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# International Financial Information 2023

Tuition fees for international students are charged in Australian dollars, as set out below.

Stream Year Level	Years R to 11	SACE Year 12	IB Diploma Year 12
<b>Tuition Fee</b>	\$26,330	\$26,330	\$26,330
<b>Annual Fees</b>			
Resource Fee <sup>^</sup>	\$5,865	\$5,865	\$5,865
Examination Fee	\$0	\$520	\$1,730
<b>Other Fees</b>			
Enrolment Application Fee*	\$510	\$510	\$510
Guardianship Fee*	\$300	\$300	\$300
Airport Pick-up / School Orientation Activities*	\$275	\$275	\$275
Homestay Placement*	\$330	\$330	\$330

\* Once only fee

## <sup>^</sup> Resource Fee

This fee covers all compulsory curriculum based activities including excursions, camps, sport, school based social activities, revision guides, school photos (basic package only), competitions, diaries, personal portfolios, Outdoor Education, Yearbook, Senior School commemorative jumper and tie and Resource and Capital Levies.

## Year 12 Examinations

For Year 12 students studying SACE, who also elect to study an IB Diploma Subject, an additional Examination Fee of \$450 per subject will apply.

## Additional Charges

### Applicable to all year levels and streams

Health insurance	Price on application
Homestay Fee (per week)	\$370
Holding Fee** (per week)	\$90

\*\* To be charged in lieu of Homestay Fee when accommodation is required to be held during vacation.

An additional charge of \$10 per week will be charged by the Homestay for internet usage.  
The Homestay Fee is to be paid directly to the Homestay host each week. Alternative arrangements can be made to pay 6 months of Homestay Fees to the school who will forward the fees fortnightly to the Homestay host on behalf of the student.

### Change of Homestay accommodation

Students must discuss their reason for wishing to move Homestay with the Homestay Coordinator. Students must give two weeks' notice to the Homestay. If the student decides to move earlier a payment of two weeks' Homestay Fees will be incurred.

### Discretionary Expenditure

Including items such as stationery, uniforms and textbooks.

### Fees

Fees approved by College Council are subject to change based on course commencement and course selection.

The Snow Trip is an additional expense.



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## Refund Policy

All requests for a refund of fees must be made in writing by the parent/agent. The refund will be payable to the parent of the student, unless written notification is received from the parent indicating another person is to be paid.

The refund, if applicable, will be processed accordingly and paid within four (4) weeks after receiving a written claim.

Refunds will be made in Australian Dollars only, to a nominated bank account in the name of the student or parent.

Course fees are not transferable to other education providers.

If a student withdraws prior to commencement of the course, all prepaid fees, less 20%, and any unused Homestay Fees (if applicable) will be refunded. This will only occur if the College receives written notification of cancellation or withdrawal more than twenty eight (28) days before the commencement of the course and, if the withdrawal is for any reason other than the rejection of the visa application.

If a student withdraws due to the rejection of their visa, the student will receive a full refund of their fees paid, less the Enrolment Application Fee, if certified evidence from the Australian Immigration authorities is provided within fourteen (14) days of the student receiving notice of a visa application rejection.

If a student withdraws after commencing at Mercedes College, ten (10) academic weeks notice in writing is required from either the Agent or the parent prior to a student withdrawing from Mercedes College. Failure by the Agent or parent to provide notice in writing will incur a payment to the College of ten (10) academic weeks Tuition Fees excluding Resource and Examination Fees.

If a student's visa status changes, for example the student becomes a permanent resident or citizen of Australia and is no longer in the country on a 500 Student Visa, then they will not be refunded the fees paid for the current year, Enrolment Application Fee, Airport Pick Up Fee (if applicable), Homestay Placement Fee (if applicable) and Guardianship Fee. The student will continue to pay full overseas student fees for the duration of that academic year.

If a student is required to leave the College due to a break in their visa conditions, including unsatisfactory attendance or unsatisfactory progress in the course or a breach of College rules, there will not be a refund of any tuition or Administration Fees paid. Any unused Homestay Fees will be refunded.

Any default by Mercedes College will be covered by the provisions of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act (ESOS) 2000 and the ESOS Regulations.

These include:

- If for any reason Mercedes College is unable to offer a course, a refund of fees paid will be made within fourteen (14) days of notification of course cancellation.
- If for any reason Mercedes College is unable to continue offering a course after commencement, a full refund of fees paid will be made within fourteen (14) days of notification of course cancellation.

This agreement, and the availability of complaints and appeals processes, does not remove the right of the student to take action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

## 2023 Term Dates

**Term 1:** Wednesday 1 February – Friday 14 April

**Term 2:** Tuesday 2 May – Wednesday 5 July

**Term 3:** Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

**Term 4:** Monday 16 October – Friday 8 December