



MARIST COLLEGE ASHGROVE

A Catholic boys' day and boarding College in the Marist Tradition

Fees Notice 2017

Fee Schedule - International Students

For students who do not have an Australian Passport or an Australian Visa stamped with RESIDENT or MIGRANT STATUS

The College fees are determined each year by the Provincial and Council of the Marist Brothers detailing tuition, boarding and other costs and may be subject to change. The Tuition Fee for International Students is higher than for Australian students because Australian students receive both Federal and State Government per capita grants. There are also additional administration costs for International Students. It is compulsory for all International Students to contribute to Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).

Tuition Fees

	AMOUNT PER YEAR
MIDDLE SCHOOL - YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10	\$27,000.00
SENIOR SCHOOL - YEARS 11 AND 12	\$29,000.00

IT Infrastructure Levy

	AMOUNT PER YEAR
MIDDLE SCHOOL - YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10	\$1,100.00
SENIOR SCHOOL - YEARS 11 AND 12	\$1,200.00

Textbook Levy

	AMOUNT PER YEAR
MIDDLE SCHOOL - YEARS 7, 8, 9 AND 10	\$250.00
SENIOR SCHOOL - YEARS 11 AND 12	\$450.00

QCAA Levy

	AMOUNT PER YEAR
YEARS 11 AND 12 (Visa Student Fees)	\$423.40

Boarding Fees

	AMOUNT PER YEAR
FULL BOARDING	\$19,500.00

PLEASE NOTE: Boarding fees are additional to Tuition Fee, Technology Levy, College Building Fund and College Foundation Contributions.

All Inclusive Fee

Tuition fees at Marist College Ashgrove are "all inclusive". This includes all excursions, retreats, camps, student insurance, bus transport, College magazine, student testing and subject levies, AIC sporting events and music ensembles, which are part of the normal school program. Activities outside the all-inclusive fee would be additional tours, immersions and Vocational Education and Training (VET) Course costs and levies.

Vocational Education and Training Courses and Authority Registered Subjects

For those students in Years 11 and 12 studying VET Course or an Authority Registered Subject - Recreational Studies please refer to the 2017 - 2018 Senior Subject Information Book for applicable annual charges.



Extra English Tuition

If an International Student requires extra tuition for English, this will be arranged but will be an additional cost to the Parents / Guardians.

Old Boys Life Membership

Applicable to Year 12 only, a one off fee of \$160.00.

College Building Fund

This contribution is \$600 per family per year. These contributions are essential for the College to maintain our ever increasing buildings at Marist College Ashgrove. These contributions will not be debited to your College fees account but will be shown on your term fees statement as a reminder for you.

College Foundation Contribution

This contribution is \$1,200 per family per year. This contribution is essential to maintain current repayments to the Performing and Visual Arts Centre, the new Br Alexis Turton Science and Technology Centre and for future capital projects. NB: Some families may be able to assist by offering greater amounts.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

A OSHC payment of \$480 is required per year. OSHC is arranged through NIB by the College from the commencement of your son's enrolment. Please note this cover is mandatory and your son would be in breach of his Visa requirements if he was not covered.

Medical expenses are covered under the OSHC. However, a gap payment will be charged to the school fee account.

Optional extras is NOT included in OSHC, however can be purchased separately at an additional cost. Extras cover provides benefits for some additional health services such as dental treatment, physiotherapy and optical appliances. Any out of pocket expenses will need to be paid at the time of consultation with the medical provider. For further details, please refer to OSHC Membership Guide -www.nib.com.au/home/newtonib/overseasstudents/Pages/overseasstudents.aspx

NIB Overseas Student Health Cover is the College's preferred provider.

Administration Fee

The Administration Fee is \$250 (incl. GST) per student and accompanies the Expression of Interest Form. This fee is non refundable.

Acceptance Fee – Non Refundable

An Acceptance Fee of \$5,000 is payable at the time of acceptance to secure a place. \$2,500 will be refunded when the student leaves the College provided all financial obligations (including medical bills) have been met and all textbooks have been returned in an acceptable condition to the Textbook Hire Department. Also at the time of acceptance a prepaid tuition and non-tuition fee is required.

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Tuition (including Levies)	\$ 14,175.00
Boarding (including College Building Fund & College Foundation Pledge)	\$ 10,650.00
Total	AUD\$ 24,825.00

NB: Based on Years 7 to 10, 2017 fees for one study period (one semester). This does not include uniforms or stationary costs or the Bring Your own Device (BYOD) Program cost. Information about the BYOD Program can be found in the Parent Handbook.

Discounts

Family discounts are available on tuition fees only. For two students this is 10% of each student's tuition fee per annum. For three students this is 20% of each student's tuition fee per annum. For four students or more the fees will be full fees for the oldest three students and 100% discount on the tuition fee for each student after that. International students receive the family discount based on the Australian Residents tuition fees.

Concessions

Any application for concession of fees must be advised at the time of enrolment and will be according to the guidelines established by the Marist College Ashgrove Finance Advisory Committee. This includes a meeting with the Headmaster and/or Finance Office and requires disclosure of relevant financial information.



Billing

The Annual School Fee Statement issued in February each year outlines the annual charges: Tuition, IT Infrastructure Levy, Textbook Levy, Years 11 and 12 QSA Levy, Boarding Fees and for Year 12 the Old Boys Levy. Fee Statements are uploaded to the Parent Lounge which can be accessed via the College website. Log onto the Parent Lounge via My Marash > Make a Payment > Fees Account.

Payment Options

The College has a number of payment options:

Direct Debit

- i. Families wishing to pay the annual account in full – are to make ONE PAYMENT by the due date.
- ii. Fortnightly payments from a Bank Account only. Payments are divided over 20 fortnightly instalments from February to November.
- iii. Monthly payments from a Bank Account or Credit Card. Payments are divided over 10 monthly instalments from February to November.

The Direct Debit form only needs to be completed once during the student's enrolment providing the College authority to modify the instalment amount in line with changing annual charges in the following years. The cost of processing the Direct Debit and Credit Card transactions are borne by the College.

Telegraphic Transfer

Please contact the Finance Office for bank details

Eftpos, Cash, Cheque or Credit Card

To make a payment in person please deliver payment to the Finance Office. Office hours are 8:15am to 4:15pm Monday to Friday.

The College only accepts Visa and Mastercard.

To make a payment by cheque (Australian dollars) please either deliver it to the Finance Office or mail to the following address:

Finance Office
Marist College Ashgrove
PO Box 82
Ashgrove West Qld 4060
Australia

It is the responsibility of the Parents / Guardians who sign the Enrolment Contract and Acceptance of Enrolment to ensure fees are paid by the due date shown on the statement. **When International Student fees are not paid and the account is more than one term overdue, the Parent / Guardian will be required to pay the total outstanding, plus in advance, fees for the next semester.** If difficulties arise, contact should be made with the Finance Office by telephoning +61 7 3858 4504.

College Fee Policy

The College fees are determined each year by the Provincial and Council of the Marist Brothers detailing tuition, boarding and other costs and may be subject to change. The College expects that all fees are to be paid in Australian Dollars and promptly by the due date as indicated on each account. In rare cases, which require evidence of actual financial over-burden, provision exists for extensions of time for payment or some consideration of amounts, however only when the Headmaster is accorded the courtesy of immediate contact from parents/guardians to explain circumstances in detail and to make alternative arrangements. Compassion for, and support of families in special circumstances, will always be a priority. It is unreasonable and unjust to other families, however, to ignore fee accounts or to fail to contact the College promptly when problems affecting payment may arise. Enrolment may be terminated in the face of ongoing discourtesy or without the development of a sustainable repayment plan. Please note the Department of Immigration may be notified by the College if subsequent fee accounts are not paid by the requested date. This could result in the cancellation of the student's visa. For full details of the College Fees Policy please refer to the College Website - www.marash.qld.edu.au.

Withdrawal of Student / Change of Status

When a student is to be withdrawn from the College, or if an enrolment is cancelled by the Parents / Guardians, you are required to give the Headmaster one term's notice, in writing, before the withdrawal or cancellation date. However, if a withdrawal is to be effective at the end of the College year, written notice must be given by the end of Term 3. Parents / Guardians who do not give such a period of notice will be liable to pay the College an amount equal to one term's fees in lieu of such notice.



Other Costs To Consider

- Airfares, toiletries, pocket money
- Additional fees for Private Music Tuition (if participating)
- Additional fees for Boarding Recreation Activities if participating
- Extra English Tuition – If an Overseas Student requires extra tuition for English, this will be arranged however will be an additional cost to the Parent / Guardian
- Fees for Specialist Medical Appointments (Dental, Physiotherapy etc.) if required
- OSHC above will help pay toward the costs of most medical and hospital treatment required while studying in Australia. Extras Cover is not included in OSHC however can be purchased separately at an additional cost. Extras Cover provides benefits for some additional health services such as dental treatment, physiotherapy and optical. For further details, please refer to the OSHC Membership Guide which is available on the website www.nib.com.au/overseas-students

Please note that any out of pocket expenses will need to be paid to the provider at the time of consultation.

Refund Policy

A copy of this policy is provided to the parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under age 18 years at a reasonable time prior to a Written Agreement being signed.

1. This policy outlines refunds application to course fees paid to the College including any course fees paid to an education agent to be remitted to the College
 2. Any service fees a student(or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) pays directly to a third party are not within the scope of this refund policy
 3.
 - a) The Administration Fee (\$250) is non-refundable in all cases.
 - b) \$2,500 of the initial Acceptance Fee (\$5,000) will be refunded when a student leaves the College provided all financial obligations have been met (including any outstanding medical expenses) and all textbooks have been returned in an acceptable condition to the Textbook Hire Department.
 4. Payment of Course Fees and Refunds
 - a) Fees are payable according to the Marist College Ashgrove's Fees Policy.
 - b) An itemised list of the College fees is provided in the College's written agreement [as per NC standard 3.1.b]
 - c) All fees must be paid in Australian dollars.
 - d) If the student changes visa status (e.g. becomes a temporary or permanent resident), he will continue to pay full Overseas Student fees for the duration of the term.
 - e) Refunds will be paid to the person who enters into the written agreement unless the College receives written advice from the person who enters the written agreement to pay the refund to someone else.
 5. All notifications of withdrawal from a course or applications for refunds, must be made in writing and submitted to the Headmaster. Once a student commences their course a full terms notice is required in writing before withdrawing from their course.
 6. Student default because of visa refusal
 - a) If a student produces evidence of visa refusal(or provides permission for the College to verify visa refusal with the Department of Border Protection and Immigration DIBP) and fails to start a course in, or withdraws from a course on or before the agreed starting date, the College will refund within four weeks of receiving a written claim from the student the total amount of course fees received by the College before the student's default date, minus the lessor of;
 - 5% of the total amount of course fees received; or
 - AUD \$500
 - b) If student whose visa has been refused withdraws from the course after it has commenced, the College will retain the amount of tuition fees proportionate to the amount of the course the student has undertaken and will refund any unused tuition fees* received by the College with respect to the student within the period of four weeks after the day of student default
 7. Student Default
 - a) Any amount owing under this section will be paid within four (4) weeks of receiving written claim from the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if the student is under 18).
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- b) Non-Tuition fees will be refunded on a pro-rata basis proportional to the amount of time the student was studying in the course, except where a non-refundable payment on behalf of the student has been made.
- c) If the student does not provide written notice of withdrawal and does not start the course on the agreed starting date, the prepaid fees will be retained by the College.
- d) If tuition fees for up to two study periods have been received in advance by the College and the College receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if the student is under 18), the College will:
 - i. Retain an administration fee of \$250 and \$2,500 if the acceptance fee paid and refund the balance of the tuition fees if written notice is received up to four (4) weeks prior to commencement of the course.
 - ii. Refund 70% of the tuition and boarding fees if notice is received less than four (4) weeks prior to commencement of course.
 - iii. Refund 50% of any unspent pre-paid tuition and boarding fees received, if written notice is received before one (1) study period of the payment period has passed.
 - iv. Refund no amount if written notice is received after one (1) study period of the payment period has passed.
- e) If tuition fees have been received for more than two study periods, refund provisions under (d) will apply for the first two study periods and any balance unused tuition and boarding fees after this will be refunded.
- f) Non refund of tuition fees will be made where a student's enrolment is cancelled for any of the following reasons:
 - i. Failure to maintain satisfactory course progress (visa condition 8202) ([Course Progress and Attendance Policy](#))
 - ii. Failure to maintain satisfactory attendance (visa condition 8202) ([Course Progress and Attendance Policy](#))
 - iii. Failure to maintain approved welfare and accommodation arrangements (visa condition 8532) ([Welfare and Accommodation Policy](#))
 - iv. Failure to pay course fees
 - v. Any behaviour identified as resulting in enrolment cancellation in Marist College Ashgrove's Enrolment Contract.

8. College Default

Any default by the College must be compliant with the current provisions of the ESOS Act 2000 and ESOS Regulations 2001 (as amended).

- a) If for any reason the College is unable to offer a course on an agreed starting date for the course, and the student for some reason cannot be placed or refuses placement in an alternative course arranged by the College, a full refund of any unused tuition fees ** received by the College with respect to the student will be made within fourteen (14) days of the agreed course starting day.
- b) If for any reason the College is unable to continue offering a course after the student commences a course, and the student for some reason cannot be placed or refuses placement in an alternative course arranged by the College, a full refund of any unused tuition fees ** received by the College with respect to the student will be made within fourteen (14) days of the course College's default day.
- c) In the event that the College is unable to fulfil its obligations of providing an agreeable alternative course for the student, or a refund, the student will receive assistance from the Australian Government's Tuition Protection Service. For information on the TPS, please see www.tps.gov.au/StaticContent/Get/StudentInformation

- 9. This agreement, and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's Consumer Protection Laws.

Definitions

- a. Course fees– the sum of tuition fees and non-tuition fees received by the College in respect of the student in order for the student to undertake the course.
- b. Non-tuition fees – fees not directly related to provision of the student's course, including Boarding fees, Old Boys membership, College Building Fund, College Foundation Pledge and OSHC
- c. Tuition fees – fees directly related to the provision of the student's course including Tuition fees, Technology, Textbook and QSA levies
- d. Study Period- a study period is one semester, two terms – approximately 20 weeks.

* Calculation of the refund due in this case is prescribed by a legislative instrument (s.10 of Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014).

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