



TOOWOOMBA

East
A QUEENSLAND STATE SCHOOL



Information on Student Resource Scheme

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter contains important information regarding the 2026 Instrumental Music Student Resource Scheme, including the rationale of the scheme and the annual participation fee options.

Student Resource Scheme Rationale

The Queensland Government supports students' music education by providing funding for:

- Instruction - Instrumental Music teacher wages
- Facilities - buildings, amenities, furniture
- Administration - staffing to administer the Instrumental Music program

Funding does not extend to individual student music resources such as band and ensemble music, school-owned specialised musical equipment (music stands, music stools, percussion equipment, PA gear etc.), school-owned loan instruments, maintenance of school-owned musical instruments and equipment, and music performance uniforms. Supply of these items is the sole responsibility of parents.

To provide parents with a cost-effective alternative to purchasing the above resources not funded by the Queensland Government, Toowoomba East State School operates a Student Resource Scheme (SRS) for Instrumental Music students. The scheme ensures that students have the resources required to participate in the Instrumental Music Program, and saves parents time and money in sourcing the non-funded materials privately. The scheme is not used to raise funds for other purposes, and funds collected through the scheme are applied only to the resourcing and operation of the Instrumental Music Program. If you do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme, it is your responsibility to supply the resources required by your child. A detailed list of these resources will be supplied to you if you choose not to participate in the SRS for the Instrumental Music program.

Instrumental Music Program Student Resource Scheme Fees

There are two fee options for Instrumental Music students in 2026:

- Fee Option 1 – Students with own instrument - \$60 per year

Parents must purchase and supply the instrument, instrument supplies (reeds/grease/cleaning equipment/neck strap/harness etc.), music tutor book and music stand for home practice. Toowoomba East State School will cover the cost of purchasing Band/String Ensemble music, photocopying of Band/String Ensemble music, ensemble eisteddfod/competition fees, provide use of school-owned specialised musical equipment at school (music stands, music stools, percussion equipment, PA gear etc.), cover maintenance of school-owned musical equipment, and provide a school-owned Music Performance Uniform (vest and bow-tie) on a loan basis if required.

OR

· Fee Option 2 – Students hiring a school-owned instrument - \$90 per year

Toowoomba East State School will supply the school-owned loan instrument, instrument supplies (reeds/grease/cleaning equipment/neck strap/harness etc.), music tutor book* and a school-owned loan music stand for home practice.

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Parents will need to supply the following - instrument supplies (reeds/grease/cleaning equipment/neck strap/harness etc.), music tutor book and a music stand for home practice.

New Instrumental Music Students

Parents are required to complete and return the Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form when joining the scheme for the first time. This form is only required to be signed only once for the entire time the student is enrolled in the program.

Payment

A single payment of the full year's fee will be expected by Week 3 of Term 1. Parents will be invoiced early in Term 1, 2026. Parents experiencing financial hardship should contact the school to discuss available options in confidence. Any unpaid invoices may result in the student being excluded from the Instrumental Music Program until payment is made.

Please complete the attached Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement Form and return to the office by Friday, 5 December.

Kind regards,

Annie Callaghan

Instrumental Music Co-ordinator