



Highfields State
Secondary College

Highfields State Secondary College is funded primarily by the State Government to meet the costs associated with the provision of instruction, facilities and administration for the education of all students. Parents/carers do not contribute to the provision of these basic services. This provision is commonly referred to as 'free education'. Other costs associated with providing for a student's education are not free. **The cost of text books and additional resources has always been the responsibility of parents and students.** Schools are authorised under Chapter 3. Section 51, Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 to charge fees for a range of services.

A parent is directly responsible for providing the student with textbooks and other resources for a student's use while attending school.

(Policy and Procedure Register, Version 3.0, Department of Education, Training and Employment).

The Government Textbook and Resource Allowance (TRA) provides financial assistance to parents of secondary school students to reduce the cost of education. The TRA is paid by the Queensland Government once per year per student in Years 7 -12. In 2019 each student in Year 7 – 10 received \$127 and students in Year 11 and 12 received \$276. These funds are given directly to the school. This amount changes annually.

As a service to assist parents with the cost of these educational resources, Highfields State Secondary College operates a **Student Resource Scheme**. The Student Resource Scheme levies are **in addition** to the Government allowance and, at Highfields State Secondary College, the TRA will be applied as a deduction to the annual cost of participation in the scheme.

The **Student Resource Scheme** is a cost effective option for parents to purchase the required items for their child's schooling, through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes. Items required include textbooks, resources, photocopying, consumables and materials.

Highfields State Secondary College will purchase these items on your behalf, saving you money and time. Parents choosing not to participate in the SRS must indicate by completing the participation form accordingly. The College will provide a list of resources for these parents to purchase for their child.

Student Resource Scheme Participation Fee

after Textbook and Resource allowance (TRA) has been deducted

Year 7 – 12 2020

\$245 per student

(by agreeing to participate in the Student Resource scheme parents are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions and payment of the prescribed fee.)



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The scheme's major purpose is to provide an extremely cost effective and efficient strategy to parents and students which:

- Reduces the heavy financial outlay for parents in providing a wide variety of student resources
- Eliminates shopping for textbooks and resources
- Gives student access to a wide range of up-to-date resources
- Supplements consumable resources which are used to ensure real life learning experiences for our students
- Accommodates a range of school based workplace programs to enhance student skill development

The following items are **NOT** covered by the Student Resource Scheme:

- Voluntary contributions to supplement the instruction, administration and facilities provided at the College
- College activities, such as College excursions, school sport, camps and formals. Individual payments can be made for these activities as they occur.
- College Magazine and College Photos
- Stationery

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