



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

2019 TUITION AND BOARDING FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

St Hilda's School Offers Competitive Fee Structures

St Hilda's School aims to maintain a competitive fee structure while providing an outstanding education for girls from Pre-Preparatory to Year 12. For Pre-Preparatory fees please refer to 2018 Tuition and Boarding Fees for Australian Students.

Enrolment Application Fee

All Applications for Enrolment to the school must be accompanied by supporting documentation and a **\$275 Application Fee** for international students on a recognised Visa. This fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee a place in the school.

Enrolment Confirmation Fee

Acceptance of a place in the school must be accompanied by an **Enrolment Confirmation Fee of \$980**. This fee is non-refundable.

St Hilda's Approach to Tuition and Boarding Fees

St Hilda's incorporates the majority of costs in its Tuition Fees for academic and co-curricular programs, including Outdoor Education experiences, excursions, QGSSSA and Andrews Cup sporting fixtures, musical performances and associated travel for these programs.

We trust that the St Hilda's approach will assist you to plan and budget for your annual student fees accordingly.

Charges for texts and uniforms and discretionary activities, such as private music tuition, rowing camps and invitational programs, are not included in the Tuition Fees.

St Hilda's School will invoice you a Semester Tuition Fee in advance. You can pay full year fees if you wish to before your daughter commences her course but you are not required to pay more than the Semester Fee in advance (i.e 50 percent of the full fee up front).

Pathway to Boarding

As a renowned Boarding School St Hilda's often experiences times when accommodation is at capacity. In these circumstances we are able to offer Homestay Accommodation for international students.

Homestay fees and the application process will be made available at the enquiry stage should a place in the Boarding School not be available in the first instance. We will notify the family a term in advance once a place becomes available.

Tuition and Boarding Fees

| INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON A 500 STUDENT VISA TUITION FEES | ANNUAL | PER SEMESTER | WITH 5% DISCOUNT PER ANNUM* | WITH 5% DISCOUNT PER SEMESTER |
|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CRICOS course code 0861821M Prep | \$16,684 | \$8,342 | \$15,850 | \$7,925 |
| CRICOS course code 0861821M Years 1 to 3 | \$23,337 | \$11,668 | \$22,170 | \$11,085 |
| CRICOS course code 0861821M Years 4 to 6 | \$25,292 | \$12,646 | \$24,027 | \$12,014 |
| CRICOS course code 086183K Years 7 to 9 | \$30,968 | \$15,484 | \$29,420 | \$14,710 |
| CRICOS course code 086183K Year 10 | \$33,310 | \$16,655 | \$31,645 | \$15,822 |
| CRICOS course code 004923B Years 11 to 12 | \$33,310 | \$16,655 | \$31,645 | \$15,822 |
| Enrolment fee (paid once upon enrolment) | \$980 | | | |
| INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NON-TUITION FEES | ANNUAL | PER SEMESTER | WITH 5% DISCOUNT PER ANNUM* | WITH 5% DISCOUNT PER SEMESTER |
| Boarding Years 6 to 10 | \$20,619 | \$10,310 | \$19,588 | \$9,794 |
| Boarding Years 11 to 12 | \$21,272 | \$10,636 | \$20,208 | \$10,104 |
| Application fee (paid once at time of enrolment) | \$275 | | | |
| Stationery | \$350-\$900 per year | | | |
| Uniforms | \$300-\$1,500 per year | | | |
| Credit for Weekly Allowance for Boarders | \$300 per annum (to be held in online purchasing system) | | | |
| Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) Allianz | \$52 per month | | | |
| Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) fees | \$438.20 (Years 11 and 12) | | | |
| *Discount is applied if payment is received by the due date (ie. First day of each semester). This discount is applied before other eligible discounts. Note fees are subject to an annual increase depending on economic factors. | | | | |
| OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) † | | | | |
| Outside School Hours Care is available before and after school from Monday to Friday during term time only. | | | | |
| First Hour | | \$12 | | |
| Second Hour until 6pm | | \$20 for more than one hour | | |
| OSHC must be notified by 2pm of absences. A \$20 late fee applies from 6:01pm to 6:15pm with a further charge of \$1 each minute thereafter. | | | | |
| †Fees will be charged fortnightly for Before and After School Care. If an account falls into arrears and attempts are not made to rectify the account, your child's place may be jeopardized. If your child is not able to attend a pre-booked service for any reason, OSHC must be notified no later than 24 hours before the booked session. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of fees. | | | | |
| VACATION CARE | | | | |
| Vacation Care is available from Monday to Friday | | | | |
| 7:00am – 6:00pm | | \$60 per day plus incursion fees | | |
| Casual bookings | | \$75 per day plus incursion fees | | |
| FEES FOR SPECIALIST CLASS SUBJECTS AND MATERIALS | | | | |
| Hospitality Studies (Years 11 and 12) | | \$450 per annum | | |
| Engineering Technology (Years 11 and 12) | | \$450 per annum | | |
| Careers Avenue Testing (Year 10) | | \$150 per annum | | |
| COMPUTER PRINTING COSTS | | | | |
| Computer printing costs of \$65 for all students are included in the Tuition Fees. | | | | |



Payment of School Fees

Tuition and Boarding and Homestay Fees are charged by the semester. There are two semesters per year. Yearly payment is acceptable.

Please note that the payment of ALL school fees is required by the due date, which is the first day of each semester.

Students will not be permitted to commence a new semester while all or part of the previous semester's fees remain unpaid, unless approved arrangements apply in writing and are maintained. One full semester's notice of a student's departure must be given in writing to the Principal, or one semester's fees will be payable if no notice is given.

Personal Allowances for Boarders

Boarders may choose to participate in non-compulsory, organised social activities on weekends. The school recommends a weekly allowance of between \$50-\$80 to cover the cost of social activities and personal purchases.

The school charges an allowance of \$300 in Term 1 to cover weekend activities.

Optional Private Study Charges

Opportunities to participate in non-compulsory study such as private music lessons, cultural tours or student exchange programs are subject to additional fees.

Costs are applicable following confirmation of enrolment in these co-curricular programs.

Tuition and Boarding Fees must be fully paid before commitments to optional programs.

Refund Policy

The School has a policy relating to refunds and this is made available to students prior to entering into a contract with parents. The policy is also included in this document.

Fees in Lieu of Notice

If you terminate this enrolment contract for any reason other than for our breach or because of an increase in the tuition and/or boarding fees

within the time limited by this contract, you must provide us with at least **one term's notice**. If you do not provide us with one term's notice, you must nevertheless pay to **us one full term's tuition fees** and boarding fees if your daughter is a boarder. We commit resources on the basis of confirmed enrolments and will most likely suffer loss from early termination. We may have difficulty filling your daughter's place at short notice.

Sibling Discount

A discount of 15% on Tuition Fees for the third child and 50% for subsequent children from one family attending St Hilda's school simultaneously is available.

Where a family has boys at The Southport School (TSS) and girls at St Hilda's, the schools have agreed that the 15 per cent discount applies for the third child and subsequent children.

Please contact the Fees Officer in relation to sibling discounts.

Voluntary building fund

A voluntary building fund contribution of \$600 per family applies and is charged at \$150 per term. This contribution is tax deductible.

Student accident insurance

The School pays the premium for student insurance through Chubb Insurance Australia Limited. Enrolled students are covered for the full year.

Ambulance cover

Please ensure that your Overseas Student Health Cover includes emergency transport and services with Queensland Ambulance.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The supply of educational courses is GST free. This includes excursions or field trips and course materials, but only if directly related to the curriculum and excludes any food component.

Goods sold, leased or hired to students are not GST free.

Student accommodation is GST free. GST applies to the boarding food component.

REFUND POLICY

A copy of this policy is provided to the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) at a reasonable time prior to an enrolment contract being signed as well as comprising part of the student's enrolment contract.

1. This Policy outlines refunds applicable to course fees paid to the School including any course fees paid to an education agent to be remitted to the School.
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. The Application Fee (\$275) and Enrolment Fee (\$980) are both non-refundable.
Note: in the event of visa refusal, the Enrolment Fee will be refunded according to paragraph 7 (below).
4. Payment of Course Fees and Refunds
 - a) Fees are payable according to St Hilda's School Tuition and Boarding Fees for International Students - <https://www.sthildas.qld.edu.au/admissions/international-student-policies/>
 - b) An itemised list of school fees is provided in the school's enrolment contract (as per NCStd 3.3.4)

- c) All fees must be paid in Australian dollars unless requested otherwise. Refunds will be reimbursed in the same currency as fees were received.
 - d) Refunds will be paid to the person who enters into the enrolment contract unless the school receives written advice from the person who enters the enrolment contract to pay the refund to someone else.
5. All notification of withdrawal from a course, or applications for refunds, must be made in writing and submitted to the Principal.
6. Student default because of visa refusal
- a) If a student produces evidence of visa refusal (or provides permission for the school to verify visa refusal with the Department of Home Affairs (Immigration)) and fails to start a course on, or withdraws from the course on or before the agreed starting day, the school will refund within four weeks of receiving a written claim from the student the total amount of course fees received by the school before the student's default day, minus the lesser of
 - 5% of the amount of course fees received, or
 - AUD 500.
 - b) If a student whose visa has been refused withdraws from the course after it has commenced, the School 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 school with respect to the student within the period of four weeks after the day of student default.
**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).*
7. Student default

Any amount owing under this section will be paid within 4 weeks of receiving a written claim from the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18).

(a) Non-tuition fees:

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.

(b) Non-commencement with no notification of withdrawal:

If the student does not provide written notice of withdrawal and does not start the course on the agreed starting date, one term of tuition fees (half a semester) will be retained from the semester tuition fees received by the school.

(c) Non-Commencement with notification of withdrawal:

- i) If the school receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) 4 or more weeks prior to commencement, the school will refund the amount of tuition fees received less the non-refundable application fee of \$275, and enrolment fee of \$980.
- ii) If the school receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) less than 4 weeks prior to commencement of the course, the school will refund half a semester tuition fees from the full semester tuition fees received in advance by the school.

(d) Refunds after commencement of a course:

- i) *If tuition fees for up to 1 semester have been received in advance:* Where the school receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) before completing the semester, the school will refund the amount of unused tuition fees less the non-refundable application fee of \$275, and enrolment fee of \$980, provided that written notice of withdrawal has been received at least one term (half a semester) in advance.
- ii) *If tuition fees for more than 1 semester have been received in advance:* If fees for more than one semester have been received in advance, and the school receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18), the school will refund the amount of unused tuition fees less the non-refundable application fee of \$275, and enrolment fee of \$980, provided that written notice of withdrawal has been received at least one term (half a semester) in advance.

NB: Where less than one term (half a semester) notice of withdrawal is received, the school will refund the amount of unused tuition fees less one term of tuition fees (half a semester) and the non-refundable application fee of \$275, and enrolment fee of \$980.

- (e) Refunds in the event of a provider initiated cancellation of enrolment:
- i. No refund of tuition fees will be made where a student's enrolment is cancelled for any of the following reasons:
 - Failure to maintain satisfactory course progress (visa condition 8202). Please see *Course Progression and Attendance Policy*
 - Failure to maintain satisfactory attendance (visa condition 8202). Please see *Course Progression and Attendance Policy*
 - Failure to maintain approved welfare and accommodation arrangements (visa condition 8532). Please see *Accommodation and Welfare Policy*
 - Failure to pay course fees.
 - ii. Any behaviour identified as resulting in enrolment cancellation in St Hilda's School Behaviour Management Policy and Code of Conduct. Please see *Behaviour Management Policy* and *Code of Conduct*.
 - iii. Any refund in the case of cancellation of a student's enrolment for failure to maintain St Hilda's School agreed conditions of enrolment as outlined in the student's enrolment contract, including failure to disclose a pre-existing condition requiring a high degree of specialised support or care, will be at the discretion of the school.

8. Provider default

[Any default by the school must be compliant with the current provisions of the ESOS Act 2000 and the ESOS regulations 2001 (as amended).]

- a) If for any reason the school is unable to offer a course on an agreed starting day for the course, and the student for some reason cannot be placed or refuses placement in an alternative course arranged by the school, a full refund of any unused tuition fees* received by the school with respect to the student will be made within 14 days of the agreed course starting day.
- b) If for any reason the school 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 school, a full refund of any unused tuition fees* received by the school with respect to the student will be made within 14 days of the school's default day.

In the event that the school 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: <https://tps.gov.au/StaticContent/Get/StudentInformation>.

*Calculation of the refund due in this case is prescribed by a legislative instrument (s.7 of Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014). <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L00907>.

9. This enrolment contract, and the right to make complaints and seek appeals of decisions and action under various processes, does not affect the rights of the student to take action under the Australian Consumer Law if the Australian Consumer Law applies.

Definitions

- a. **Non-tuition fees** – fees not directly related to provision of the student's course, including boarding, stationery, year-level camps, uniform and other ancillary fees.
- b. **Tuition fees** – fees directly related to the provision of the student's course, including tuition fees, textbook levies, curriculum-based excursion fees, etc.
- c. **Course fees** – the sum of tuition fees and non-tuition fees received by the school in respect of the student in order for the student to undertake the course.
- d. **Term** – Half a Semester
- e. **Semester** – Half a School Year (equivalent to two Terms)

If the student changes visa status (e.g. becomes a temporary or permanent resident) he/she will continue to pay full overseas student's fees for the duration of that year.

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