

## fee schedule 2024

8 September 2023

Dear Parents

As you would be aware, the Board of Directors of Ballarat Clarendon College has many significant oversight and governance responsibilities. In reviewing the budget and setting tuition fees, the Board must balance the goals and objectives of the school with our aspiration to maintain relative affordability for the educational opportunities Clarendon provides its students and families.

Over the course of 2022-2023, the Board has continued to invest in the professional learning for all staff – both teaching and operational. Improving the quality of the teaching of our robust and sequenced knowledge-rich curriculum is the most significant driver in improving student outcomes. Additionally, the Board's commitment to Clarendon's physical environment has seen significant work being undertaken to develop the Raglan Street classrooms at the Junior School as well as the development of the multipurpose playing facilities and the Science facilities at Sturt Street to ensure that our students have exceptional spaces in which to learn and make progress. Every decision we make is in the service of ensuring that our students make optimal progress in the pursuit of their dreams and ambitions. The Board's commitment to outstanding student outcomes, robust professional learning and quality infrastructure and growth is as strong as ever.

As a Board, we were perplexed by the state government's abandonment of the payroll tax exemption for independent schools in Victoria. Payroll tax will have a significant impact on our capacity to deliver our program and the exemption removal provides us with challenges to confidently determine and manage the school's budget and tuition fees for future years. While we fall under the per student income threshold for 2024, we will unfortunately not remain in this position.

With these factors in mind and in setting the budget, the Board has determined that the annual fee increases for 2024 range between \$440 and \$1,470, an average of 7%. Our 4-year-old fees have been brought in line with our 3-year-old fees. Our 3 and 4-year old fees remain lower than most other independent schools.

Tuition fees and boarding fees for 2024 have now been ratified by the Board and I provide formal notification of the 2024 fee schedule in the attached pages.

Consistent with previous years, I have included a diagram showing an overview of the basic components of our 2024 budget income and recurrent expenditure, as well as a comparison of our 2024 fees with the 2023 fees of other independent schools. In reviewing this information, the Board believes our fee structure compares favourably with other independent schools.

Email advice on the process for confirmation of place and update of medical details (previously known as re-enrolment) for the 2024 academic year will be forwarded shortly. Confirmation of place and update of medical details must be completed by Friday 3 November 2023.

As we look towards 2024, I want to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of David Shepherd OAM, who is retiring after 27 years of exemplary, values driven leadership. Much more will be said about David's vision and drive over the coming months. Suffice to say that we are indebted to David for steering Clarendon to the position it now holds as a world-class school. As I announced in July, Jen Bourke will assume the role of Principal in January next year. Her deep understanding of Clarendon's strategic direction and values will ensure stability and continuity for our community.

Clarendon continues to be an exciting place to be part of and, on behalf of the Board, I would like to extend our gratitude to all parents for your continued support across the school community.

Yours sincerely

**Mark Patterson**

Chair, Ballarat Clarendon College Board of Directors

# notice to parents

## domestic students

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The Enrolment and Confirmation of Place and Update of Medical Details Terms and Conditions (the **Terms**) constitute a legally binding contract between Ballarat Clarendon College and Parent(s)/Guardians(s). The 2024 fee schedule should be read in conjunction with the Terms and other policies.

#### TUITION FEE

Year Level	Parent Contribution (\$ per year) (* per day)	Parent Contribution (\$ per instalment)
<b>ELC</b>		
3-year-old funded – 2 days	\$ 8,740 *\$118	\$2,185
3-year-old funded – 3 days	\$13,080 *\$118	\$3,270
3-year-old funded – 5 days	\$21,780 *\$118	\$5,445
4-year-old funded – 4 days	\$17,420 *\$118	\$4,355
4-year-old funded – 5 days	\$21,780 *\$118	\$5,445
<b>Junior School</b>		
Prep	\$ 9,800	\$2,450
Year 1	\$10,180	\$2,545
Year 2	\$10,980	\$2,745
Year 3	\$11,980	\$2,995
Year 4	\$12,680	\$3,170
<b>Middle School</b>		
Year 5	\$13,500	\$3,375
Year 6	\$14,120	\$3,530
Year 7	\$16,300	\$4,075
Year 8	\$19,400	\$4,850
Year 9	\$20,600	\$5,150
Yuulong	\$ 6,700	\$1,675
<b>Senior School</b>		
Year 10	\$22,120	\$5,530
Year 11	\$22,470	\$5,617.50
Year 12	\$22,470	\$7,490

Annual tuition fees for domestic students eligible for government funding (including Australian citizens, permanent residents and some temporary visa holders) will be billed in four instalments up to and including Year 11 and in three instalments for Year 12.

A student normally will not be permitted to commence a term unless accounts have been paid by the due date or a formal arrangement made with the Business Manager – Finance prior to the due date.

The tuition fee covers most curriculum expenses, including year-level camps and class excursions. Fees and charges levied by Clarendon directly related to the provision of an approved course of education are exempt from GST.

Other costs that may be incurred include individual music tuition, student-caused damage to property or false fire alarms, travel and phone calls. Fees for incidentals will be billed in arrears and are due and payable 30 days from billing.

Fees will be levied for overseas trips and special functions. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be advised in advance of these fees which will be payable on the acceptance of a student's participation in the activity. Please note that students will be unable to participate unless school fee accounts are up-to-date or an agreed payment arrangement has been accepted by the Principal or Business Manager – Finance and is adhered to.

### **3-YEAR-OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN**

The state government provides funding for a child participating in the 3-year-old kindergarten program for ONE year only. If your child has previously had a funded kindergarten place, you may not be eligible for further funding and an additional charge may apply. Please contact Clarendon for further information.

### **4-YEAR-OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN**

The state government provides funding for a child participating in the 4-year-old kindergarten program for ONE year only. If your child has previously had a funded kindergarten place, you may not be eligible for further funding and an additional charge may apply. Please contact Clarendon for further information.

### **BOARDING FEE**

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Parent Contribution (\$ per year)</b>	<b>Parent Contribution (\$ per instalment)</b>
Year 7	\$14,340	\$3,585
Year 8	\$14,340	\$3,585
Year 9	\$14,340	\$3,585
Year 10	\$21,440	\$5,360
Year 11	\$21,440	\$5,360
Year 12	\$21,440	\$7,146.67

Annual boarding fees for domestic students eligible for government funding (including Australian citizens, permanent residents and some temporary visa holders) will be billed in four instalments up to and including Year 11 and in three instalments for Year 12.

GST payable on the food component of boarding fees is included in the schedule above.

Additional charges may apply to boarders. These may include travel, social activities and expenses incurred by Clarendon acting in loco parentis.

### **YUULONG REMOTE CAMPUS FEE**

The 2024 fee for attendance at Yuulong Remote Campus during Year 9 is \$6,700. This is a subsidised fee which covers part of the cost of transport, food and accommodation. This is an annual fee which is billed in four equal instalments of \$1,675. All students attending Yuulong are required to pay this fee. It is not covered by any scholarship or bursary awarded by Ballarat Clarendon College. Boarders attending Yuulong will not be charged a boarding fee for the period they are at the Yuulong campus.

### **NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS**

Students in Years 5 to 9 are required to purchase a tablet computer through the Ballarat Clarendon College program. Students in Years 10 to 12 requiring a notebook or tablet computer may purchase one through Clarendon's program. The notebook or tablet fee may change from year-to-year according to the models, supplier and brand available at the time of purchase/lease. Further details regarding the notebook program are in the Notebook Policy, available on [hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au](http://hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au).

## PERFORMING ARTS

Music tuition fees and other incidental charges for individual, paired or group Performing Arts lessons are levied and are detailed below.

Instruments can be hired through the school. Please note that, if an instrument is lost or damaged, the cost to replace or repair will be billed to your fee account.

Accompaniment fees for rehearsals and exams are additional if applicable.

Further information can be obtained from the Performing Arts Centre.

## PERFORMING ARTS

Lesson	No. of lessons	Parent contribution (term fees)
30-min individual music – Term 1	8	\$384.00
30-min individual music – Term 2	9	\$432.00
30-min individual music – Term 3	8	\$384.00
30-min individual music – Term 4	9	\$432.00
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 1	8	\$384.00
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 2	9	\$432.00
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 3	8	\$384.00
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 4	9	\$432.00
30-min group theory/singing – Term 1	8	\$384.00
30-min group theory/singing – Term 2	9	\$432.00
30-min group theory/singing – Term 3	8	\$384.00
30-min group theory/singing – Term 4	9	\$432.00
30-min group dance – Junior School – Term 1	8	\$ 80.00
30-min group dance – Junior School – Term 2	9	\$ 90.00
30-min group dance – Junior School – Term 3	8	\$ 80.00
30-min group dance – Junior School – Term 4	9	\$ 90.00

## VOLUNTARY BUILDING FUND/SCHOLARSHIP FUND/LIBRARY DONATIONS

Families may wish to make a voluntary donation to our Building Fund, Scholarship Fund or Library. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Voluntary Building Fund donations contribute to the purchase and/or construction of buildings which otherwise would be delayed or unattainable due to a lack of finance. These buildings contribute to the current and future infrastructure enabling us to focus on continuing to provide exceptional learning experiences for our students.

Voluntary Scholarship Fund donations provide financial support to students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend Ballarat Clarendon College. Scholarships are offered for Academic, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Excellence. Information regarding the Scholarship program is available on [hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au](http://hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au).

A voluntary tax deductible Scholarship or Building Fund donation of \$50 per instalment is shown on each family's statement. This amount has not been added to the total amount payable on the statement. To make a voluntary Scholarship or Building Fund donation, families are asked to tick their selection and add the amount to the total amount before returning the remittance advice with their payment.

Voluntary donations made to the Library provide support for library resources and are tax deductible.

## REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee of \$150 is payable upon submission of the Application for Registration form. This fee does not guarantee a place offer at Clarendon and is not refundable or transferable.

## CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT

A Confirmation Deposit of \$3,000 is payable for each student upon the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) accepting the College's letter of offer of enrolment for the Student (**Confirmation Deposit**). The Confirmation Deposit is reviewed annually by the College and is subject to change. The Confirmation Deposit is paid in exchange for the time and resources the College puts into negotiating enrolment with Parents and Guardians of prospective Students. To cover these expenses and further expenses that may be incurred in enrolling another Student at short notice if a Student withdraws from enrolment, the Confirmation Deposit is not refundable.

The Confirmation Deposit is **not transferable** and will be allocated as set out below. \$200 is retained by Clarendon for administrative costs associated with alumni.

Entry Year Level	\$ Confirmation Deposit	
ELC	\$3,000	\$2,800 will be deducted from the second instalment account in the first year of enrolment in Prep.
Prep to Year 12	\$3,000	\$2,800 will be deducted from the second instalment account in the first year of enrolment.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, written application may be made to the Principal to amend the Year of Offer. The Principal may agree to such an amendment and apply the Confirmation Deposit to the second term of the revised Year of Offer at their absolute discretion.

## WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS – FEE IN LIEU OF NOTICE

A term's notice in writing must be received by the Principal before a student leaves or a boarder becomes a day student. Should written notice not be provided within the specified timeframe, a charge of up to **half an instalment's fee** will be levied. Notice of withdrawal should include the reason for withdrawal.

## CONCESSIONS

### Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarship and bursary programs are available at Ballarat Clarendon College for students eligible for government funding. Further information is available at [www.clarendon.vic.edu.au](http://www.clarendon.vic.edu.au) or by contacting the Finance Department.

It is a condition for continued tenure of any scholarship or bursary that the account is maintained within the conditions of enrolment. Accounts falling into arrears are liable to withdrawal of scholarship and bursary concessions previously awarded.

In the event that a student should be awarded a scholarship, bursary or other discount to a value greater than 20% of a fee, that student becomes ineligible for a sibling discount upon that fee and the number of siblings in the family, who are eligible for a sibling discount, will be reduced accordingly.

### Sibling Discounts – Tuition Fees

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may be entitled to a discount on the Tuition Fees charged in relation to sibling(s) of a current student attending Clarendon concurrently as set out below.

	First Student	Second Student i.e. the first sibling	Third Student i.e. the second sibling	Fourth Student i.e. the third sibling	Fifth and Subsequent Student i.e. the fourth sibling
Sibling Discount as percentage of Tuition Fees	nil	15%	30%	45%	100%

### **Sibling Discounts – Boarding Fees**

Parent(s)/Guardians may be entitled to a discount of 10% of Boarding Fees charged in relation to sibling(s) of a current student attending Clarendon concurrently.

### **Clergy Discount**

Children of clergy may receive a reduction in tuition fees. Please contact Clarendon for further details.

### **PAYMENT OF FEES**

Fees are due and payable 30 days from billing with accounts rendered as set out below.

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Billing Date</b>
Instalment 1	6 October 2023
Instalment 2	2 February 2024
Instalment 3	19 April 2024
Instalment 4	19 July 2024

A final statement will be issued in December incorporating any incidental charges incurred in Term 4.

Fees may be paid by cheque, BPay, PayID, direct debit, credit card or online via our website. Clarendon does not levy an administrative fee for payments made by credit card. Cheques should be made payable to **Ballarat and Clarendon College**. Should you wish to make cash payments, these can only be made at a National Australia Bank branch, please contact Clarendon for details.

An administration fee may be levied for each additional Statement issued arising from Late Payment of accounts or for failure (for any reason) of a financial institution to honour a cheque or electronic transaction.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Extended student absences**

Parent(s)/Guardians(s), who wish for their child(ren) to take an extended leave of absence and have the enrolment place(s) guaranteed, must ensure they read the Holding a Place for Extended Student Absence Policy as certain terms and conditions may apply.

#### **Financial hardship**

Parent(s)/Guardians(s), who may be experiencing financial hardship, should contact the Business Manager – Finance to discuss possible payment solutions.

### **FURTHER DETAILS**

For more details regarding Clarendon fees and charges, please refer to the Day School Acceptance Policy, Boarding School Acceptance Policy, 3-year-old and 4-year-old ELC Policies. Other relevant documentation includes the College Rules and the Student Details Policy. These documents can be obtained from [hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au](http://hub.clarendon.vic.edu.au) [here](#) or the website [here](#) or by contacting Clarendon.

# fee comparisons 2024

YEAR	Boarding Schools Tuition (Domestic Students)						Day School Tuition Only
	Ballarat Clarendon College (2024 Fees)	Ballarat Clarendon College (2023 Fees)	Ballarat Grammar School (2023 Fees)	The Geelong College (2023 Fees)	Methodist Ladies' College % (2023 Fees)	Trinity Grammar School + (2023 Fees)	Haileybury College (2023 Fees)
12	\$22,470	\$21,000	\$23,160	\$32,544	\$35,910	\$37,592	\$35,920
11	\$22,470	\$21,000	\$23,160	\$32,544	\$35,910	\$37,592	\$35,920
10	\$22,120	\$20,680	\$22,720	\$32,544	\$34,800	\$37,092	\$35,920
9	\$20,600*	\$19,260*	\$19,960	\$31,076	\$33,870	\$37,092	\$35,920
8	\$19,400	\$18,120	\$19,100	\$29,352	\$33,270	\$35,944	\$35,550
7	\$16,300	\$15,240	\$15,600	\$27,772	\$32,610	\$35,944	\$35,550
6	\$14,120	\$13,200	\$13,240	\$26,468	\$31,170	\$33,124	\$30,825
5	\$13,500	\$12,620	\$12,700	\$25,476	\$29,790	\$33,124	\$30,825
4	\$12,680	\$11,840	\$11,980	\$23,828	\$27,900	\$33,124	\$27,435
3	\$11,980	\$11,200	\$10,520	\$22,068	\$25,830	\$29,284	\$27,435
2	\$10,980	\$10,260	\$8,980	\$20,436	\$23,760	\$29,284	\$25,145
1	\$10,180	\$9,500	\$8,280	\$18,572	\$22,170	\$29,284	\$25,145
Prep	\$9,800	\$9,160	\$7,860	\$15,976	\$21,420	\$25,660	\$20,795
ELC~	\$8,740 - \$21,780#	\$8,160 - \$20,360#	\$9,828 - \$23,400^	\$10,464 - \$15,216	\$15,870 - \$39,660	\$9,976 - \$24,428	\$20,230

\*Excludes attendance at Yuulong at a fee of \$6,700 (2024)

~ based on funded

#ELC program for 2024 option of 2, 3 or 5 full days

^based on daily rate from 2 days to 5 days for school term weeks (39 weeks)

+ camps additional

% Technology levies

YEAR	Boarding Schools Boarding (Domestic Students)					
	Ballarat Clarendon College (2024 Fees)	Ballarat Clarendon College (2023 Fees)	Ballarat Grammar School (2023 Fees)	The Geelong College (2023 Fees)	Methodist Ladies' College (2023 Fees)	Trinity Grammar School (2023 Fees)
12	\$21,440	\$20,040	\$20,520	\$26,248	\$32,610	No longer offer
11	\$21,440	\$20,040	\$20,520	\$26,248	\$32,610	No longer offer
10	\$21,440	\$20,040	\$18,820	\$20,856	\$32,610	No longer offer
9	\$14,340*	\$13,400*	\$14,120	\$14,136	\$32,610	No longer offer
8	\$14,340	\$13,400	\$12,140	\$14,136	\$32,610	No longer offer
7	\$14,340	\$13,400	\$11,040	\$14,136	\$32,610	No longer offer

\*Less one instalment of \$3,585 (2024) for attendance at Yuulong

overview of the basic components of 2024 budget

