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BRISBANE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME HANDBOOK 2025



Executive Principal's Message

This year, to assist in addressing the cost of living pressure on parents we are moving to a Student Resource Scheme (SRS) model and away from the traditional User Pays fee structure.

Our Resource Scheme has been designed to assist parents with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing resources and consumables and/or materials required for students to fully engage with the curriculum.

The SRS organised by Brisbane State High operates under the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education and is reviewed annually and endorsed by the P&C Association.

Only those elective subjects that are resource heavy, such as some sciences, ITD subjects and Arts subjects will be charged a Subject Fee if selected. These charges will be clearly stated at the time of subject selection, so you and your child are able to make an informed decision.

We additionally charge User Pays fees to cover the direct costs of incursions/excursions, affiliation fees, external courses, and extra-curricular activities.

Please complete the SRS Participation Form when you receive it via email to formalise your participation in the scheme and to advise of your payment intentions. Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Accounts Management Officer to discuss your payment options.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GP Pierce', written in a cursive style.

Greg Pierce
Executive Principal

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME INFORMATION

This fee schedule includes important information about the fees and inclusions for the SRS and User Pays charges. Your agreement to participate in the Scheme will be assumed for the remainder of your child's enrolment unless you inform the school otherwise by completing a new participation agreement form (available from our web site). If you are a new parent to the school, this information will assist you in deciding whether you wish to participate in the SRS.

What is provided by the QLD Government?

The QLD Government supports children's education by providing funding for instruction (teachers), facilities (school grounds, buildings and internet) and administration (staff to run the school). Funding for schools does not extend to individual student resources such as textbooks, equipment, stationery items and many other items used in the classroom.

The SRS helps parents to source these resources. The school purchases resources at a lower cost due to bulk buying. Resources such as musical instruments can be hired to students to further reduce costs for families. Participating in the SRS also offers a convenient way for parents to source items that their child needs for school and ensures that all students have access to the same standard of materials.

The types of resources included are:

- Owned by the student. Eg. Compass Cards
- Hired to the student for a specific duration of time Eg. Musical Instruments – these need to be returned to the school in reasonable condition at the end of the hire period or if the student leaves the school.
- Used in class – eg. Stationery, timber, materials, chemicals and workbooks – these items will be used in class. The finished work will generally come home with the student.

The Fee

Brisbane State High School's SRS has been endorsed by the P&C at the October general meeting and is a combination of flat and subject fees.

If you are not satisfied that the SRS represents good value for money on the inclusions you may choose not to participate in the SRS. If that is the case, you will be provided with a detailed list of resources can be found on our website that you will need to provide for your child.

The TRA (Textbook & Resource Allowance)

The Department of Education provides the majority of high school students with a Textbook and Resource Allowance that is paid directly to the school for eligible students. **Full fee paying international students and exchange students** are not eligible. Please see the back of the PAF (Participation Agreement Form) for eligibility.

For those eligible students, the TRA will be applied to reduce the cost of the SRS or you may choose to donate your TRA to the P&C Association. All options will be outlined in a separate email survey to advise us of your preference.

Payment Schedule

Years 7-9 will be invoiced each semester. Years 10-12 will be invoiced annually at the beginning of the school year. Payment plans are available under arrangement by contacting our Accounts Management Officer. Any unexpended fees will be reallocated to whole school priority projects in the following year. A list of these projects can be found on our website.

Financial Difficulty

If you would like to participate but are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Accounts Management officer to arrange an appointment to discuss your options. Onus is on the parent to prove financial hardship. All information provided will be confidential.

Unpaid Invoices

Resources will not be distributed until the full or first payment has been made to the school. Any unpaid invoices will be managed according to the Department's Debt Management Procedures and may result in the student being excluded from the scheme and/or participating in extra-curricular activities. Any unpaid fees will be transferred to siblings where appropriate.

Return of Hired Resources

A repair or replacement cost will be charged for any items that are damaged or not returned.

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding the SRS and its inclusions, please contact our Accounts Management Officer at accountsmanagement@brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au

Junior Students (Years 7-10) Parent contribution to the Student Resource Scheme - \$250.00	
Student Resource Scheme Inclusions	Cost
Student Owned Consumable Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationery items provided in class by teacher • Art & Craft materials for class work • Science Consumables (not chemicals) • Graph paper, lined paper used to support in class learning 	\$50.00
Printing - reference material to complement and/or substitute for textbooks (\$5 per term per subject)	\$120.00
Equipment hire for use in classes – ie. calculators, cameras, musical instruments, science equipment (labcoats, safety glasses, gloves)	\$30.00
Social and Emotional Development Programs ARC (Academic, Resilience, Careers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School TV subscription (also for parent wellbeing information) - Engagement of external agencies to deliver topical presentations focusing on self-esteem, resilience, bullying, cyber safety, stress management, peer pressure and self-advocacy. 	\$50.00
Total if TRA donated to P&C	\$ 250.00
Government Textbook Allowance (Credit)	\$-160.00
Total if TRA applied as credit	\$ 90.00

All Textbooks and Novels are accessed via the
Box of Books digital platform.

SRS FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HIRE

Charged annually to those students who hire a musical instrument

Hire of School Musical Instrument (supports the instrument replacement and maintenance program)	\$120.00
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Senior Students (Years 11&12) Parent contribution to the Student Resource Scheme - \$370.00	
Student Resource Scheme Inclusions	Cost
Student Owned Consumable Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationery items provided in class by teacher • Art & Craft materials for class work • Graph paper, lined paper used to support in class learning 	\$50.00
Printing - reference material to complement and/or substitute for textbooks (\$10 per term per subject)	\$240.00
Equipment hire for use in classes – ie. calculators, cameras, musical instruments, science equipment (labcoats, safety glasses, gloves)	\$30.00
Social and Emotional Development Programs ARC (Academic, Resilience, Careers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School TV subscription (also for parent wellbeing information) - Engagement of external agencies to deliver topical presentations focusing on self-esteem, resilience, bullying, cyber safety, stress management, peer pressure and self-advocacy. 	\$50.00
Total if TRA donated to the P&C	\$ 370.00
Government Textbook Allowance (Credit)	\$-348.00
Total if TRA applied as credit	\$ 22.00

All Textbooks and Novels are accessed via the
Box of Books digital platform.

SRS FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT HIRE

Charged annually to those students who hire a musical instrument

Hire of School Musical Instrument (supports the instrument replacement and maintenance program)	\$120.00
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User Pays Fees & Elective Subject Levies

Being a student at Brisbane State High School is a privilege afforded to both local and merit entry students. We are the only State School included in the prestigious GPS and QGSSA sporting associations which comes with a substantial financial contribution.

All students are expected to participate in an extra-curricular activity, be it sporting, academic (chess & debating) or cultural (music & art). We divide the cost of these affiliations between every student attending our school to ensure all students are afforded the opportunity to participate in order to enhance their holistic schooling journey.

In addition, the expectation is that all students will participate in our whole of school events such as Athletics and Swimming Carnivals as well as our celebration ceremonies – Leadership & Learning and culminating in their Year 12 Graduation Ceremony which are held at large venues due to our student numbers.

General Levy

GPS/QGSSSA/Met East Affiliation Fees Interhouse Athletics Carnival & Swimming Carnival Whole School events ie. Leadership & Learning Ceremony	\$100.00 per year
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Technology Levy

ICT – Individual Student Licenses <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adobe Suite - \$10• Education Perfect - \$60• Turnitin - \$6• Clickview - \$3• Showbie - \$11	\$90.00 per year
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Student Printing Cards

Printing cards are required for students to be able to access public transport discounted fares, to access student printing accounts and for their final QCAA examinations.

Printing Cards will be issued once during each student's enrolment (unless lost or damaged)

Student Printing Card (issued once for the term of enrolment) Includes \$10 worth of printing credit	\$10.00
Replacement Cards (if lost or damaged)	\$10.00

Brisbane State High School Alumni Membership

Membership to the Blue Red Blue State High Alumni (only charged once during enrolment). Entitles the student to Associate Membership until Year 12 and includes a membership badge. Families will receive all alumni newsletters and communications. Not compulsory.	\$30.00
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Brisbane State High School Yearbook

Hard copies of the magazine can be ordered on-line through My Yearbook. Digital copies will be available free of charge via StudentNet.
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2025 ELECTIVE SUBJECT FEES

JUNIORS – YEARS 7, 8 & 9

Values are approved by the P&C Association each year. These costs may be inclusive of workshops or incursions directly related to the subject. Please refer to the notes about the subject in the subject selection guide available on the website. There may be times that other excursions will be billed separately.

Years 7 to 9 will be invoiced each semester due to undertaking different elective subjects.

At the end of each year, any unexpended subject fees will be reallocated to whole school priority projects that benefit all students. A list of these projects can be found on the website.

SUBJECTS	2025 SEMESTER FEE
THE ARTS	
Music – includes subscription to Hook Theory and Flat IO, access to eLr learning resources, repertoire, and classroom instrument resources, technology and instrument consumables. Levy formerly would have included live performance but this will be invoiced separately.	\$38
Year 7 – Drama – includes consumables for puppetry, learning resources. Levy formerly would have included live performance by professional theatre company as responding stimulus but this will be invoiced separately.	\$20
Year 8 & 9 Drama - includes consumables, learning resources, engagement with industry practitioners in the form of technique workshops. Levy formerly would have included live performance by professional theatre company as responding stimulus but this will be invoiced separately.	\$20
Year 8 & 9 – Drama Extension program: Shakespeare Ensemble production of 'Hamlet', by audition, including workshop with Rob Pensalfini in performance skills, props/costumes, production shirt.	\$75
Year 7 Dance – includes choreography workshop and routine and technique workshop for safe dance practice	\$45
Year 8 Dance – includes choreography workshop and routine and technique workshop for safe dance practice	\$50
Year 9 Dance – Bollywood choreography & First Nations choreography workshops; includes the engagement of a professional choreographer to provide students with industry standard techniques and routines and safe dance practice	\$65
Years 7 & 8 Visual Art – includes classroom consumables for artmaking folios, learning and assessment (eg paints, paper, clay, photocopying for printing, drawing etc), visual diaries, resources for assessment display as per syllabus requirements, artist workshop	\$75
Year 9 Visual Art – includes classroom consumables for artmaking folios, learning and assessment (eg paints, paper, ink, lino, photocopying for printing, drawing etc), visual diaries resources for assessment display as per syllabus requirements, artist workshop	\$80
Media Arts – includes assessment and learning consumables (tripods, audio, costumes, props).	\$75
Visual Art Selective Entry Students Only – Enrichment Program This involves multiple sessions with an artist in residence, to enrich and refine students' artistic practice; as well as the materials required by the artist to deliver the program. Consumables for students' art making.	\$75 For full year
Instrumental Music – repertoire and instrument consumables –(Annual fee charged once)	\$100

SUBJECTS	2025 SEMESTER FEE
BUSINESS INNOVATION & DESIGN (BID)	
Years 7 – 9 Engineering The cost of this course includes: 3D printers, laser cutters, wind tunnel, Lego Spikes, plane testing kits, trebuchet jigs, F1 cars, testing kits, Projectile sets, mass sets, Arduino kits, electrical kits, A4 cardboard, A3 Isographic paper, A3 orthographic paper, A4 blank paper, masking tape, glue tubes, acrylic/ply for laser cutter.	\$85
Years 7 & 8 – Design The cost of this course includes: Air dry clay, 3D filament, acrylic, dowel (various), laser plywood, wire, cardboard, coloured paper, isometric paper, grid paper, epoxy glue, glue sticks low melt glue, masking tape, modelling clay, shredded coloured paper, superglue, card thin stock, balsa, paint, PVA glue, wood skewers, lolly pop sticks, coloured textas, post it notes, jewellery bindings, string, cellophane, fabric scraps, sandwich bags, laser cutter, 3D printers, hot wire cutters, graphics markers, fine liners.	\$55
Year 9 – Design The cost of this course includes: Air dry clay, 3D filament, acrylic, dowel (various), laser plywood, wire, cardboard, coloured paper, isometric paper, grid paper, epoxy glue, glue sticks low melt glue, masking tape, modelling clay, shredded coloured paper, superglue, card thin stock, balsa, paint, PVA glue, wood skewers, lolly pop sticks, coloured textas, post it notes, jewellery bindings, string, cellophane, fabric scraps, sandwich bags, fine liners, hot glue guns, light boards, laser cutter, 3D printers hot wire cutter.	\$85

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE)	
Year 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker • Science of Fitness Excursion 	\$25
Year 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speakers – Alcohol Education. • HPE includes a Lifesaving Unit and this is held at Musgrave Park Pool. Pool costs are \$3.65 per visit and are included in the cost of this fee - 13 visits @ \$3.65 per visit. This is a discounted cost to BSHS students. 	\$50
Year 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock climbing unit coordinated by Urban Climb in West End. This course includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harness and shoe hire ○ 1st lesson – Demonstration and safety ○ 2nd lesson – Coach's assessment for level of individual grading/lesson plan/program ○ 3rd lesson – end of term – Each lesson coach to sign off on certain technique or route completion. ○ 8 lessons x \$20 	\$160

OTHER LEARNING AREAS	
LEARNING & ENRICHMENT	
Language for Academic Success (LAS). Classroom Resources. This is a support program for students from non-English speaking backgrounds, to help with their English language proficiency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print resources – reference materials (e.g. extracts from novels/short stories/journals), study booklets • Class stationery – pencils, pens, glue sticks, paper, coloured pens/pencils. • Working memory training. • Consumables. 	\$30
Literacy Support (LSU) & Numeracy Program (NPG) Classroom Resources – providing students with support to access the whole school curriculum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print resources – reference materials (e.g. extracts from novels/short stories/journals), study booklets • Class sets of workbooks for Literacy & Numeracy • Class stationery – pencils, pens, glue sticks, paper, coloured pens/pencils. • Working memory training. • Consumables. 	\$30

2025 ELECTIVE SUBJECT FEES




SENIORS – YEARS 10, 11 & 12

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Years 10, 11 & 12 students will be invoiced annually for subjects. At the end of each year, any unexpended subject fees will be reallocated to whole school priority projects that benefit all students. A list of these projects can be found on the website.

SUBJECTS	2025 FEE
THE ARTS	
10 & 11 Music and Accelerated Music - includes workshop with industry professional, subscription to Hook Theory and Flat IO, access to eLr learning resources, repertoire and classroom instrument resources and technology and instrument consumables.	\$75
12 Music Extension (Composition, Performing, Musicology) - includes workshop with industry professional, subscription to Hook Theory and Flat IO, access to eLr learning resources, repertoire and classroom instrument resources, technology and instrument consumables.	\$85
10 Dance — includes professional choreography and technique workshops, access to learning resources (eg props, costumes for performance) and lesson consumables.	\$60
11 & 12 Dance – includes professional choreography and technique workshops, access to learning resources (eg props, costumes for performance) and lesson consumables.	\$70
10 & 11 Drama – includes technique workshop by theatre professionals. Levy formerly would have included live performance by professional theatre company as responding stimulus but this will be invoiced separately.	\$30
12 Drama – includes workshops by theatre professionals. Levy formerly would have included live performance by professional theatre company as responding stimulus but this will be invoiced separately.	\$30
Year 10-12 – Drama Extension program: Shakespeare Ensemble production of 'Hamlet', by audition, including workshop with Rob Pensalfini in performance skills, props/ costumes, production shirt.	\$75
Instrumental Music – includes repertoire, instrument consumables	\$100
Film and Television – includes Adobe software package, digital assets for assessment and learning, equipment loans (cameras, tripods, sound recording gear etc) for assessment, learning and assessment resources and consumables.	\$135
10 Visual Art - includes classroom consumables for artmaking folios, learning and assessment (eg sculpture and printmaking materials, paper, photocopying for printing etc), visual diaries, resources for assessment display as per syllabus requirements, 2 half day technique and media workshops with professional artist	\$160
11 Visual Art – includes 3 technique and media workshops incursions/ excursions with professional artists, classroom consumables for artmaking folios, learning and assessment (eg painting materials, canvases, paper, photocopying for printing etc), visual diaries, resources for assessment display as per syllabus requirements,	\$170
12 Visual Art – includes technique workshops with professional artists, classroom consumables for artmaking folios, learning and assessment (eg materials to support student individual artmaking focus, paper, photocopying for printing etc), visual diaries, resources for assessment display as per syllabus requirements,	\$155

BUSINESS INNOVATION & DESIGN (BID)

<p>Year 10 – Design</p> <p>This includes:</p> <p>Materials & consumables to construct prototypes of design projects. Includes specialty colored pencils and paper, A3 folders, foam core, bleed proof paper, tracing paper, A3 sheet protectors.</p> <p>Additional cost for the purchase of 6 specific Copic markers for students which could not be added to the resource list. Students will be issued with these for their personal use.</p>		<p>\$120</p>
<p>Year 10 – Digital Solutions</p> <p>The fee includes the cost of an Arduino kit. Students will be able to take the kits home at the end of Semester 1.</p>		<p>\$36</p>
<p>Year 10 – Engineering</p> <p>The cost of this course includes:</p> <p>Lego Robotics, metals and alloys: mild steel, aluminium, nickel, cold rolled steel, cast iron, copper. Composites: plywood, fibreglass. Polymers, PE, PP, PVC, LDPE, HDPE, ABS, PC, PMMA, PA6, PTE. Ceramics: tile, porcelain, brick. Natural materials: timbers (hard and soft woods) rubber. Wooden craft sticks, glue sticks, Arduino kits, Electrical circuits, Statics boards, Truss bending equipment and samples, motion samples.</p>		<p>\$105</p>
<p>Year 10 – Foundation Certificate II – Furniture Making Pathways</p> <p>Cost includes materials for practical projects. Students will be able to take projects home at the end of the unit of work. These may include chopping board, folding stool, coffee tray, toolbox.</p>		<p>\$150</p>
<p>Years 11 & 12 – Design</p> <p>Fee includes:</p> <p>Purchase of 6 specific Copic markers for students which could not be added to the resource list. Students will be issued with these for their personal use.</p> <p>A3 folders, foam core, bleed proof paper, tracing paper, A3 sheet protectors, butchers paper.</p>		<p>\$120</p>
<p>Years 11 & 12 – Engineering</p> <p>This includes:</p> <p>Metals and alloys: mild steel, aluminium, nickel, cold rolled steel, cast iron, copper, lead, tin, annealed, hardened and tempered steel, HC steel. Composites: plywood, fibreglass, concrete. Polymers, PE, PP, PVC, LDPE, HDPE, ABS, PC, PMMA, PA6, PTE. Ceramics: glass, tile, porcelain, brick. Natural materials: timbers (hard and soft woods) rubber. Wooden craft sticks, glue sticks, Tensometer, Oscilloscope, testing models, hanging masses, pulleys, gears, water cutter, jet cutter, truss bending equipment, truss tower equipment.</p>		<p>\$105</p>
<p>Years 11 and 12 Diploma of Business – RTO Costs (Subject to change)</p> <p>Diploma of Business will be undertaken with Prestige Training as the Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Prestige Training will invoice students and may provide a part payment option over the two years.</p>		<p>\$2750</p>
<p>Years 11 and 12 – Certificate IV Justice - RTO Costs (Subject to change)</p> <p>Certificate IV Justice will be undertaken with Unity College as the Registered Training Organisation (RTO). Unity College will invoice students.</p>		<p>\$750 (For 2 yr course)</p>
<p>Years 11 & 12 – Certificate II Furniture Making Pathways</p> <p>Cost includes all building materials and use of tools and equipment. Vocational Education & Training (VET) funding from the Department Education is assisting to defray costs. Projects include chopping board, jewellery box, hall table and dart board.</p>		<p>VETiS Funded</p>

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
Year 10 – Preparation Health Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speakers – body image, domestic violence 	\$25
Year 10 – Preparation Fitness and Sport and Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$90 RTO fee (Binnacle) 	\$90
Year 10 – Cert III & IV Fitness – FitEducation Year 10,11 & 12 – 3 year course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any student who is completing their courses using VETIS funding for the Cert II, they will have 3 payments next year - \$400 in Term 1, \$200 in Term 2, \$200 in Term 3. For any student who is completing their courses not using VETIS funding for the Cert II, they will have 4 payments next year - \$400 in Term 1, \$220 in Term 2, \$220 in Term 3 and \$220 in Term 4. They will then have a further 2x \$220 payments in 2026 to cover the \$1500 total. 	\$1500
Year 11 – Health Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest speaker – Alcohol Unit Road Safety Guest Speakers Excursion – Homelessness Shelter 	\$50
Year 11 – Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Unit 6 tuition lessons from the golf professional at Brisbane Golf Club @ \$15 per lesson with all golf equipment and balls provided. \$25 green fees for 2 x 9 holes at Bulimba Golf Course. 	\$140
Year 11 & 12 Cert III Fitness (Binnacle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Year Course 	\$365 + \$55 for First Aid
Year 12 – Health Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> guest speaker – Domestic Violence PARTY Program 	\$25
Year 12 – Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badminton coaching - \$100/hour x 5 sessions 	\$57

Year 11/12 – Health Support Assistant Certificate Two year course delivered by TAFE. Students will be invoiced by TAFE directly or can use their VETIS funding	
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SCIENCE – ALL CONSUMABLES FOR EXPERIMENTS	
Year 10 – Preparation for Biology	\$45
Year 10 – Preparation for Chemistry	\$40
Year 10 – Preparation for Physics	\$40
Year 10 – Preparation for Psychology	\$40
Years 11 & 12 – Chemistry	\$45
Years 11 & 12 - Physics	\$40
Years 11 & 12 – Psychology	\$45
Year 11 & 12 – Biology	\$45
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING	
Vocational Education & Training - Certificate Course is delivered by private providers - costs vary dependent on the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and are managed directly through the RTOs. In some cases students may be invoiced by the school and fees for courses undertaken are required to be paid in advance of participation.	
OTHER LEARNING AREAS	
LEARNING & ENRICHMENT	
EAL/D Support Program (ELV). This is a support program for students from non-English speaking background to help with their English language proficiency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print resources – reference materials (e.g. extracts from novels/short stories/journals), study booklets, • Class stationery – pencils, pens, glue sticks, paper, coloured pens/pencils. • Working memory training. • Consumables. 	\$30
Student Support Program (SSP). Individual support for students to manage their studies through Senior School. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print resources – reference materials (e.g. extracts from novels/short stories/journals), study booklets. • Consumables. 	\$25

LIBRARY - VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

STATE HIGH FOUNDATION – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Your contribution assists with projects and programs that directly benefit the students and school. This will appear on your child's booklist through Box of Books as a line item, however, you are able to pay this donation through the QKR App.

All donations are tax deductible, and a tax receipt will be issued.