

Queen Margaret's School offers a unique, credit-granting English riding program that offers a blend of riding, theory and stable management; as well as clinics, workshops and competitions at some levels.

We invite you to take a look at the information below to explore our many riding options.

Information on our credit-granting Equestrian courses such as Equestrian Management, Equine Science and Introduction to Horse Training can be found in our Equestrian Handbook online at www.qms.bc.ca.

EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM OPTIONS:

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 lessons/classes once per week, using a school horse. Students will learn to walk, trot, canter and prepare their horse for riding. LTR riders must complete [Equine Canada Rider Level 2](#) to proceed to QMS Equestrians 1 or 2.

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 [Equine Canada Rider Level 2](#) or an equivalent being a prerequisite. Some competitions, workshops and clinics are available to riders at this level.

QMS Equine Masters 3 or 4

QMS Equine Masters 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 [Equine Canada Rider Levels 3 to 8](#) (or equivalent) and board their horse or lease a horse.

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 [Equine Canada Levels 7 to 10](#) (or equivalent) and board or lease an appropriate performance horse.

FOR ALL RIDERS: Riding applications will be reviewed and approved by the QMS Equestrian Department before a rider's program will be confirmed. Students with previous riding experience must provide a 1 – 2 minute video to accompany their riding application.

Please see the [Equestrian Program and Fee Guide](#) for more details.



Riding Programs, Requirements and Options

Program	Equine 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
Learn to Ride LTR1 <i>1 Lesson or Class per week</i>	EC Rider Level 1 & 2	\$1900 (\$165/month after \$250 deposit)	1 Lesson Scheduled outside of the timetable	Required & Included	Optional Additional Fee	N/A	N/A
QMS Equestrians 1 EQ1 <i>1 Lesson or Class per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-6	\$1775 (\$152.50/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	\$3350 (\$310/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
QMS Equine Masters 3 EM3 <i>3 Lessons, Classes or Contacts* per week</i>	EC Rider Level 3-8	\$4500 (\$425/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	\$5900 (\$565/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
Team QMS TQ5 <i>5 Lessons, Classes or Contacts* per week</i>	EC Rider Level 7-10	\$7400 (\$715/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.

**This program includes theory and stable management classes and testing for one Equine Canada Rider Level. These classes may take place outside of the regular instructional school day. Students may choose to do more than one Equine Canada Rider level per school year at an additional cost.

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



Horse Leasing and Boarding Options

QMS Horse Lease	Total Annual Fee	Included	Additional Costs
QMS Horse Lease with Standard Horse Board	\$9800 (\$930/month after \$500 deposit)	-Tack rental -Expected annual equine maintenance and veterinary costs -Horse Board in Lower Barn (Exterior access)	Range from \$3000-\$6000/year to cover costs such as supplements, equine care, farrier, grooming/clipping and holiday training fees.
QMS Horse Lease with Premium Horse Board	\$10,550 (\$1005/month after \$500 deposit)	Tack rental -Expected annual equine maintenance and veterinary costs -Horse Board in Upper Barn (Access via Indoor Riding Barn)	Range from \$3000-\$6000/year to cover costs such as supplements, equine care, farrier, grooming/clipping and holiday training fees.

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

Horse Board	Total Annual Fee	Included
Standard Horse Board	\$6550 (\$605/month after \$500 deposit)	- Hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes. - Horse Board in Lower Barn (Exterior access)
Premium Horse Board	\$7300 (\$680/month after \$500 deposit)	- Hay, grain, bedding, muck out, turn out and blanket changes. - Horse Board in Upper Barn (Access via Indoor Riding Barn)

