



Lourdes Hill College International Student Fees & Refund Policy

A copy of this policy is provided to the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) at a reasonable time prior to a written agreement being signed as well as comprising part of student's written agreement.

1. This policy outlines refunds applicable to course fees paid to the school
any course fees paid to an education agent to be remitted to the school.
2. Any service fees a student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18) pays directly to a third party are not within the scope of this refund policy.
3. Payment of Course Fees and Refunds
 - a) Fees are payable according to Lourdes Hill Fees Schedule and payment options – International Students and Fees and Refund Policy – International Students.
 - b) An itemised list of school fees is provided in the school's written agreement
 - c) All fees must be paid in Australian dollars unless requested otherwise. Refunds will be reimbursed in the same currency as fees were received.
 - d) Refunds will be paid to the person who enters into the written agreement unless the school receives written advice from the person who enters the written agreement to pay the refund to someone else.
4. All notification of withdrawal from a course, or applications for refunds, must be made in writing and submitted to the Assistant Principal, Teaching & Learning.
5. Student default because of visa refusal
 - a) If a student produces evidence of visa refusal (or provides permission for the school to verify visa refusal with the Department of Immigration) and fails to start a course on, or withdraws from the course on or before the agreed starting day, the school will refund within four weeks of receiving a written claim from the student the total

amount of course fees received by the school before the student's default day, minus the lesser of

- 5% of the amount of course fees received, or
 - AUD \$500.
- b) If a student whose visa has been refused withdraws from the course after it has commenced, the school will retain the amount of tuition fees proportionate to the amount of the course the student has undertaken and will refund of any unused tuition fees* received by the school with respect to the student within the period of four weeks after the day of student default.

*Calculation of the refund due in this case is prescribed by a legislative instrument (s.10 of Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014).

6. Student default

- a) Any amount owing under this section will be paid within 4 weeks of receiving a written claim from the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18).
- b) Non-tuition will be refunded on a pro rata basis proportional to the amount of time the student was studying in the course, except where a non-refundable payment on behalf of the student has been made.

If the student does not provide written notice of withdrawal, and does not start the course on the agreed starting date, up to 5% of tuition fees or AUD \$500 will be retained from tuition fees received by the school and the remainder will be refunded.

If tuition fees for up to 2 semesters have been received in advance by the school and the school receives written notification of withdrawal by the student (or parent(s)/legal guardian if the student is under 18), the school will:

Retain an administration fee of AUD 500 and refund the balance of the tuition fees if written notice is received up to four weeks prior to commencement of the course.

- a) Refund 50% of the tuition fees received if written notice is received less than four weeks prior to commencement of the course.
- b) Refund 50% of any tuition received, if written notice is received **before** one (1) term/semester of the payment period has passed.
- c) Refund 50% if written notice is received **after** 1 term/semester of the payment period has passed.

If tuition fees have been received for more than 2 semesters, refund provisions under (d) will apply for the first 2 semesters and any balance of unused tuition fees after this will be refunded.

No refund of tuition fees will be made where a student's enrolment is cancelled for any of the following reasons:

- a) Failure to maintain satisfactory course progress (visa condition 8202). Please see International Students Fees & Refund Policy.
- b) Failure to maintain satisfactory attendance (visa condition 8202).
- c) Please see International Students Course Progress & Attendance Procedures.
 - i. Failure to maintain approved welfare and accommodation arrangements (visa condition 8532). See International Students Accommodation & Welfare Policy.
 - ii. Failure to pay course fees.
 - iii. Any behaviour identified as resulting in enrolment cancellation in Lourdes Hill College's Behaviour Policy/Code of Conduct. Please see International Students Homestay Risk Management Policy and International Students Accommodation and Welfare Policy.

If Lourdes Hill College cancels a student's enrolment for failure to maintain agreed conditions as outlined in the student's written agreement, including failure to disclose a pre-existing condition requiring a high degree of specialised support or care, any refund of tuition fees will be at the discretion of the school.

7. Provider default

- a) If for any reason the school is unable to offer a course on an agreed starting day for the course, and the student for some reason cannot be placed or refuses placement in an alternative course arranged by the school, a full refund of any unused tuition fees* received by the school with respect to the student will be made within 14 days of the agreed course starting day.
- b) If for any reason the school is unable to continue offering a course after the student commences a course, and the student for some reason cannot be placed or refuses placement in an alternative course arranged by the school, a full refund of any unused tuition fees* received by the school with respect to the student will be made within 14 days of the school's default day.
- c) In the event that the school is unable to fulfil its obligations of providing an agreeable alternative course for the student, or a refund, the student will receive assistance from the Australian Government's Tuition Protection Service. For information on the TPS, please see:

<https://tps.gov.au/StaticContent/Get/StudentInformation>.

**Calculation of the refund due in this case is prescribed by a legislative instrument (s.7 of Education Services for Overseas Students (Calculation of Refund) Specification 2014).*

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L00907>.

8. This written agreement, and the right to make complaints and seek appeals of decisions and action under various processes, does not affect the rights of the student to take action under the Australian Consumer Law if the Australian Consumer Law applies.

Definitions

- a. **Non-tuition fees** – fees not directly related to provision of the student’s course, QCAA Fees, OSHC, Stationery and Uniform.
- b. **Tuition fees** – fees directly related to the provision of the student’s course, including Core Tuition Fees, Core Programme Fees and Levies and an Administration Service Fee.
- c. **Course fees** – the sum of tuition fees and non-tuition fees received by the school in respect of the student in order for the student to undertake the course.
- d. **Study Period** – 1 Study Period = 1 semester.