Ballarat Clarendon College

fee schedule 2027

11 September 2026

Dear Parents

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

Over the course of 2025-2026, 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. Clarendon is committed to strengthening its position as an employer of choice for high-quality staff, and ensuring our workforce is appropriately remunerated is critical to this ambition.

Additionally, the Board's commitment to Clarendon's physical environment has seen the completion of the energy-efficient Little Raglan Street classrooms at the Junior School and the commencement of significant refurbishment works across our boarding houses. These projects ensure that our students have exceptional spaces in which to learn and make progress. The Board remains committed to reducing the school's environmental impact with the addition of solar panels and the staged improvement of climate control in classrooms and other spaces.

Every decision we make is in the service of ensuring that our students make optimal progress in the pursuit of *their* aspirations and ambitions. The Board's commitment to outstanding student outcomes, robust professional learning and quality infrastructure and growth is stronger than ever.

Nonetheless, as a Board, we are required to respond to decisions and policies that are beyond our control. While the school was not subject to the state government-imposed payroll tax in 2026, its imposition is inevitable and will provide us with additional challenges in determining and managing the school's budget and tuition fees for the future.

As an independent school, we do not access to the considerable infrastructure that supports both the government and catholic education sectors. Over 2026, we experienced a significant reduction in government funding which we have carefully navigated to preserve existing programs and ensure that our students continue to access the full range of educational opportunities without compromise.

For 2027, the Board has ratified tuition and boarding fees; I provide formal notification of the 2027 fee schedule in the attached pages.

Clarendon is very proud of its students and the team of staff who collectively make the school the celebrated school that it is. 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
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The International Student Written Agreement **(Agreement)** constitutes a contract between Ballarat Clarendon College and Parent(s)/Guardian(s). Overseas applicants proposing to attend Clarendon will need to be sufficiently fluent to undertake studies in the English language.

The 2027 overseas student fee schedule should be read in conjunction with the Agreement and other policies.

TUITION FEE

Year Level	Parent Contribution (A$ per year)	Parent Contribution (A$ per instalment)
Junior School		
Prep	A$27,450	A$13,725
Year 1	A$28,100	A$14,055
Year 2	A$28,750	A$14,375
Year 3	A$29,420	A$14,710
Year 4	A$30,060	A$15,030
Middle School		
Year 5	A$32,760	A$16,380
Year 6	A$33,650	A$16,825
Year 7	A$37,340	A$18,670
Year 8	A$41,030	A$20,515
Year 9	A$42,880	A$21,440
Yuulong	A$ 7,860	A$ 3,930
Senior School		
Year 10	A$45,000	A$22,500
Year 11	A$46,340	A$23,170
Year 12	A$46,340	A$23,170

All fees stated in this document are in Australian dollars.

Annual tuition fees for overseas students not eligible for government funding will be billed in two instalments. A reduced fee will be calculated for students attending for less than a semester. A student normally will not be permitted to commence unless accounts have been paid by the due date or a formal arrangement made with the Chief Financial Officer 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, taxi fares 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.

BOARDING FEE

Year Level	Parent Contribution ($ per year)	Parent Contribution ($ per instalment)
Year 7	A$20,260	A$10,130
Year 8	A$20,260	A$10,130
Year 9	A$20,260	A$10,130
Year 10	A$28,830	A$14,415
Year 11	A$28,830	A$14,415
Year 12	A$28,830	A$14,415

Overseas applicants proposing to attend Clarendon as a boarder must attend on a full-time basis, have the financial capacity to cover all expenses, including return air fares and living costs, and must be of good health.

Annual boarding fees for overseas students not eligible for government funding will be billed in two instalments. A student will not normally be permitted to commence unless accounts have been paid by the due date or a formal arrangement made with the Chief Financial Officer prior to the due date.

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, such as course and material costs, stationery, textbooks and uniform. Where Clarendon is required to arrange accommodation (referred to as 'homestay') during holiday periods with a host family, a charge will apply and fees will be charged as agreed with the host family.

YUULONG REMOTE CAMPUS FEE

The 2027 fee for attendance at the Yuulong remote campus during Year 9 is A$7,860. This is a subsidised fee which covers part of the cost of transport, food and accommodation and will be billed in two equal instalments of A$3,930. All students attending Yuulong are required to pay this fee. It is not covered by any scholarship or bursary awarded by Clarendon. Boarders attending the Yuulong campus will not be charged a boarding fee for the period they are at Yuulong.

PERFORMING ARTS

Lesson	No. of lessons	Parent contribution (term fees)
30-min individual music – Term 1	7	$350
30-min individual music – Term 2	10	$500
30-min individual music – Term 3	8	$400
30-min individual music – Term 4	8	$400
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 1	7	$350
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 2	10	$500
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 3	8	$400
30-min individual speech/drama – Term 4	8	$400
30-min group theory/singing – Term 1	7	$158
30-min group theory/singing – Term 2	10	$225
30-min group theory/singing – Term 3	8	$180
30-min group theory/singing – Term 4	8	$180

Music tuition fees and other incidental charges for individual, paired or group Performing Arts lessons are levied in advance of the term.

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.

REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee of A$150 is charged for the registration of each overseas student. This fee is not refundable and its payment does not guarantee the offer of a place at Clarendon for the child.

ENROLMENT DEPOSIT

Overseas students pay A$500 which is refundable at the completion of the course.

OVERSEAS STUDENT ADMINISTRATION FEE

A fee of A$850 is charged to cover general administration expenses and is not refundable.

STUDENT CAPITAL LOAN SCHEME

Overseas students pay A$500 which is refundable at the completion of the course.

OVERSEAS STUDENT HEALTH COVER

Overseas students are required to have health cover in place for the duration of their stay in Australia and the fee will vary depending on the period required. The relevant fee will be calculated and advised by Clarendon in the place offer or available upon request.

NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS

Clarendon has a Notebook Computer program for students in Years 7 to 9 to have a school owned laptop. In 2027, for new students commencing in these year levels, the fee is $195 charged each term to your account for a period of three years. At the end of that three-year period, families own the laptop and keep the device. The levy pricing is confirmed based on the inventory issued and available each year. We have seen a substantial increase in computer and technology costs globally and the school has worked closed with our supplier to ensure students are able to access a quality device without loss of key functionality.

Please note that the cost of the levy may change from year-to-year when beginning a new three-year lease according to the models, supplier and brand available at the time of purchase/lease. Further details regarding the laptop program are in the Notebook Computer Protocol, available on clarendon.vic.edu.au.

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. Our 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 at 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 please tick the selection and add the amount to the total amount when returning the remittance advice with payment.

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

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.

PAYMENT OF FEES

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

Instalment	Billing Date
Instalment 1	9 October 2026
Instalment 2	16 April 2027

Reminder statements and accounts for incidentals will be sent out during the year with a final account issued in December, incorporating any remaining charges for the year.

Fees may be paid by BPay, PayID, direct debit, credit card or online via our website. Clarendon does not levy an administrative fee for payments made by credit card. Bank account details will be provided on request for direct transfer of funds.

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 payment transaction.

TUITION AND BOARDING FEE REFUND POLICY

Clarendon will provide a refund to the student or to the person specified in the written agreement in accordance with the following conditions:

- the application for registration fee and enrolment deposit are not refundable;
- overseas student health cover will be refunded in full if not already paid to the Health Fund by Clarendon on behalf of the student;
- refunds will be made in Australian dollars to the applicant's home country, unless otherwise requested in writing and agreed to by Clarendon;
- Clarendon will refund, within four weeks after receiving a written request, all tuition and boarding fees paid in the event that the student's visa application is rejected by the Australian Immigration authorities and the student or their parent/guardian can produce evidence to this effect;
- Clarendon will refund, within four weeks after receiving a written request, all unexpended monies paid (except amounts stated in Clause a) above) in the event it is determined by the school prior to commencement that the student is unable to commence at Clarendon;
- if the student defaults by not starting on the agreed date and has not previously withdrawn or withdraws either before or after the agreed starting day, then Clarendon will refund the total of the tuition and boarding fees, less the following deductions, within four weeks
    - general administration expenses – the lesser of 5% of the total Tuition Fee received or A$250
    - travel, accommodation and other domestic services expenses incurred by Clarendon that cannot be offset by providing the service to someone else
    - course materials expenses already incurred
    - course fees proportional to the amount of the course provided before the default day, which is deemed to be the day on which the school received notice of the default in writing from the student;
- all requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Chief Financial Officer .

The student's liabilities in the above areas will be provided in a statement from the Chief Financial Officer. This agreement does not remove the right to take further action under Australia's consumer protection laws or the student's right to pursue other legal remedies.

OTHER INFORMATION

Extended Student Absences

Parent(s)/Guardian(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)/Guardian(s), who may be experiencing financial hardship, should make contact with the Chief Financial Officer to discuss possible payment solutions.

FURTHER DETAILS

For more details regarding Clarendon fees and charges, please refer to the Enrolment Policy. Other relevant documentation includes the College Rules and the Student Details Policy. These documents can be obtained from clarendon.vic.edu.au by contacting Clarendon.