

FAQS



Beaconhills
College

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When will I know if my child has a place?

We start offering places 18 months prior to your child's entry year. We don't close our offers at any stage – as vacancies arise, we will offer the place to the next person on our enrolment list.

What happens at my child's interview?

You and your child will meet with either the Head of Section or their representative to discuss your child's education and interests. This gives a better understanding of your child's needs and helps with a smooth transition to our College.

How many students are in each class?

We have up to 26 students in classes from Prep-Year 9. Class sizes in Years 10-12 (Senior School) generally range from around 10-20 students depending upon subject and year level.

What do the school fees cover?

Fees include tuition, camps, excursions and incursions. Some overseas trips (optional) are partly subsidised by the College. The only extras are uniform and books. You will also need to buy an iPad if your child is in Years 3-8 (and doesn't have one). If you elect to have private music or tennis lessons, or join an after-hours sporting team, these are charged separately. Uniform costs can be found under the Resources link on our website.

Do you offer fee discounts for families who have more than one child attending?

Yes, we offer a discount of 25 per cent for the third child, and 50 per cent for fourth and subsequent children. Further information can be found in *Planning Your Journey* at beaconhills.vic.edu.au/enrolment under *How to Enrol*.

Does Beaconhills offer scholarships?

Yes, we do. Scholarships are available for children entering Years 7-11. Information is on our College website in February of the year before (ie. when your child is in Year 6 they apply for a scholarship for Year 7). We award various types of scholarships – Academic, Performing Arts, General Excellence, Senior School and Indigenous with a tuition fee reduction of up to 50 per cent.

Does my child need an iPad?

Children in Years 3-8 need to supply or buy an iPad. Year 9 and Senior School students (Years 10-12) can bring their own computing device to school, or continue to use their iPad.

What languages are offered?

In Junior School children begin to learn Japanese and French. Middle School students continue with either of these languages. From Year 10, language study is optional.

What time does school start and finish?

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20pm.

Do you have before and after school care?

Yes, both campuses have before and after school care. This runs from 7am-6pm. The school library is also open from 8am-5pm for older students wishing to do their homework.

What transport options are available?

We have a comprehensive bus service to both campuses, including a free country bus service to the Pakenham Campus from parts of the Dandenong Ranges. Details of PTV train and bus services, Pakenham country bus routes and Berwick charter bus services are available on our website at beaconhills.vic.edu.au/enrolment under *Transport Options*.

How does the College foster student wellbeing?

The health and wellbeing of each of our students is of paramount importance to us. Beaconhills' Wellbeing Program is supported by Heads of House, tutors and teachers, the school nurse, our counsellors and chaplains as well as pastoral care staff. All staff are highly engaged in student care. Any negative behaviour is immediately addressed.

What if my question isn't answered here?

You can contact our friendly Enrolments team on **1300 002 225** or enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au or visit our website at beaconhills.vic.edu.au.