BOARDING SCHOOLS — GUIDE

Boarding school costs by country

Published school fee examples in local currency, with the academic year, pupil category and costs left outside the headline fee.

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A boarding fee is not always the full cost. Compare the same academic year, pupil category and boarding pattern. The samples below are not national averages or a claim about the cheapest and most expensive schools.

All linked pages were fetched on **2026-11-10**. The academic years below are the years printed by the schools. Some schools have already published a later year's fees.

Published examples

| Country | Published fee examples | Year and scope | | --- | --- | --- | | US | USD 79,800 tuition | Andover boarding tuition for 2026–2027. Separately charged extras are excluded. Andover, Tuition and Financial Aid. | | UK | GBP 15,480 to 20,745 per term | Oundle, 2026–2027. The lower figure is full or weekly boarding in First Form. The upper figure is overseas boarding in Third to Sixth Form. Both are the school's VAT-inclusive payable figures. For the school's three-term year, this projects to GBP 46,440 to 62,235 before extras. Oundle, Fees and Bursaries; Oundle, Term Dates. | | Canada | CAD 75,320 to 104,640 | Shawnigan, 2026–2027. The lower fee is for BC/Canadian boarders; the upper fee is for international boarders. The US boarder rate sits between them. These are different pupil categories, not interchangeable quotes. Shawnigan, Tuition and Payments. | | Australia | AUD 98,820 to 119,600, plus stated GST | Geelong Grammar senior full boarding and tuition, 2027. The lower fee is domestic; the upper fee is overseas. The page adds AUD 936 GST to each of these annual full boarding figures. Geelong Grammar, Fees and Business Notices. |

Build the total from the quote

Ask the school to mark each item as included, compulsory extra, optional extra or refundable deposit:

- Tuition, room, meals, laundry and weekend boarding.
- Registration, acceptance, technology and health charges.
- Uniform, books, device, lessons, exams and trips.
- Travel, airport transfers, holiday accommodation and guardianship.
- Insurance, immigration costs and bank conversion charges.

Do not add a deposit twice. Record when it is paid, whether it is credited against tuition, and the conditions for return. Keep first-year cash needed separate from recurring annual cost.

Check before accepting

Request a quote for your child's year group and residence category. Ask what happens when

fees rise, aid changes or the child leaves. Read the actual enrolment agreement. A school website is a starting point; the written offer and current terms are the documents to examine before payment.

Current listings cover the UK, US, Australia and Canada. Coverage is limited and grows as registers are added.

Frequently asked questions

Are these national average fees?

No. These are named school examples. Age, residence, boarding pattern and inclusions change the price. Ask each school for a written quote.

Can I compare the figures in dollars?

Keep the original currency first. Use your bank's live conversion quote when you plan payment. This guide does not use an assumed exchange rate.