



# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## FEES AND CHARGES

### APPLICATION FEE

A non-refundable application fee (AUD \$100) is payable at the time of lodging an application for a place at the school.

### PLACEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

AUD \$250 (non-refundable).

### PLACEMENT ACCEPTANCE

When a place is offered, parents are required to pay six months tuition fees and the full visa-length student health cover payment\* within 30 days.

*\*International students studying in Australia are required to be covered by health insurance as a safeguard against medical costs during the extent of their stay in Australia. Payment details will be provided upon application.*

### TUITION FEES

Beaconhills tuition fees already include necessary subject levies, core outdoor education programs and excursions.

We call this Tuition Plus and it sets us apart from other schools, meaning you are getting the most for your education dollar.

A discount is available to families who wish to pay one full year's tuition fee. Fees are subject to annual increases.

Year level	Tuition Plus
Prep to Year 4	AUD \$17,040 p.a.
Years 5, 6, 7 & 8	AUD \$21,095 p.a.
Year 9	AUD \$24,340 p.a.
Years 10 to 12	AUD \$27,040 p.a.

Tuition Plus fees listed are for students studying on a Student visa (Subclass 500) Tuition fees do not include health insurance, uniform, accommodation or living expenses while studying in Australia.

### PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES

Accounts for fees will be issued twice a year. Fees are subject to annual increases. Payment is strictly 30 days from the date of the invoice. Fees can be paid by bank transfer or credit card. Cash payments are not accepted.

### OTHER COSTS

The following costs are approximations only and provided for budgetary purposes:

- Books and stationery items AUD \$300 p.a., plus GST
- iPads are compulsory items for Years 3-8
- Senior School students (Years 9 – 12) are able to bring their own computing device to school. We recommend laptops for senior students although iPads are permitted
- School uniform AUD \$850, plus GST.

### ACCOMMODATION CHARGES

Students are expected to return home during the mid-year and end of year semester breaks. Boarding accommodation fees are for term time only. Boarding students wishing to stay in Australia during the term 1 and term 3 breaks can apply for homestay and will be charged additional accommodation fees at the current homestay rate.

Description	Price (AUD)
Boarding	AUD \$24,875 p.a.
Homestay	AUD \$16,875 p.a.
AUD \$500 refundable bond, providing accommodation is left clean, tidy and undamaged.	

### AIRPORT PICK-UP

Full details of flight arrangements must be provided to the school one week before arrival to ensure that arrangements for your child's pick-up can be made. If there is a change, please advise the school immediately. A charge of AUD \$280 is made for this service. Any concerns regarding payment of fees and the current fee structure should be addressed to the Business Manager by email to [accounts@beaconhills.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@beaconhills.vic.edu.au) or on +61 3 5945 0207.

### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

GST is not charged on school fees and co-curricular activities. Other activities, however, may attract GST. School costs and charges have been calculated on the basis that they are GST free.

## FAQs

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PLACE AT BEACONHILLS COLLEGE?

Applicants need to submit an enrolment form, AEAS test results along with certified copies of school reports from the past two years. The admissions team will then organise an interview to take place with the applicant. The enrolment form can be found on the International page of our College website [beaconhills.vic.edu.au/international/](http://beaconhills.vic.edu.au/international/)

Applications should be sent to [enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au)

### WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE ENROLMENT INTERVIEW?

As part of the enrolment process, students are invited to participate in an interview. Both the Head of International Programs and Head of Engagement conduct the interviews to gain a better understanding of the student's level of English and their subject interests. This step helps us provide a smooth transition into the College.

Offers are based on place availability, the interview and enrolment documentation.



### HOW DO I ACCEPT AN OFFER?

The offer will outline the amount of fees that should be paid to accept a place at the College. It will also include the cost of health cover for the duration of their visa and accommodation fees for six months in advance. If required, the cost of airport pick-up will also be itemised.

### WHAT DO THE SCHOOL FEES COVER?

Fees include tuition, camps, excursions and incursions. Some overseas trips (optional) are partly subsidised by the College. If you elect to have private music or tennis lessons, or join an after-hours sports teams, these are charged separately. Uniform costs can be found on our website.

### HOW OFTEN WILL I NEED TO PAY FEES?

Accounts for fees are issued twice a year in June and December. It is College policy that fees are paid in advance as outlined by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS).

### DO YOU OFFER FEE DISCOUNTS?

We offer a discount on a full year's tuition paid in advance.

### 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 TIME DOES SCHOOL START AND FINISH?

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.20pm.

### REPORTING TO PARENTS

Student reports are issued twice a year at the end of each semester. These will be emailed out to families and are available online via the portal. Parents, living offshore, will be sent an email to book parent/teacher interviews with the Head of International Teaching and Learning at the end of each semester.

### WHERE IS BEACONHILLS COLLEGE LOCATED?

The College's two campuses are just a short 30-45 minute drive from the centre of multicultural Melbourne in Australia's south east. Berwick and Pakenham are well-served by excellent public transport and road networks.

Major tourist attractions such as Healesville's Australian wildlife sanctuary and Phillip Island's world-famous fairy penguins are less than an hour away.

### DOES MY CHILD NEED AN IPAD OR COMPUTER?

Children in Years 3-8 need to supply or buy an iPad. Students in Years 9-12 can bring their own computing device to school.

### WHAT TRANSPORT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

We have a comprehensive bus service to both campuses, including a free country bus service to the Pakenham Campus.

### 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 the Head of International Education, 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?

Please contact our friendly Admissions team on +61 3 5945 3001 or [enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@beaconhills.vic.edu.au). You may also find more detailed information on our website at [beaconhills.vic.edu.au](http://beaconhills.vic.edu.au).

# 2023 TERM DATES

## TERM 1

TERM 1 START Wednesday 1 February

LABOUR DAY Monday 13 March

TERM 1 END Thursday 6 April

EASTER Friday 7 April – Monday 10 April

## TERM 2

TERM 2 START Monday 24 April

ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25 April

KING'S BIRTHDAY Monday 12 June

TERM 2 END Friday 23 June

## TERM 3

TERM 3 START Tuesday 18 July

TERM 3 END Friday 15 September

## TERM 4

TERM 4 START Monday 2 October

MID-TERM BREAK Monday 6 November

MELBOURNE CUP Tuesday 7 November

TERM 4 END Wednesday 6 December (YEARS P-12)

## BEACONHILLS COLLEGE

### PAKENHAM CAMPUS

30-34 Toomuc Valley Rd,  
Pakenham VIC 3810

### BERWICK CAMPUS

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