

State Education Fees Policy



At Brisbane State High School, we are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff. We offer an excellent educational environment and provide many opportunities to our students. State schools do not charge instruction, facilities and administration costs, however, some fees are essential to support the delivery of education. The school operates a fee for service program through the State Education Fees policy: <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/State-Education-Fees.aspx>

We provide opportunities to students and encourage participation in curriculum-based activities, as well as the optional extra-curricular and recreational activities. At State High, the mandatory fees include:

- subject fees (inclusive of excursions and other activities directly related to the subject)
- a general levy
- a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) levy*
- a DTN (Direct to Net) levy*
- other levies and fees that may arise from time to time.

** BYOD & Direct to Net: These fees provide resources, internet connectivity and assistance over and above what the State Government provides to schools.*

The P&C Association reviews and approves these fees each year. The fees are available for perusal on the school's website each year – <https://brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au/ourschool/Aboutstatehigh/Pages/State-education-fees.aspx>

Textbooks also incur an expense, however, a state government allowance offsets some of this cost. Please refer to <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/budgets-funding-grants/grants/parents-and-students/textbook-resource-allowance>

State schools are able to charge a fee for:

- an educational service including materials and consumables not defined as instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student;
- an education service purchased from a provider other than the school where the provider charges the school; and
- a specialised educational program.

A school fee is directed to the purpose for which it is charged.

Invoices

Subject invoices are emailed in Week 4 of Semester 1 and Semester 2. Statements are emailed in Week 4 of each term.

- Year 10, 11 and 12 students receive subject invoices in Semester 1 only;
- Year 7, 8 and 9 students receive subject invoices in Semester 1 and 2, as they change subjects each semester;
- Fees for Senior students undertaking Certificate level courses are also included in the subject fees.

Textbook and Resource Allowance

The Queensland Government provides a Textbook and Resource Allowance to parents/guardians of eligible students to offset the costs of education. The allowance is paid to the school. The school then pays the allowance to its eligible families on behalf of the department.

The allowance varies annually. In November of each school year, the Department of Education advises the values of the allowances. They differ for students in Years 7-10 and for those in Years 11 and 12.

If there are changes to the allowance, parents and guardians are informed in the first finance newsletter of each school year.

Eligibility

Most students are eligible to receive this allowance once a year for six years (or for the duration of their enrolment at Brisbane State High School).

Students are not eligible if they:

- are enrolled as International Students;
- are enrolled in a Centre for Continuing Secondary Education (CCSE);
- are undertaking-part time distance education from a non-state school accredited for distance education;
- are enrolled after the first Friday in August.

Receiving the Allowance

Parents and guardians can choose to have the full value of the Textbook Allowance:

- credited on the first invoice of the school year;
- paid to them via EFT;
- donated, wholly or in-part, to the P&C Association.

When you enrol your child, you will be asked for your preferred option.

Summary of Fees

Subject Fees

Subject fees cover the cost of resources, excursions and activities associated with the subject.

Subject fees for Junior and Senior students are available for downloading via our website link: <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/State-Education-Fees.aspx>

When you enrol, you will be asked to sign a form indicating that you understand the school applies fees for the subjects taken, and that you agree to pay these.

More information is available in the first Finance Matters newsletter of the school year.

General Levy

The general levy includes affiliation fees to:

- The Great Public Schools' (GPS) Association of Qld Inc
- Queensland Girls' Secondary Schools Sports Association (QGSSSA)
- Brisbane Schoolgirls' Rowing Association (BSRA)
- Metropolitan East School Sport (MESS)

It also includes:

- Badges - sports house
- Badges - Year 12
- Career guides
- Entry fees to sporting carnivals—swimming and athletics
- Excursions for whole school activities such as our School Leaders' Induction Ceremony, Award Ceremonies and the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
- GROUP photos for the school magazine
- Identification (ID) card

Extra-Curricular Activities (optional)

Optional extra-curricular activities (inclusive of performing and visual arts, chess, debating and sporting activities), excursions, camps, formals, socials and other activities are offered to students to enhance the educational experience at the school. Levies for extra-curricular activities are calculated on a cost recovery only basis, according to the number of students who have indicated their attendance. The levy is set after consultation with parent representatives, Masters in Charge and the school's finance department. Parents/guardians are informed of these levies prior to students participating in the activity.

These should be paid before starting any activity. If this is not possible, the latest date for payment is by Week 3.

Costs include:

- Equipment
- Buses
- Uniforms
- Coaches'/instructors' shirts
- Operating expenses (photocopying, repair costs)
- Gifts for volunteer coaches and instructors
- Equipment replacement

Parents and guardians can find out about these costs at the information sessions provided by the Master in Charge (MIC) of the activities. Contact details for the MICs are available on our website:

- Sport: <https://brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Sport/Pages/default.aspx>
- Cultural and other activities: <https://brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Cultural-activities/Pages/default.aspx>
- Other activities: <https://brisbaneshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Other-activities/Pages/default.aspx>

Other Levies and Fees

School Magazine

The annual school magazine provides a record of the year's school life and is greatly valued by past and present students.

Recreational Activities

Throughout the year, opportunities arise where students are invited to participate in year level activities, overseas trips, etc. These are not mandatory. Costs for these are determined by venue, catering, decorations, security and other costs. Participation has terms and conditions to be noted.

Payment

You can pay all fees and levies by:

- paying at the B Block Finance Counter;
- setting up a Centrelink direct debit;
- paying via BPoint electronically;
- making a direct deposit into the school's bank account.

For more information on payment options, download [Payment Options for Parents \(PDF, 76 KB\)](#).

Payment plans

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Accounts Management Officer on 3291 4213 early in the year to set up a Payment Plan. A Payment Plan allows you to pay fees gradually.

Download the [Part Payment Authority Form \(PDF, 1.2 MB\)](#).

By contacting us early, you can ensure your child's extra-curricular and recreational activities are managed responsibly.

Non-Payment of Levies and Fees

It is essential that subject fees are paid so that resources can be provided in classrooms. This school ensures that classrooms are resourced well and to a high standard. This cannot happen without the payment of subject fees.

Subject fees must be paid in full or alternatively a committed, formalised part payment arrangement must be in place to ensure that students have no interruption to their participation in optional extra-curricular or recreational activities.

This policy applies to all students, irrespective of their enrolment category. Levies apply to all students, regardless of the category of enrolment in which they are enrolled.

Reference Documents:

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/browse/inforce>

<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/Student-Resource-Scheme.aspx>

<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/accounts/Pages/Debt-Management.aspx>

<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/Textbook-and-Resource-Allowance.aspx>

<http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/finance/services/Pages/Financial-Practices-in-Schools-and-Other-Education-Centres.aspx>

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