN courses and materials for students in the senior sector

When joining the scheme for the first-time families are required to complete the SRS Participation Agreement Form.

Participation or non-participation in the scheme will continue as per the previously completed Participation Agreement Form. You can change your preference at any time by completing another Participation Agreement Form.

If a family has opted out of the scheme, they are required to provide the educational resources listed in the SRS for their child from the start of each school year. A comprehensive list will be provided.

The Department of Education provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance to assist parents with the cost of text books and other education resources in 2025 for eligible year 7 - 10 students at \$155 and year 11 - 12 students at \$337. For those students eligible to receive this it will be applied to reduce the cost of participation in the SRS

The SRS fees payable for 2025 are:

Prep to Year 6	\$160.00
Years 7 – 10	Covered by Textbook and Resource Allowance
Years 11 – 12	Covered by Textbook and Resource Allowance

Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly, per term, or as a full payment via;

Payments are due by 15th of August and can be made via the following methods;

- BPoint (click the BPoint link on your invoice)
- Centrelink Instalments (contact Admin to set up a Centrelink deduction plan)
- Payment Plan
- In Person at Reception between 8:00am and 10am Monday to Friday

Parents experiencing financial hardship who are currently participating or wish to participate in the SRS should contact the school to discuss available options in confidence.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your circumstances, please contact a member of the school's leadership team on (07) 3712 5555.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Susan Howell Principal

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Natalie Cupitt P&C President



Date

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### SRS Fee Payment Arrangement Form

### **Section 1: Student Details**

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