

Queen Margaret's School

QMS

Program Fees & Guide Booklet

**Boarding Students 2011-2012**

(Grades 6 through 12)

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## Welcome to Queen Margaret's School (QMS)

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Come and be part of a 90 year tradition of girls' education that is built on academic excellence, athletic participation, fine arts accomplishments and service to community. Our roots are humble, but our accomplishments are well recognized. Our Grade 12 students graduate with more Sciences, Mathematics and other university-preparatory courses, and with higher performance marks than the provincial average. Our graduates are accepted to the finest universities in Canada, the U.S. and abroad.

QMS teachers are exceptional and completely committed to creating an environment where your daughter will flourish. They are familiar with how girls learn best and encourage each student to meet their goals. One of our instructors was recognized recently by the Prime Minister of Canada for teaching excellence, one of only 15 teachers from across the Canada to receive this honour. Our school is also a member of the National Coalition of Girls School which means we are part of a network of girls' schools across North America enabling us to access research, share information and learn from each other on the best possible education for girls.

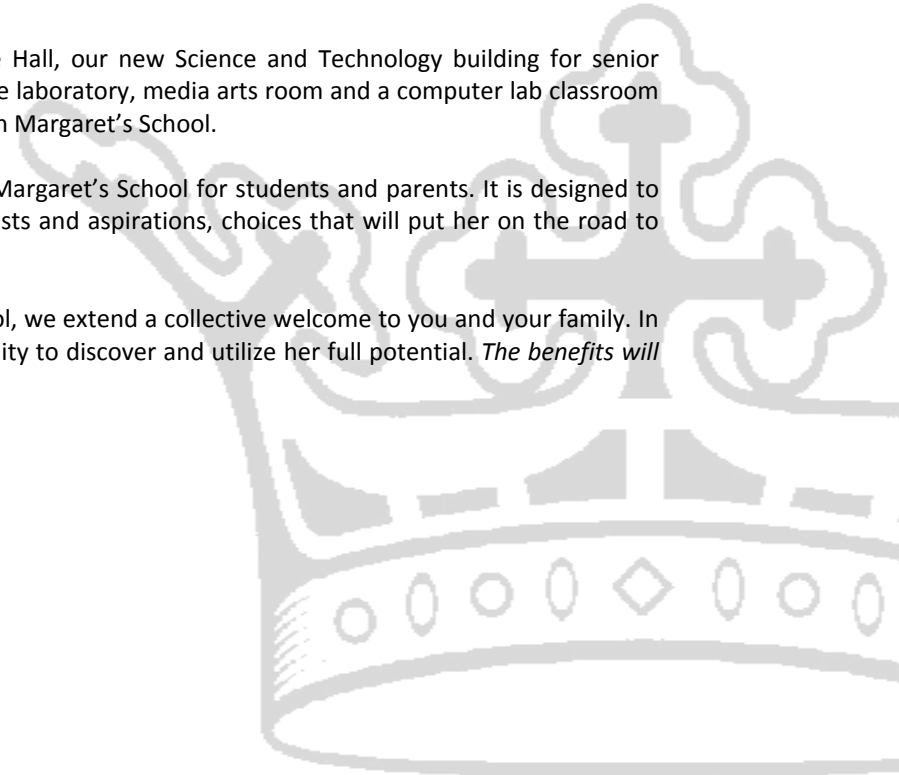
September 2009 marked the opening of our new Indoor Riding Arena and Rowantree Hall, our new Science and Technology building for senior students. This doubled the size of our senior school and provides a state of the art science laboratory, media arts room and a computer lab classroom which all senior school girls will benefit from using. It is a very exciting time to be at Queen Margaret's School.

This guide provides you with an overview of the programs and opportunities at Queen Margaret's School for students and parents. It is designed to help you and your daughter make educational choices that best suit her personal interests and aspirations, choices that will put her on the road to life-long success.

On behalf of our faculty and staff and the Board of Governors of Queen Margaret's School, we extend a collective welcome to you and your family. In choosing our senior school your daughter will discover space to thrive, and the opportunity to discover and utilize her full potential. *The benefits will last a lifetime.*

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilma Jamieson  
Head of School



## Small, Safe and Close to it all

**Queen Margaret's School** is located on 27 country-like acres in the Cowichan Valley and is an easy walk to the small and friendly town centre of **Duncan, on Vancouver Island, British Columbia**. A scenic forty-five minute drive north of Victoria, British Columbia, the City of Duncan and surrounding Cowichan Valley region enjoys Canada's mildest climate, providing excellent year-round opportunities for outdoor adventure and activities. In addition to the natural charms that make the Island a haven for hikers, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts, the Cowichan Valley boasts excellent shopping, restaurants, performing & fine arts venues, medical facilities and services. Boarders travel to the school through the Victoria International Airport, or by ferry from Vancouver to Nanaimo or Victoria. Our Travel Coordinator works closely with parents and our local travel agency to ensure our students' safe journey from the Victoria airport or ferry terminals.

### QMS FACTS AND FIGURES

<i>Total Enrolment</i>	300
<i>Senior School</i>	140
<i>Junior School</i>	160
<i>Countries Represented</i>	12
<i>International Students</i>	64
<i>Boarding Students</i>	90
<i>Day Students</i>	198
<i>Faculty and Staff</i>	115
<i>Average Class Size</i>	16
<i>Student/Faculty to Student Ratio</i>	8:1



# Pillars of QMS – Educational Philosophy & Practice

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## **Academic Program**

Students flourish in small classes where everyone has the opportunity to express ideas freely. With a full enrolment of 315 students, QMS is the ideal size to reflect Canada’s many cultures while remaining an intimate community. We are large enough to offer an extensive educational program, yet small enough to ensure that each student is known and respected as an individual. Interesting and challenging programs are offered to all students, but patience, understanding and support are also available to those students who need extra time to help build their confidence, self-esteem, knowledge and skills. We have developed a school culture where it is very cool to succeed.

## **Athletic and Equestrian Program**

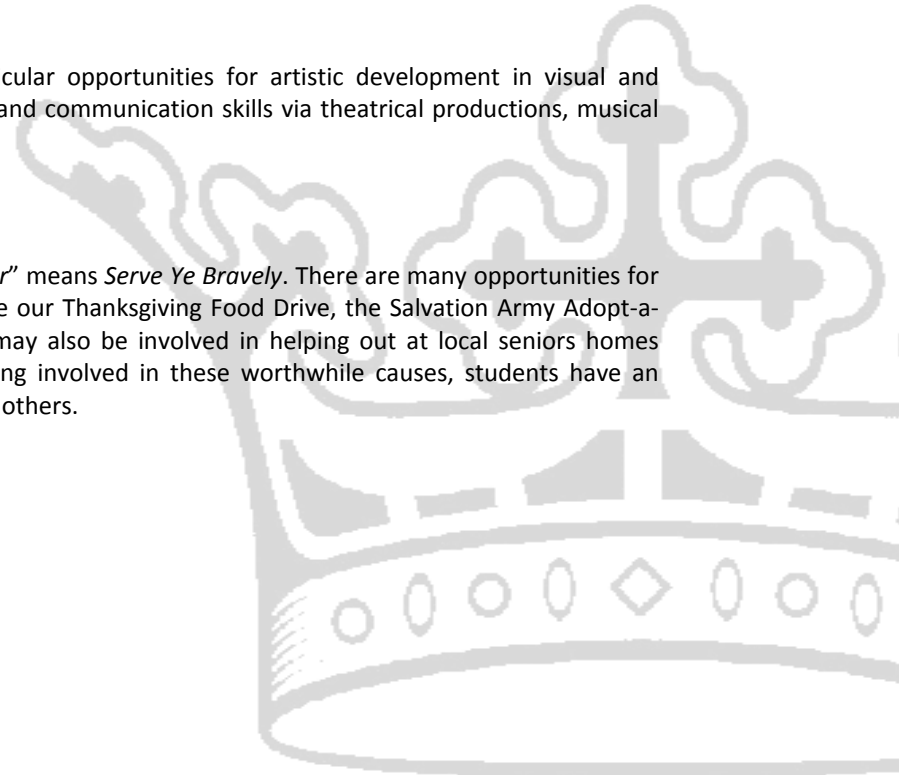
Through our curricular and co-curricular athletic and club program, we provide students with the opportunity for physical and social, as well as academic development. Mandatory physical education for all Senior School students, combined with an integrated Outdoor Education Program, develop physical fitness and provide for skill development while enhancing sportsmanship and building self-esteem. Student participation on teams helps build interpersonal skills while strengthening school spirit. The Senior athletic program which is managed by our Senior Athletic Director, emphasizes physical fitness and the life-long enjoyment of physical activities. Many of our students participate in the Equestrian Program which is scheduled during regular PE classes and is offered to students in Grades 4-12.

## **The Fine Arts Program**

Our comprehensive Fine Arts program provides students with curricular and co-curricular opportunities for artistic development in visual and performing arts. Our goal is to enhance self-confidence, creative expression, aesthetics and communication skills via theatrical productions, musical recitals and competitions, and art exhibitions.

## **Community Service**

At QMS we have a long-standing tradition of service to others. Our motto “*Servite Fortiter*” means *Serve Ye Bravely*. There are many opportunities for Junior School Students to be involved in service-related activities. Some of these include our Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family Program at Christmas, and fundraising for our QMS Foster Children. Students may also be involved in helping out at local seniors homes through a bird feeder maintenance program or by singing for a worthy cause. By being involved in these worthwhile causes, students have an opportunity to help out and to become more aware of their ability to improve the lives of others.



## The Queen Margaret's School Mission

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Queen Margaret's School is a caring community committed to providing students a challenging and enriched educational and boarding experience in preparation for university. Each student is encouraged to pursue excellence in all endeavours and take a responsible role in society.

## The Queen Margaret's School Vision

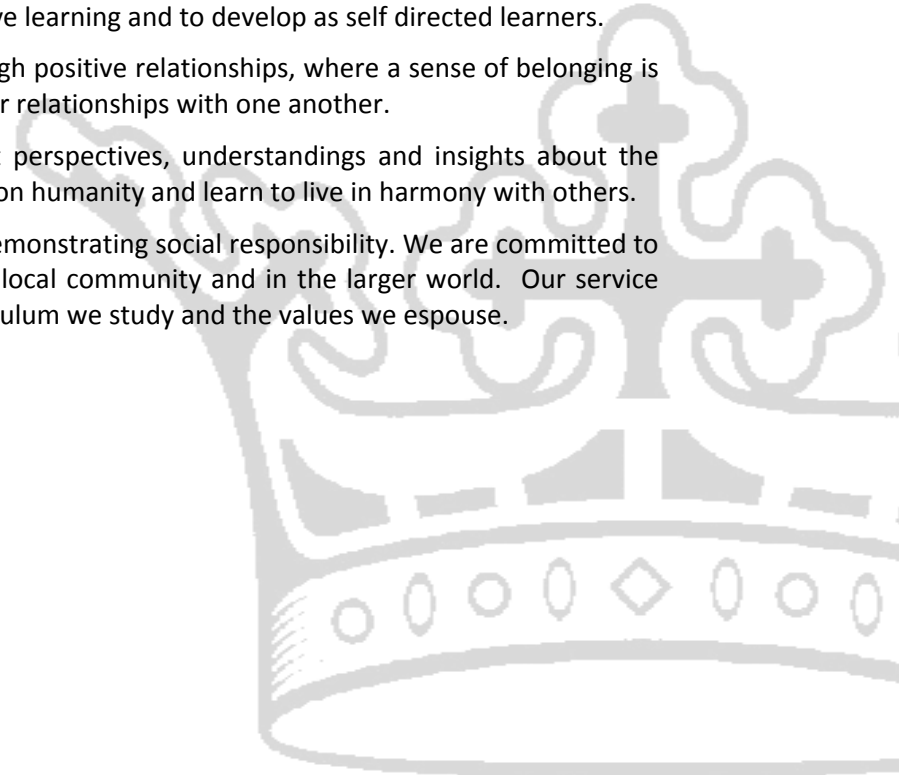
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The Senior School faculty and staff challenge and nurture each student to develop her intellectual ability, to discover her creative and athletic talents, and to make a meaningful contribution to her community. At Queen Margaret's School we teach young women to think critically, to lead confidently and to live honourably.

## The Core Values of Queen Margaret's School

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- We are committed to providing an environment of achievement that includes: an emphasis on critical thinking, challenging, relevant and changing curriculum approaches to meet 21st century skills, specialist teachers and student leadership opportunities. We expect each of our students to be self confident, to love learning and to develop as self directed learners.
- We are a small school where teachers and students are connected through positive relationships, where a sense of belonging is evident among our students and where a sense of community governs our relationships with one another.
- We are a culturally diverse community committed to sharing different perspectives, understandings and insights about the world. Diversity broadens our world view, enables us to discover a common humanity and learn to live in harmony with others.
- We believe in developing a strong sense of connection through actions demonstrating social responsibility. We are committed to service as the giving of time and resources to others in our school and local community and in the larger world. Our service commitment is expressed through on and off campus activities, the curriculum we study and the values we espouse.



## Senior School for Girls, Grades 8 - 12

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In all-girl schools, active participation is the norm and creative leadership is expected. Girls are challenged to take initiative and to excel in all subjects; nothing is seen as beyond their reach. Away from the distraction and stereotyping, girls become more open and responsive, as their energy and interests become engaged and focused. Collaboration and cooperation are encouraged in the classroom, as girls learn their own strengths, their confidence grows.

At Queen Margaret's, our goal is to assist students in achieving an average of 85% or higher to ensure students can target the University of their choice. Our University and College acceptance for our graduates stands at 100% with the majority receiving offers from multiple Universities.

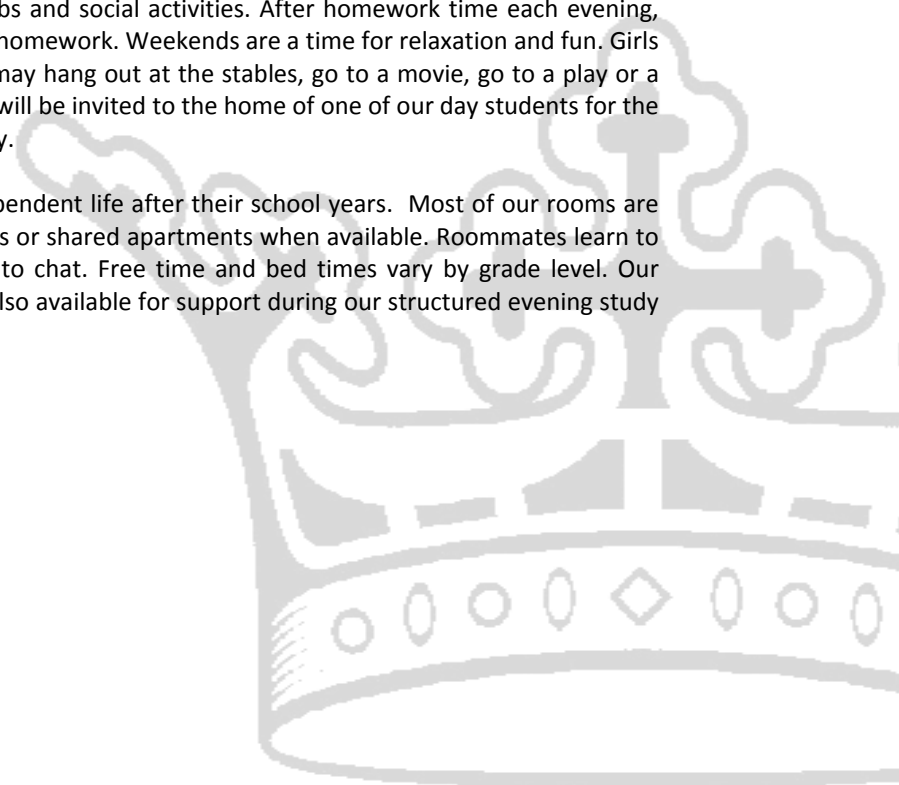
## The Boarding Choice | All - Girls' Residence Grades 6-12

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Boarding life at QMS presents young women with opportunities for independence within structure, responsibility with self-reliance, and a world of new experiences in a safe, nurturing environment. Approximately 90 young women in grade 7 through 12 make their home at Queen Margaret's School during the school year. We think globally in our culturally diverse boarding community and celebrate our differences and share our cultures, religions and family traditions.

From Monday to Thursday, time after school is dedicated to participation in sports, clubs and social activities. After homework time each evening, friends can share their day in a common room, have a snack, call home, or continue their homework. Weekends are a time for relaxation and fun. Girls can sleep in a little, take in a field trip to go skiing, swimming, hiking or kayaking. They may hang out at the stables, go to a movie, go to a play or a dance, or they go on a shopping day trip as a group to Victoria or Nanaimo. Perhaps they will be invited to the home of one of our day students for the weekend. Whatever the activity, we provide the support and supervision of a caring family.

Boarding in high school is a great way to prepare young women for University and independent life after their school years. Most of our rooms are home for two students although Grade 12 students may have the option of private rooms or shared apartments when available. Roommates learn to share, compromise, and discipline themselves to sleep when they would really prefer to chat. Free time and bed times vary by grade level. Our students are under constant care and supervision by residence staff. Staff members are also available for support during our structured evening study time.



# Promoting your Daughter's Success at QMS

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It is our fundamental belief that a successful education requires a three-way partnership between student, parents and the School. Parents and teachers are encouraged to develop open lines of communication in order to address any questions or areas of concern at the earliest possible state.

## **Academic Advising**

Our Academic Advisor supports the academic success of our students by providing information needed for graduation, entrance requirements for post-secondary institutions, assisting in the application process, providing scholarship information, and discussing career choices. Our Academic Advisor will meet with each student individually many times during their grade 11 and 12 years. Organized and planned visits to local universities, such as UBC, SFU, University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University will take place throughout the year. An Eastern University Tour is planned in October by the Director of Student Support Services. Parents may be involved by attending Graduation and Post-Secondary Information sessions, having contact through email, website, newsletters, telephone conversations, and personally arranged meetings.

## **Student Support Services**

Queen Margaret's School offers personal counseling services as well as an on-site Nurse and Health Centre to support the student's social and emotional needs and to promote a healthy environment.

## **Faculty Advisors**

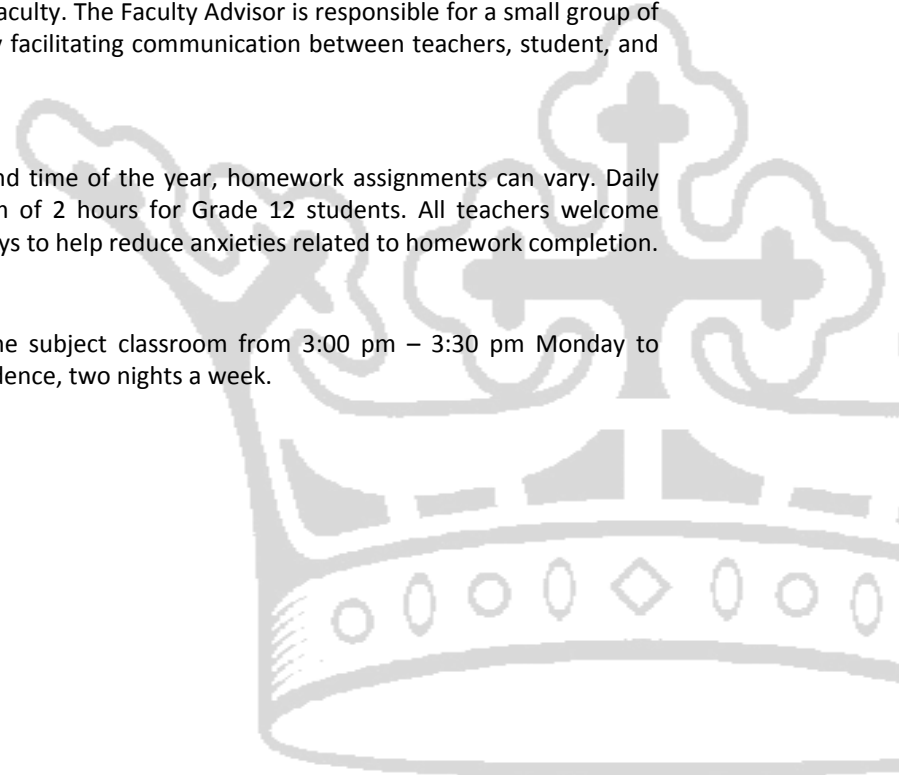
Each Senior School student has a Faculty Advisor who is a member of our Senior School Faculty. The Faculty Advisor is responsible for a small group of students and supports each student's success by monitoring their academic progress, by facilitating communication between teachers, student, and parents, and by promoting positive and supportive relationships.

## **Homework**

Depending upon the academic needs of each student, extracurricular circumstances, and time of the year, homework assignments can vary. Daily homework ranges from a minimum of 1 hour for Grade 8 students up to a minimum of 2 hours for Grade 12 students. All teachers welcome comments or questions from parents and are eager to clarify expectations and discuss ways to help reduce anxieties related to homework completion.

## **Tutorials**

To support our student's academic success' QMS teachers offer tutorial support in the subject classroom from 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday. A Science/Math teacher is also available for extra help during Prep Time in residence, two nights a week.



# Daily School Operations

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## **The House System**

Each student is assigned to one of our three Houses for "life" and family members will be placed in the same house. Each house has two House Captains who are a part of Student Council, the group who organizes various activities throughout the year to promote school spirit. The Houses, identified by tie color are St. Michael's (Red), St. Gabriel's (Yellow), and St. Hugh's (Green).

## **Chapel**

All students are expected to attend Chapel services twice a week. This beautiful fir log building was built over seventy five years ago and was recently designated as a Heritage building. The chapel welcomes and respects all faiths. It is a sanctuary and place of worship frequently used by returning Alumnae. Moral, spiritual and ethical issues of relevance to today's students are presented during Chapel.

## **QMS Parent Community**

Our Parents' Association plays a vital role of our school community. Parents assist with fundraising efforts, host and provide hospitality for school events, and connect parents with the school through the Parents' Association events. All parents of current students are automatically members of the Association, which meets monthly when the school is in session.

# Extra-Curricular Activities

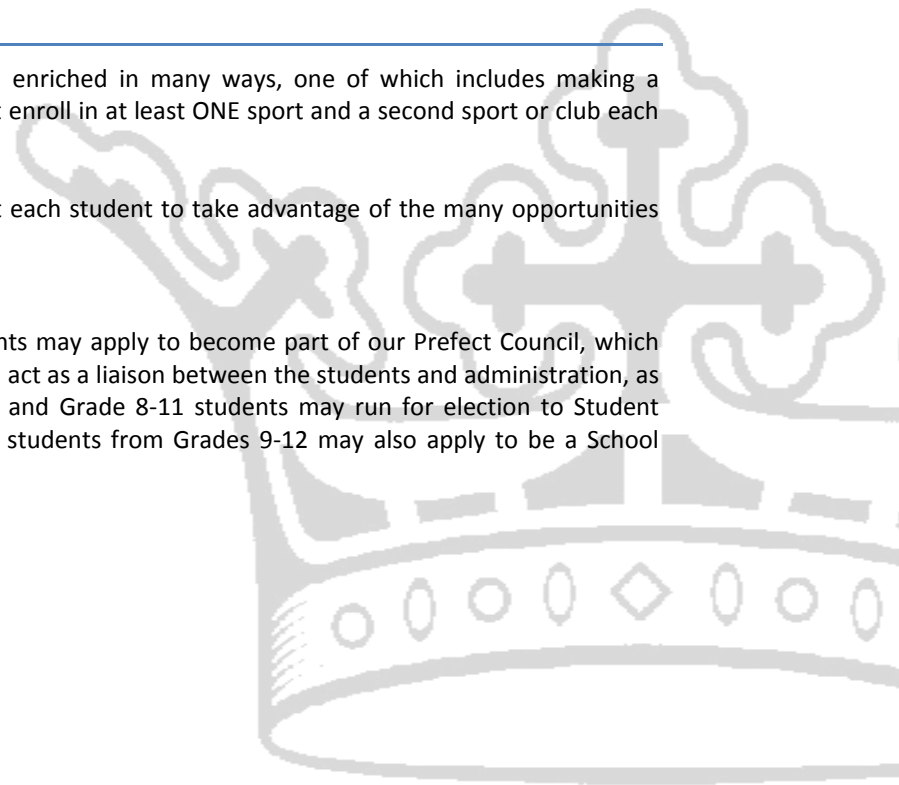
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At QMS, we acknowledge that a student's personal development and growth can be enriched in many ways, one of which includes making a commitment and contribution to the wider school community. As a result, students must enroll in at least ONE sport and a second sport or club each term.

Students are to display respect for others and sportsmanship in all activities. We expect each student to take advantage of the many opportunities and to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

## **Student Leadership**

There are many student leadership opportunities available to students. Grade 12 students may apply to become part of our Prefect Council, which consists of Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, and four or five Prefects. Members of this Council act as a liaison between the students and administration, as well as ambassadors for the school. Each year all Grade 12's attend Leadership Camp and Grade 8-11 students may run for election to Student Council. The Student Council plans activities for the students throughout the year and students from Grades 9-12 may also apply to be a School Captain. Captains assist teachers in planning activities within their subject disciplines.



### Sports

Queen Margaret’s School provides exemplary curricular and co-curricular athletic programs that provide students with the opportunity for physical as well as academic development. Mandatory physical education for all students combined with an integrated Outdoor Education program, develop physical fitness and skills while enhancing sportsmanship and strengthening student self esteem. Though students will have the opportunity to explore a large range of sports, our official school sport teams/groups include:

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| Badminton  | Basketball   | Bootcamp/Fitness Classes | Dance        |
| Equestrian | Field Hockey | Golf                     | Lawn Bowling |
| Soccer     | Tennis       | Volleyball               | Yoga/Pilates |

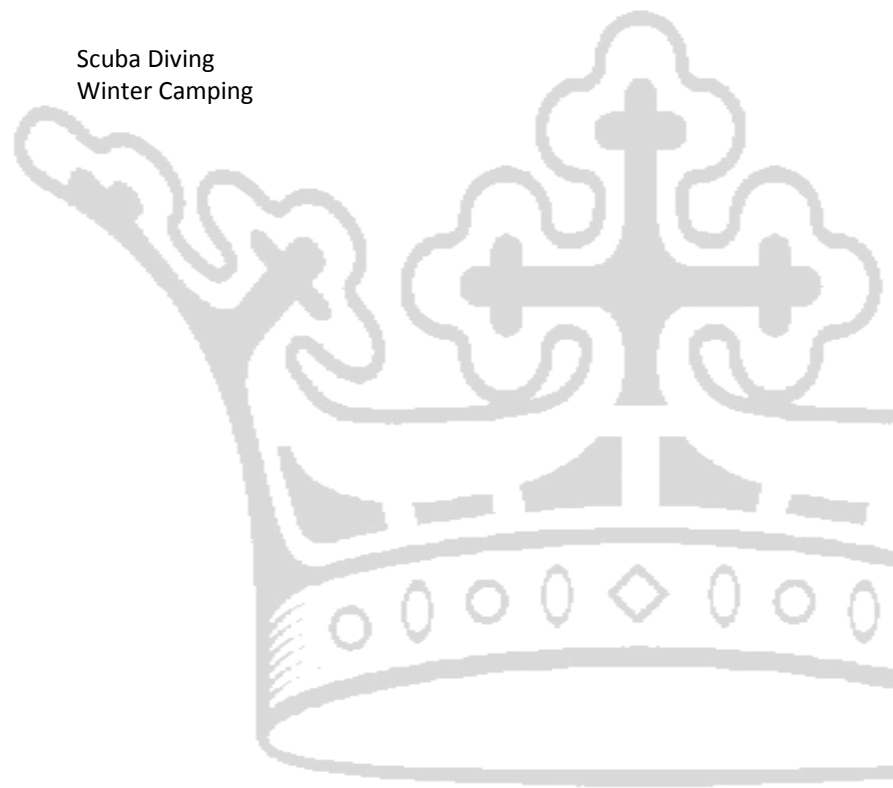
### School Clubs

Students at Queen Margaret’s School are offered an engaging range of student led clubs to participate in, including:

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| Dissection Club  | Drama Club      | Global Issues Club/Debating | Intercultural Club                       |
| Japanese Club    | Journalism Club | Math Club                   | Model United Nations                     |
| Photography Club | Science Club    | Yearbook Club               | Outdoor Adventure Club/Duke of Edinburgh |

Exciting activities outside of the school curriculum take place throughout the year. Students look forward to becoming involved in these groups or taking part in these trips as journeys that offer them a lifetime of wonderful memories!

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| Chapel & Jazz Choir           | Concert Band       | Kaleidoscope        | Scuba Diving   |
| Skiing                        | Service Activities | White Water Rafting | Winter Camping |
| World Vision – 30 Hour Famine |                    |                     |                |



# Equestrian Program

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## Equestrian Centre Riding Program

For riders, it's a winning combination – ride in your school day for high-school credit, bring your own horse or ride one of ours, chase your competitive dreams or explore equine studies while attending structured classes in a friendly university-preparatory high school. Whether young riders wish to train to compete or ride for fun in Hunter/Jumper, Dressage or Eventing disciplines, Queen Margaret's develops solid equitation skills, confidence in the ring and in the barn, and a strong sense of belonging within a supportive team of students and staff.

## Program Descriptions

**Learn To Ride (Grade 4 – 12):** This optional riding program is for students who wish to ride for fun. Learn to Ride students receive lessons once or twice a week in small groups of students with similar ability levels. Students also learn stable management and care for the equine athlete. The emphasis is on safety and fun! Students may choose to compete on-campus and at local shows.

**Train to Compete (Grades 8 – 12):** Train to Compete riders board their horse or lease a horse at school, and hone their riding and stable skills through lessons, clinics, shows, and classroom theory sessions. In partnership with their Staff Equine Advisor, TTC riders develop an Individual Equestrian Plan which serves to integrate a student's riding and academic goals. Program content exposes students to equine-related careers, and preparation for Equine Canada Level 1 Coaching Certification exams.

**Equine Sciences 11 (Grades 10 – 12):** This accredited course developed by Queen Margaret's School, is a rigorous program in equine anatomy and physiology, stable management, event coordination, coaching theory and first aid. It is available exclusively to QMS students in Grades 10 through 12. An Equine Sciences Certificate is awarded upon completion.

## Facilities

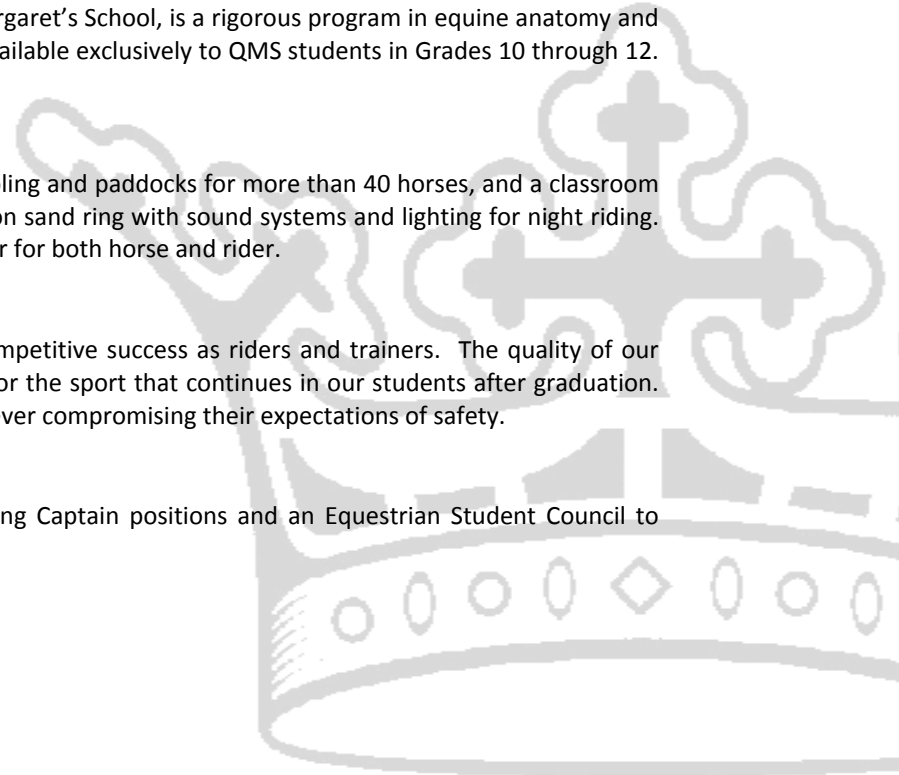
The Shirley Burr Equestrian Centre features a new Olympic-sized covered riding ring, stabling and paddocks for more than 40 horses, and a classroom dedicated to riders. Our riding facilities wrap themselves around a 130' x 240' competition sand ring with sound systems and lighting for night riding. Our gentle winter months make riding a comfortable sport at virtually any time of the year for both horse and rider.

## Staff

Our Equestrian Staff include Equine Canada certified coaches with a track-record of competitive success as riders and trainers. The quality of our coaching can be measured in our long history of successes in the ring, and the passion for the sport that continues in our students after graduation. Our coaching professionals balance desire for achievement with the joy of riding, while never compromising their expectations of safety.

## Student Leadership

Queen Margaret's recognizes the leadership skills that riding develops by offering Riding Captain positions and an Equestrian Student Council to develop social activities and liaise with equestrian staff.



# English as a Second Language (ESL) Program

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## **Integrated & Intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) Program**

Our intensive ESL Program, for beginner and advanced ESL students, delivers a blended program of both specialized immersion ESL and general classroom instruction. Our ESL Program leads to rapid integration into the appropriate Canadian grade level, and to successful preparation for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

## **English As A Second Language (ESL) Programs (Grades 7 through 10)**

Beginner and Advanced ESL students in Grades 7 through 10 participate in a blended program offering both specialized ESL instruction and an immersion learning and living environment. Students develop their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in intensive, small ESL classes while also participating in general mathematics, sciences, fine arts, athletics, and applied skills courses.

Students practice their English while participating in field trips and outdoor education adventures, sports, riding and recreational activities, technology training, and social events in our school and boarding community. We introduce our international students to Canadian culture and learning styles, and prepare them for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), required for entrance to universities in Canada and the United States.



## 2011 - 2012 Fee Information

### BOARDING STUDENTS

Area of Residence	Annual Fees	Deposit & Payment Due Date	Monthly Payment Plan
<b>BC Residents</b>	\$32,600	\$10,000 due upon acceptance; Final payment due by Aug. 1 or monthly payments August 1 – May 1	\$2,290
<b>BC Residents – 5-day only</b> (Home for the Weekend Boarding)	\$29,800		\$2,010
<b>Canadian &amp; US Residents</b>	\$35,600		\$2,590
<b>International Residents</b> (Regular English Program)	\$43,700	50% of fees due upon acceptance & final payment by Aug. 1, 2011	Not available
<b>International Residents E.S.L.</b> (Includes English as a Second Language Program)	\$49,700	50% of fees due upon acceptance & final payment by Aug. 1, 2011	Not available

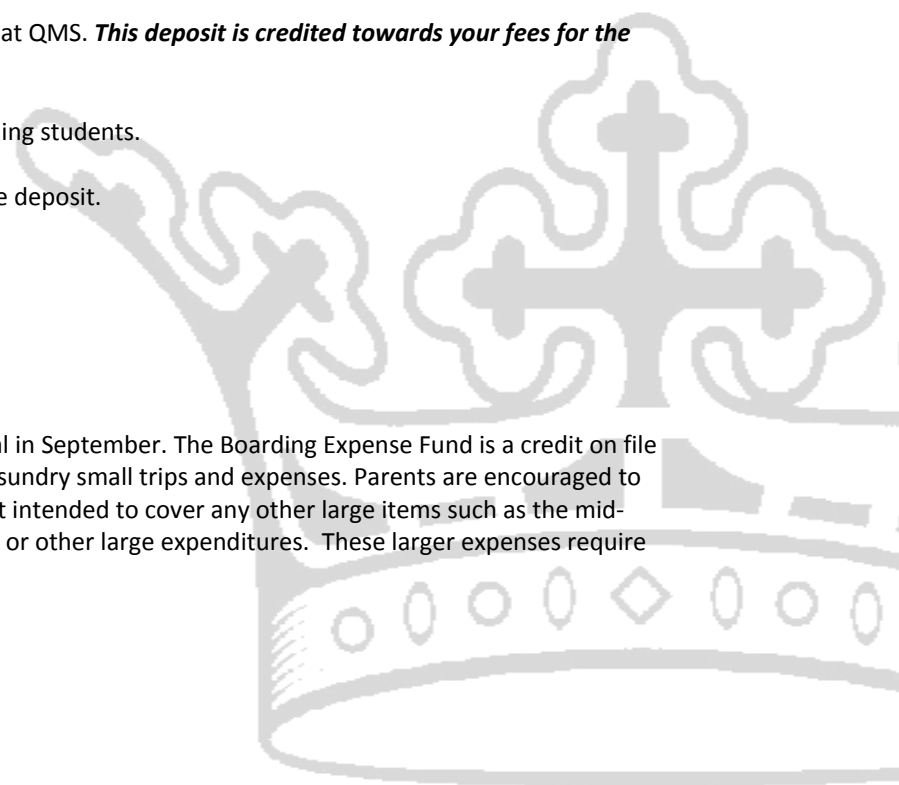
**Tuition & Boarding Fees include:** tuition, meals and accommodation, textbook rental, laundry, outdoor education fee, tuition insurance, campus renewal fee, QMS society membership, new enrollment fee and guardianship\*. (\* International students only)

**Non Refundable Deposit:** Due at the time of acceptance to hold your daughter’s space at QMS. *This deposit is credited towards your fees for the year.*

- 1) **\$10,000CDN** Non-refundable deposit is required for new Canadian and US boarding students.
- 2) 50% of tuition is required for International boarding students as a non-refundable deposit.
- 3) **Equestrian Riders:** Train to Compete \$750 deposit; Learn to Ride \$250 Deposit.

### Other Costs for New Students

- 1) **\$200 Non-refundable Application Fee:** Due at the time of application
- 2) **Boarding Expense Fund:** A credit card on file or \$4,500 deposit is due upon arrival in September. The Boarding Expense Fund is a credit on file that is used for miscellaneous school shop purchases, weekly pocket money and sundry small trips and expenses. Parents are encouraged to set monthly spending limits, and will receive monthly statements. This fund is not intended to cover any other large items such as the mid-term break trips, ski trips, initial uniform purchase, equestrian program expenses or other large expenditures. These larger expenses require parental permission.



- 3) **Medical Coverage:** All out-of-country students must enrol in the medical coverage arranged by the school. The premium for this is established by the insurance company and the BC Provincial Health Ministry and is estimated to be approximately \$600 per year billed on a monthly basis to your account.
- 4) **Uniform:** New and used uniform items, including Centennial (formal) and casual uniform, athletic uniform, equestrian uniform (if required) and several optional items, are available at the School Shop located in Founder’s Hall on campus. Uniform expenses are in addition to school fees and are estimated to be \$1100.

**EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM FEES (optional; in addition to tuition & boarding fee)**

“Learn to Ride” Program*	Annual Fees	Train to Compete (TTC) Program	Annual Fees
One Riding Lesson/week	\$1300	Two Riding Lessons/week & Train to Complete/Equine Studies course*	\$3200
Two Riding Lessons/week	\$2600	Horse Boarding (two options available)	\$5500-\$6500
		Horse Lease Fee (in addition to horse boarding fees)	\$1000

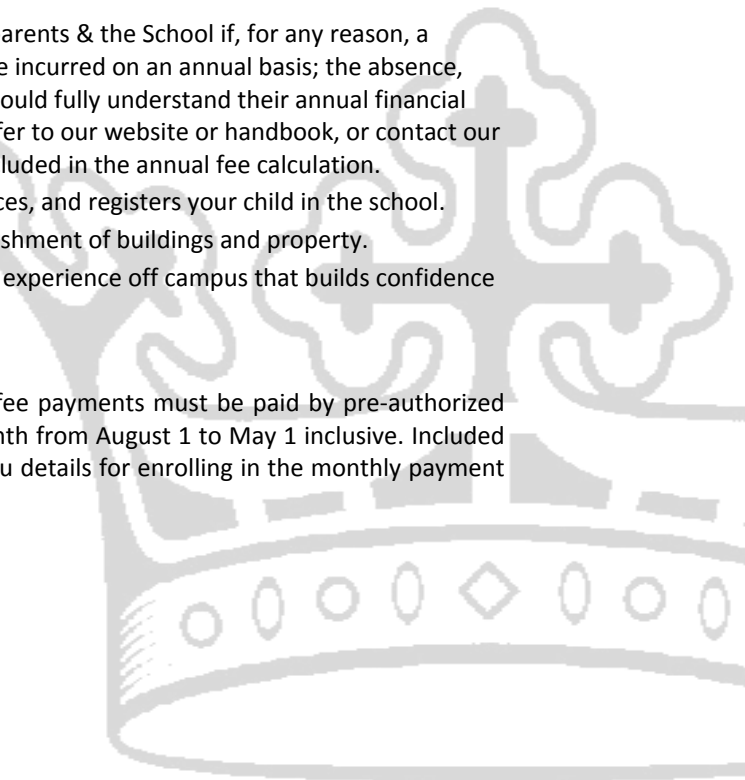
\*Riders must submit an equestrian application form. The Learn to Ride (LTR) Program is open for students in Grade 4-12 only. Entry into the Train to Compete (TTC) program is subject to approval by Queen Margaret’s School and requires horse boarding or full lease with board.

**Glossary of Fees:** The fees below are in addition to the above noted tuition fees.

- 1) **\$600 Tuition Insurance:** Tuition Insurance is a program which provides protection for the parents & the School if, for any reason, a student does not complete the school year. Commitments for salaries and maintenance are incurred on an annual basis; the absence, dismissal or withdrawal of a student does not reduce these operating expenses. Parents should fully understand their annual financial obligation for tuition and other fees. For detailed Tuition Insurance Information, please refer to our website or handbook, or contact our Director of Finance or Admissions Office. The fee for tuition insurance has already been included in the annual fee calculation.
- 2) **\$750 New Enrollment Fee:** This fee supports the expansion of the school’s learning resources, and registers your child in the school.
- 3) **\$800 Campus Renewal Fee:** This fee assists the school in the continual renewal and refurbishment of buildings and property.
- 4) **\$500 Outdoor Education Fee:** All students participate in an exceptional outdoor education experience off campus that builds confidence and broadens horizons.

**Monthly Payment Plan**

A monthly payment plan is available for tuition fees for Canadian and US Boarders. Monthly tuition fee payments must be paid by pre-authorized debit or post-dated cheques. Payments are made in 10 equal instalments at the beginning of each month from August 1 to May 1 inclusive. Included in the monthly fee calculation is a \$20 monthly service fee. Our accounting department will provide you details for enrolling in the monthly payment plan following your completed registration.



## Statement of Account

A monthly statement of account will be issued to parents via email or mail. Payment terms are 30 days (2% interest charged thereafter, compounded annually).

### *Queen Margaret's School accepts the following forms of payment:*

- i) Canadian or US cash, cheque or money order
- ii) Payment through online banking at most major Canadian financial institutions
- iii) Credit card (VISA, MC, AMEX) for additional fees over and above tuition & boarding amounts (for tuition payment by credit card, an additional 3% service fee will be charged)
- iv) Direct wire transfer to:

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce,  
116 Station Street, Duncan, British Columbia, Canada V9L 1M7  
Bank # 010, Transit # 00240, Swift Code: CIBCCATT, ABA # 026009593  
Account # 76-04610 (Queen Margaret's School)

Please ensure your daughter's name is listed under the details of payment.

## Responsibility for Payment

A Registration / Financial Agreement Form, a contract of obligation, must be signed annually by all parties responsible for the student's fees and returned with the registration deposit before the first day of school. Accounts falling in arrears may jeopardize the student's on-going enrollment.

## Notes on Fee Information:

1. A 1.5% tuition discount applies to full payment of fees by August 1<sup>st</sup> for Canadian and US Boarders and by June 30<sup>th</sup> for International Boarders.
2. Families with two children concurrently enrolled will receive a 20% discount off the tuition of the younger child. A 30% discount off the tuition applies to the 3rd child and a 50% discount for the fourth and subsequent children in the lowest grades. The sibling discount applies to the tuition portion of boarding fees only.
3. Five-Day Boarders arrive on campus Sunday afternoon & return home Friday after class. Please contact Admissions for more information on this program.
4. To change status from Boarding to Day, the student will be required to fully re-apply for a position as a day student. Notification for change of status for the following school year must be received by March 1st. The decision on change of status will be decided upon in consultation with the Head of School and Deputy Head. Each decision will be made on a case by case basis. A student who applies and is approved as a day student MUST reside with her parent or legal guardian. (Short term home stays over school calendar breaks are an exception to this policy.)
5. Queen Margaret's School does not offer a Homestay program (With exception of QMS organized home stays over school calendar breaks when the residence is closed). Please note: Students attending Queen Margaret's School on a study permit in Grade 7-12 are not permitted to attend as day students and must reside in our residence.
6. The BC Provincial Government currently provides an annual grant to the School for qualifying British Columbia students. The fees above include this grant (where applicable). Parents should be aware that if the amount of the grant, as determined by the BC Government, should change, the school may have to adjust fees without notice.
  - i) To qualify as a BC student, the parent or legal guardian\* of the student must be a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or otherwise legally admitted to Canada; and have permanent residency in BC. Sufficient proof of residency must be provided.



- ii) To qualify as a North American student, the parent or legal guardian\* of the student must have permanent residency in Canada or the US.
- iii) To qualify as an International student, the parent or legal guardian\* is not a permanent resident of Canada or the USA.

\* Legal guardian is a court appointed guardian under the of the Family Relations Act of British Columbia

## Financial Assistance

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**Bursaries** are awarded on the basis of financial need, rather than academic standing. Every year funds are set aside to support families who need help to bridge the gap between school fees and what their family is able to pay. Qualified families may receive up to 50% of tuition as a bursary is based on a sliding scale.

Bursary awards are to *assist* with tuition and boarding fees only. Bursaries are not available to fund other student expenses or equestrian activities. Any awarded amounts will be reduced by the amount of any equestrian fees for students enrolled in the riding program.

The Application for Financial Assistance Form is a written financial declaration, available through the Admissions Office, and submitted to Julie Scurr, our Director of Finance. All applications are held in confidence and application information will not be released to other areas of the School. There is no specific deadline for bursary applications, however we do encourage families to apply early. *Note: The maximum financial assistance available is up to 50% of tuition whether bursary, scholarship or combined.*

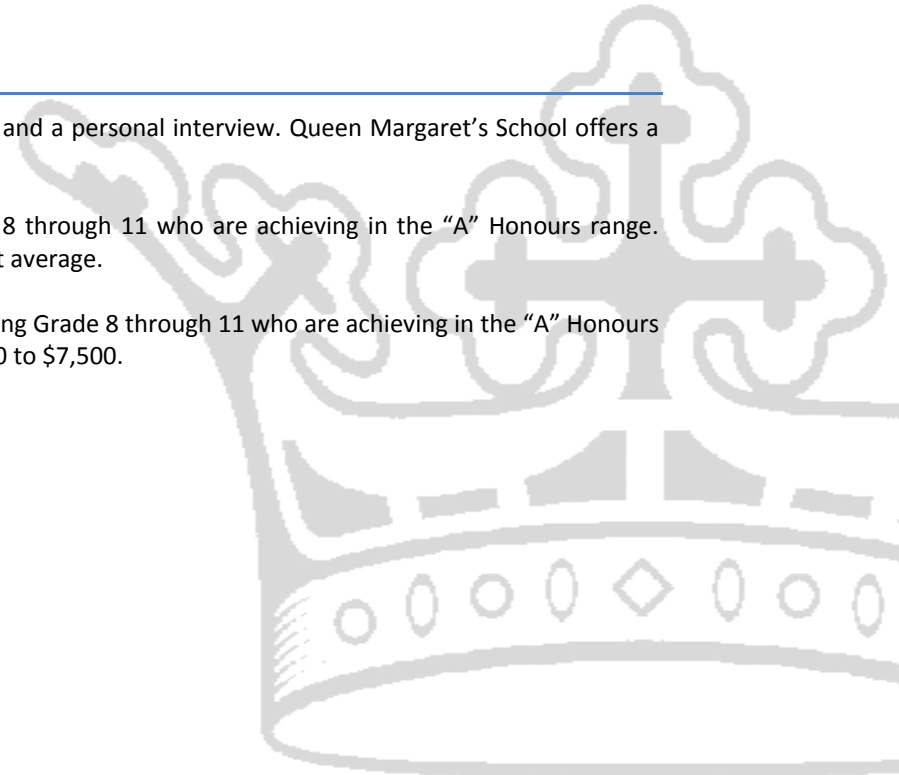
## QMS Scholarships

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**Scholarships** are awarded on the basis of academics, personal and scholastic references and a personal interview. Queen Margaret's School offers a variety of scholarships including:

**Boarding Scholarships** are awarded annually to new boarding students entering Grade 8 through 11 who are achieving in the "A" Honours range. These awards of up to \$10,000 are renewable annually upon maintaining your grade point average.

**QMS Entrance Scholarships** are awarded annually to new day or boarding students entering Grade 8 through 11 who are achieving in the "A" Honours range. There are entrance scholarships are available at each grade level ranging from \$500 to \$7,500.



**In the Scholarship evaluation**, we consider a student’s overall academic background, her attitude to learning and her extra-curricular involvement. Students should submit the following portfolio of information to be considered for the Boarding scholarship or Entrance Scholarship opportunities at QMS:

- A short biography
- Two years of academic transcripts
- A portfolio/resume showing volunteer & service participation, extra-curricular activities or positions held while in school or community organizations.
- Any other relevant information concerning special recognition and honours
- At least two references – One from a school official for scholastic abilities and one character reference (non-relative).

**All applications must be accompanied by a 250 word essay which should address:**

- Why you would like to attend Queen Margaret’s School
- How you feel that you can contribute to the Queen Margaret’s School Community
- What are your goals and aspirations in regards to future academic and post secondary achievements

### **Shirley Burr Equestrian Scholarship Awards**

Shirley Burr Equestrian Scholarships are awarded annually with recipients selected by the Director and Coaches of the Equestrian Program from those applicants demonstrating the following:

- strong desire to learn and improve skills
- commitment and passion for the sport
- commitment to participate actively in the QMS Equestrian Community

Please contact the Admissions Office at (250) 746-4185 or e-mail [admissions@qms.bc.ca](mailto:admissions@qms.bc.ca) for more details on scholarship opportunities.

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