

2019–2020

QMS ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION

RETURNING DAY STUDENTS



Parents/Guardians: Please read the following document carefully to understand your contractual and financial obligations before registering your child(ren).

To ensure the re-enrolment of your child(ren), please submit the Annual Registration Agreement, Equestrian Application (if applicable) and Non-refundable Deposit to Queen Margaret's School (admissions@qms.bc.ca) no later than **Friday, February 22, 2019**. After February 22nd, classroom and program space will be offered to both external applicants and returning students who have not yet re-registered.

| Programs | Non-refundable Deposits <i>due February 22, 2019</i> | Fees Owning (after deposit) <i>due August 1, 2019</i> OR 10 payments* <i>Aug 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020</i> | Total Annual Tuition & Other Fees |
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| Kindergarten–Grade 3 | \$800 | \$12,900 (\$12,000 Tuition) | \$13,700 |
| Grades 4-5 | \$800 | \$13,050 (\$12,000 Tuition) | \$13,850 |
| Grades 6-7 | \$800 | \$14,550 (\$13,500 Tuition) | \$15,350 |
| Grades 8-9 | \$800 | \$14,750 (\$13,500 Tuition) | \$15,550 |
| Grades 10-12 | \$800 | \$16,750 (\$15,500 Tuition) | \$17,550 |
| Riding Program Deposit <i>(for all Equestrian programs)</i> | \$250 | See attached Equestrian Program & Fee Guide for program costs | Please note, riders must re-register for the Equestrian program annually |
| Horse Boarding/Leasing Deposit <i>(for Equine Masters & Team QMS riding programs)</i> | \$500 | See attached Equestrian Program & Fee Guide for program costs | |

***Fees can be paid annually or in monthly installments.**
A monthly service fee of \$35 per family will apply on monthly payment plans.

Total Annual Tuition & Other Fees: Tuition Fees have been bundled with the Hot Lunch program (\$600); Experiential Learning Fee - Primary (\$300), Intermediate (\$450) or Senior School (\$650); Campus Renewal Fee (\$500); Tuition Refund Plan (\$300); a QMS Society membership and Text Book rentals.

Sibling Discount: Please note that a Sibling Discount for tuition fees is offered. A younger second child enrolled in the same school year receives a 20% discount, a 3rd child qualifies for a 30% discount, and a 50% discount is offered for the 4th and subsequent younger children enrolled. *The discount will only apply to tuition fees.*

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Other Costs: The fees below are in addition to the above noted tuition amounts.

1. **Bus Service:** (If applicable) Chemainus/Crofton/SSI Ferry terminal \$1500/year; Ladysmith/Mill Bay/Cobble Hill/ Shawnigan Lake \$1800/year; Nanaimo \$1850/year

Please note: A sibling discount of 50% is applied to busing fees. All bus routes and fees are subject to change.

2. **Uniform:** Uniform items, including Centennial (formal) and casual uniform, athletic uniform, equestrian uniform (if required) and several optional items, are available at the School Shop.

BC GRANT QUALIFICATION

The BC Provincial Government currently provides an annual grant to the School for qualifying BC families. The tuition fees stated above include the BC Grant.

Parents/guardians should be aware that if the amount of the grant, as determined by the BC Government, should change QMS may have to adjust tuition without notice.

- i) To qualify as a BC family, the **parent or legal guardian*** of the student **must be** a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or otherwise legally admitted to Canada; **AND reside in BC at least six months per year** (*a legal guardian is a court appointed guardian under the Family Relations Act of BC).
- ii) First Nations students living on reserve are ineligible for the BC Grant as the amount is included under their band funding.
- iii) For parents without a Canadian passport, a copy of the parents' Permanent Residence card, Landed Immigrant card, Work or Study Permit must be provided to the school.
- iv) Families who are ineligible for the BC Grant, as defined above, will be charged the grant amount of \$3,250/year as part of their tuition billing. This is in addition to the tuition fees listed above.

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QMS TUITION REFUND PLAN



The school offers a Tuition Refund Plan that defines terms for fees when enrolment has been interrupted after the start of the school year.

Why is the Plan important?

Families must understand that they have an annual financial obligation for tuition and other fees. Because commitment for programs, salaries, maintenance and other operating costs occur throughout the year, the absence or withdrawal of a student does not reduce the school's expenses.

Therefore, registration at QMS is a full year (10 month) financial commitment. If a student is unable to complete their full school year, financial protection is afforded to families by this plan.

The following terms for the refund of paid fees and restrictions on the cancellation of unpaid fee obligations are defined below. The Tuition Refund Plan forms part of the Annual Registration Agreement.

As enrolment in this plan is mandatory, it is recommended that families read through these details carefully.

Definitions:

Refunds — based on an academic year of 40 consecutive weeks or approximately 300 consecutive calendar days, including weekends, holidays and vacations within this period. In the case of day students, substitute approximately 170 days.

Withdrawal — means complete, voluntary severance from classes for the balance of the academic year.

Dismissals — means complete, involuntary severance from classes by the school authorities for scholastic or disciplinary reasons for the balance of the academic year.

Classes — means days of formal academic instruction including examinations. Registration, graduation and orientation days are not class days.

Temporary non-medical absences, temporary suspensions or change from boarder to day status for any reason are not a basis for claim under the Tuition Refund Plan.

Terms of Coverage: Medical — from August 1, 2019, through March 1, 2020
 Non-Medical — for the entire academic year after classes commence until March 1, 2020

Details of the Tuition Refund Plan are as follows:

- 1. Refunds will not be allowed for withdrawals after March 1, 2020.**
- 2. All students, including late-entering students, must enroll in the Plan.**

The Student Deposit paid to confirm registration for a student each year is **non-refundable** and is **not covered** under the Tuition Refund Plan for any reason or at any time.

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Terms of Refund

Please note: Applicable fees may not be refunded for up to 60 days after the student leaves the school to allow for collection of all outstanding expenses incurred.

1. Medical Absence or Withdrawal

- (a) Physical Disability — 100% refund of the unused tuition fees, less the student deposit, provided disability extends for 31 or more consecutive days. This is for physical disabilities certified by a legally qualified physician or surgeon.
- (b) Mental or Nervous Disorder or Disability — 70% refund of the unused tuition fees, less the student deposit, provided the disorder extends for 31 consecutive days. This disorder must be certified by a legally qualified psychiatrist or physician.

Not covered under the Plan

- (a) Illness that first manifested itself or accident that occurred before effective date of coverage
- (b) Any medical condition for which the student does not regularly receive legally qualified treatment
- (c) Use of drugs (any drug or agent classified as a narcotic, hallucinogenic, psychotic, psychedelic, or having a similar classification or effects)
- (d) War or act of war, declared or undeclared; participation in a riot
- (e) No refunds will be made in the event the Head of School orders the closure of the school due to an epidemic or when closure is ordered by the local public health authority
- (f) Inability of the school to operate and provide formal academic instruction including closure for any reason
- (g) Any withdrawals after March 1, 2020

- 2. **Non-Medical Withdrawal or Dismissal** — 50% refund of the unused tuition fees, less the student deposit, between September 28th, 2019 and March 2020.

Not covered under the Plan

- (a) Any absence, withdrawal or dismissal prior to attending classes
- (b) Withdrawal caused by insurrection, rebellion, riot, civil commotion or any governmental order directed to the student
- (c) War or act of war, declared or undeclared; any nuclear reaction, controlled or uncontrolled
- (d) Destruction of any school facility due to any cause whatsoever
- (e) Inability of the school to operate and provide formal academic instruction including closure for any reason,
- (f) Boycotting of classes
- (g) Being inducted or drafted into the armed forces including alternative duty as a conscientious objector
- (h) Fear of contagion
- (j) Any withdrawals after June 1, 2019, and prior to the commencement of school in September 2019
- (i) Any withdrawals after March 1, 2020