

QUEEN MARGARET'S SCHOOL

QMS

Equestrian Program

Grades 4 to 12

2018-2019

Program & Fee Information Booklet



EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM INFORMATION

OPTIONAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 4 TO 12

Queen Margaret's School (QMS) offers a unique, credit-granting English riding program on campus as an option for students entering Grades 4 to 12.

We are committed to providing nationally recognized, integrated Hunter, Jumper, Equitation and Dressage rider training using the Equestrian Canada Rider levels curriculum. We inspire and prepare recreational and competitive riders with a comprehensive training and support program.

On-campus riding lessons take place during our weekly school timetable, in evenings, and on weekends and are available to beginner through highly competitive riders.

Students may ride a school horse for lessons, bring their horse to school, or lease a horse to serve their riding and competition goals.

QMS Equestrian events throughout the year include **workshops** with topics including sports psychology, horse show rules and equine nutrition; **horsemanship clinics** such as show preparation, equine first aid and groundwork; **hunter/jumper and dressage clinics**; and **on-campus and off-campus horse shows**.

Costs for riding are subject to the applicant's choice of the number of riding lessons or contacts per term, and whether they choose to board or lease a horse. Equestrian program expenses are in addition to school tuition or student boarding costs.

Each student's prior riding and stable experience and abilities will be assessed, as well as their competition history (if any) as part of the application process. The riding program for each student will be determined by their demonstrated skills and experience as they align with the Equestrian Canada Rider Levels.

Students are encouraged to apply early for the optional Equestrian program, as available space may be limited in some programs.

Please note: enrolment in Queen Margaret's School does not imply enrolment in the Equestrian program.

EQUESTRIAN ACADEMIC COURSE OPTIONS

QMS provides every rider with strong riding skills and competence in stable management. Our optional credit-granting theory courses such as **Equine Science** (Anatomy & Physiology), **Introduction to Equestrian Instructing**, **Equestrian Management** and **Introduction to Horse Training**, along with the equestrian experience, will prepare students for future endeavours at the post-secondary level or within various aspects of the equestrian industry.

APPLYING TO THE QMS EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

To apply to the QMS Equestrian program, please submit QMS Equestrian Application Form to admissions@qms.bc.ca.

Equestrian Program applications will be reviewed and approved by the QMS Equestrian Department before a student's riding program will be confirmed. **Students with previous riding experience must provide a 1 – 2 minute video** to accompany their riding application.

More information about our riding, horse boarding or leasing options and associated program costs can be found in our Equestrian Handbook online at www.qms.bc.ca.

EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM OPTIONS AND FEE GUIDE

LEARN TO RIDE 1

The Learn to Ride Program (LTR) introduces safe riding and horsemanship practices to riders with limited or no prior riding experience. Riders in LTR will take **one lesson/class per week**, using a school horse. Students will learn to walk, trot, canter and prepare their horse for riding. LTR riders must complete [Equestrian Canada Rider Level 2](#) to proceed to QMS Equestrians 1 or 2.

Program	Equestrian Canada Rider Level	Riding Program Tuition per School Year	Average Lessons per Week	Rider Level Theory & Stable Management Program	Horsemanship Workshops	Clinics	Horse Shows
Learn to Ride LTR1 <i>1 Lesson or Class per week</i>	EC Rider Level 1 & 2	\$1995 (\$174.50/month after \$250 deposit)	1 Lesson Scheduled outside of the timetable	Required & Included	Optional Additional Fee	N/A	N/A

QMS EQUESTRIANS 1 OR 2

QMS Equestrians 1 or 2 assists riders in developing their skills both in the saddle and in the stable. Riders in the QMS Equestrians Program will take **one or two lessons/classes per week**, using a school horse. This program is available for Equine Canada Rider Levels 3 to 6, with [Equestrian Canada Rider Level 2](#) or an equivalent being a prerequisite. Some competitions, workshops and clinics are available to riders at this level.

Program	Equestrian Canada Rider Level	Riding Program Tuition per School Year	Average Lessons per Week	Rider Level Theory & Stable Management Program	Horsemanship Workshops	Clinics	Horse Shows
QMS Equestrians 1 EQ1 <i>1 Lesson or Class per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-6	\$1865 (\$161.50/month after \$250 deposit)	1 Lesson Scheduled within the timetable when possible	Required & Included	Optional Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee
QMS Equestrians 2 EQ2 <i>2 Lessons or Classes per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-6	\$3520 (\$327/month after \$250 deposit)	2 Lessons Scheduled within the timetable when possible Half lease with permission*	Required & Included	Optional Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee

*A supervising fee may be required for the student's safety during practice rides and handling outside of class time. This would be billed on a monthly basis.

QMS EQUINE MASTERS 3 OR 4

The QMS Equine Masters program supports dedicated equestrians on their journey to becoming well rounded horsewomen/horsemen. QMS Equine Masters will have **three or four lessons, classes or contacts per week**, may compete on and off campus, and are required to participate in clinics and workshops. QMS Equine Masters riders must be riding at [Equestrian Canada Rider Levels 3 to 8](#) (or equivalent) and board their horse or lease a horse.

Program	Equestrian Canada Rider Level	Riding Program Tuition per School Year	Average Lessons or Contacts per Week*	Rider Level Theory & Stable Management Program	Horsemanship Workshops	Clinics	Horse Shows
QMS Equine Masters 3 EM3 <i>3 Lessons, Classes or Contacts* per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-8	\$4725 (\$447.50/month after \$250 deposit)	3 Lessons/Contacts Scheduled both within and outside of the timetable Horse Board, Half Lease, or Full Lease Required**	Required & Included	6 Workshops Required & Included	1 Clinic Required Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee
QMS Equine Masters 4 EM4 <i>4 Lessons, Classes or Contacts* per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-8	\$6195 (\$594.50/month after \$250 deposit)	4 Lessons/Contacts Scheduled both within and outside of the timetable Horse Board or Full Lease Required**	Required & Included	6 Workshops Required & Included	1 Clinic Required Additional Fee	Optional Additional Fee

*Contacts include such activities as training rides, lunging lessons, ground training and other activities that progress the horse's training.

**A supervising fee may be required for the student's safety during practice rides and handling outside of class time. This would be billed on a monthly basis.

TEAM QMS 5

Team QMS advances committed riders who demonstrate good horsemanship, leadership and sportsmanship, both in the saddle and on the ground. Team QMS riders will have **five lessons, classes or contacts per week**, compete at the regional, national or international level, and are required to participate in clinics and workshops. Students on Team QMS must have achieved [Equestrian Canada Levels 7 to 10](#) (or equivalent) and board or lease an appropriate performance horse.

Program	Equestrian Canada Rider Level	Riding Program Tuition per School Year	Average Lessons or Contacts per Week*	Rider Level Theory & Stable Management Program	Horsemanship Workshops	Clinics	Horse Shows
Team QMS TQ5 <i>5 Lessons, Classes or Contacts* per week</i>	EC Rider Level 7-10	\$7770 (\$752/month after \$250 deposit)	5 Lessons/Contacts Scheduled both within and outside of the timetable Horse Board or Full Lease Required**	Required & Included	8 Workshops Required & Included	2 Clinics Required Additional Fee	3 Horse Shows Required Additional Fee

*Contacts include such activities as training rides, lunging lessons, ground training and other activities that progress the horse's training.

**A supervising fee may be required for the student's safety during practice rides and handling outside of class time. This would be billed on a monthly basis.

HORSE LEASING AND BOARDING OPTIONS

Queen Margaret's School Equestrian Program offers a variety of horse boarding and leasing options for riders wishing to enrol in the Equine Masters or Team QMS riding programs. Our goal is to find the right fit for your family, whether you are new to horses and considering half leasing a QMS school horse or your child is a serious competitor looking to secure a Premium Competition Lease. Our expert equestrian staff is available to discuss what option will be the best fit for your rider.

QMS Horse Lease: If you wish to lease a QMS horse, the QMS Horse Lease fees listed below include the combined cost of leasing and the lease horse's boarding costs.

QMS Horse Lease	Horse Boarding Type	Total Annual Fee	Included	Additional Costs
QMS Lease	Standard Horse Board	\$10,300 (\$980 per month after \$500 deposit)	Tack rental Expected annual equine maintenance and veterinary costs	Range from \$3000-\$6000 per year to cover costs such as supplements, equine care, farrier, grooming/clipping and holiday training fees.
	Premium Horse Board	\$11,050 (\$1,055 per month after \$500 deposit)	Horse Board	
QMS Half Lease	Standard Horse Board	\$5,400 (\$490 per month after \$500 deposit)	Tack rental Expected annual equine maintenance and veterinary costs	Range from \$1500-\$3000 per year to cover costs such as supplements, equine care, farrier, grooming/clipping and holiday training fees.
	Premium Horse Board	\$5,775 (\$527.50 per month after \$500 deposit)	Horse Board	

Premium Competition Horse Lease	Total Annual Fee	Additional Costs
Lease of a premium competition horse at fair market value may be secured	\$5,000 to \$25,000 Plus Horse Board (see below)	According to the lease agreement. Horse boarding as described below.

Horse Board (Horse brought by student, no lease)	Total Annual Fee	Included
Standard Horse Board	\$6,750 (\$625 per month after \$500 deposit)	Hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes. Horse Board in Lower Barn (Exterior access).
Premium Horse Board	\$7,500 (\$700 per month after \$500 deposit)	Hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes. Horse Board in Upper Barn (Access via Indoor Riding Barn).

EQUESTRIAN ACADEMIC COURSE OPTIONS

Equine Careers 10 (Planning 10)

Required Course* 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: None. **This course may be taken as a substitute for Career and Leadership Explorations 10*

This is a life skills course designed to help students use time management and goal-setting skills to develop career and educational plans with a specific focus on careers in the equestrian field. This course provides the framework for Career and Leadership Explorations 12 (Graduation Transition Portfolio) required for Grade 12 students. Students will meet with their course teacher on a regular basis in person while some of the units and course work will be carried out online.

Equestrian Athlete 10

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Registration in QMS Equine Masters 3 or 4, or Team QMS riding programs

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will be introduced to Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will learn how to incorporate these core concepts into their daily equestrian activities.

Equestrian Athlete 11

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equestrian Athlete 10 & Registration in QMS Equine Masters 3 or 4, or Team QMS riding programs

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will continue exploring Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will be expected to actively incorporate these core concepts into their daily equestrian activities, both at home and at horse shows.

Equestrian Athlete 12

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equestrian Athlete 11 & Registration in QMS Equine Masters 3 or 4, or Team QMS riding programs

This course is tailored to give committed equestrians the appropriate balance of riding instruction, equestrian related theory and practical stable management classes. Through a combination of in class lessons and outside workshops students will further their exploration of Rider Health and Wellness, Horse Health and Wellness, Preparing for a Competition and Leadership in the Horse Industry. Students will be responsible for creating and carrying out a yearly training plan based on these core concepts.

Equine Science 10: Anatomy & Physiology

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: None. Also available to QMS students who are not enrolled in the equestrian program.

This is a locally developed course approved by the B.C. Ministry of Education covering many aspects of horse knowledge and care. Subjects covered include Stable Management and Stewardship, Equine Health and Disease Prevention, and First-Aid. Students may choose to take this course in Grades 10, 11 or 12. This course is a pre-requisite to the Equestrian Management, Introduction to Horse Training and Introduction to Instructing courses.

Equine Science 11: Anatomy & Physiology

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equine Science 10. Also available to QMS students who are not enrolled in the equestrian program.

This course is designed to further promote a scientific approach to equine husbandry and introduce basic veterinary principles to all students. Common stable management practices are expanded upon to offer learners an academic approach to equine care and facility management. Students are encouraged to further investigate and supplement their competitive and career goals with the help of the materials, lessons, projects and field trips offered through this course.

Equestrian Management 11

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equine Science 10 (may be taken concurrently)

Equestrian Management 11 is a practical course designed to prepare students wishing to pursue, or learn more about, a career in equestrian facility and event management. Students will learn to improve the health and welfare of horses in their care by engaging in many of the important aspects of running an equestrian facility, including barn hygiene, safe horse handling, stable and paddock maintenance and improvement, accurate record keeping and much more.

Equestrian Management 12

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equestrian Management 11

Equestrian Management 12 is a practical course designed to prepare students wishing to pursue, or learn more about, a career in equestrian facility and event management. Students will actively work to improve the health and welfare of horses in their care by engaging in many of the important aspects of running an equestrian facility, including barn hygiene, safe horse handling, stable and paddock maintenance and improvement, accurate record keeping and much more.

Introduction to Horse Training 11

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equine Science 10 (may be taken concurrently)

Introduction to Horse Training 11 is a practical course designed for students considering a career as a horse trainer. Students will learn to improve the welfare and enhance the training of horses in their care by engaging in many of the important aspects of horse training, including conditioning, health and safety, equine behaviour, building a training program and proven training techniques.

Introduction to Horse Training 12

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Horse Training 11

Introduction to Horse Training 12 is a practical course designed for students considering a career as a horse trainer. Students will play an active role in improving the welfare, and enhancing the training, of horses in their care by engaging in many of the important aspects of horse training, including conditioning, health and safety, equine behaviour, building a training program and proven training techniques.

Introduction to Equestrian Instructing 11

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Equine Science 10 (may be taken concurrently)

Introduction to Instructing 11 is a practical course designed to prepare students wishing to pursue, or learn more about, a career as an Instructor in the equine industry. Students will learn how to provide beginner riders with the best possible experience and optimal learning environment, as well as explore the necessary steps to become an Equine Canada Instructor of Beginners.

Introduction to Equestrian Instructing 12

Elective Course 4 Credits

Pre-requisite: Introduction to Equestrian Instructing 11

Introduction to Instructing 12 is a practical course designed to prepare students wishing to pursue, or learn more about, a career as an Instructor in the equine industry. Students will actively participate in providing beginner riders with the best possible experience and optimal learning environment. Students will be responsible for creating and implementing a plan to work towards becoming a Certified Equine Canada Instructor of Beginners.

Connect at QMS

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