



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES | 2025

(Fees are shown in New Zealand dollars and include GST of 15%)

FULL YEAR

Tuition Fee ¹	\$20,500 (per year)
Administration Fee ²	\$2,000
Homestay Fee ³	\$370 (per week, to be paid in advance)
Residential Caregiver Support Fee	\$500
Medical and Travel Insurance ⁴	\$645 (cover for one year ⁵)

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Laptop	Students will require a laptop each day for all subjects. Tablets are not recommended due to their reduced functionality.
Stationery	An initial stationery pack of basic exercise books/files is provided to international students as part of their tuition fee, but additional stationery may be required depending on chosen subjects. Costs may be approximately \$100 - \$150 per year. Mathematics students in Years 12 and 13 are required to use a scientific calculator.
Subject fees	Some practical subjects have a charge for materials or workbooks used.
Outdoor Education fees	\$1,000 (full year), \$750 (semester), \$500 (1 term).
Exam fees	Entry fees for NCEA Levels 2 to 3 (Years 12-13) of \$383.30 must be paid where necessary.
Academic competitions	Students will have the opportunity to enter national competitions. Typically, these are in Mathematics, Science, English and Chemistry. These competitions have their own entry fees.
School trips	Some costs may apply for day field trips to art galleries, historic sites etc.
School uniform	Approximately \$350 to \$400 (excluding footwear). This is available from the uniform shop on site at school.
School camps	Some subjects have extended camps as part of their fieldwork. Costs will vary.
Textbooks	Supplied on loan free of charge, but there will be a replacement charge if books are lost or damaged.
ID cards	Student ID cards are available for \$12.50.
Homestay moves	If it is determined that a student would be more suited to another homestay family environment, there is no charge if it is the first move. Subsequent moves at the request of the student/parents where the host family have met requirements will incur a fee of \$200.
Airport meeting and farewell	Collection and drop-off at Auckland International Airport for new students will be arranged by the school. Any applicable fees will be communicated in advance. Returning students are required to make their own arrangements.

Fees Protection

Botany Downs Secondary College has a Fees Protection policy to safeguard the fees paid by International Students in the unlikely event that the school may not be able to commence or continue to deliver tuition to the international student. The School Board guarantees to hold in reserve sufficient funds to meet the requirements of any refund in these circumstances.

¹ Tuition fee includes: school textbooks on loan, ESOL tuition if required, and initial stationery pack.

² The Administration Fee is payable on enrolment/re-enrolment. It is non-refundable.

³ Homestay fees must be paid in full in advance to Botany Downs Secondary College. This payment can be used as Proof of Funds if required for visa application. Weekly homestay fee includes: accommodation and meals with homestay family. Reasonable use of power, water, internet connection and other utilities.

⁴ Medical and travel insurance is compulsory for the duration of the student's course. It can be arranged through the school with Unicare Insurance. For more information on this policy please visit www.uni-care.org/Policy/NzStudentPlanUnicare. International Student Insurance Cover quoted above. Insurance fees are subject to change by the Insurance Provider.

⁵ Final insurance premium will be calculated using exact travel dates and may, therefore, differ slightly from this estimate.



Dates

2024

		START	END
SEMESTER ONE	Term 1	01/02/2024*	12/04/2024
	Term 2	29/04/2024	05/07/2024
SEMESTER TWO	Term 3	22/07/2024	27/09/2024
	Term 4	14/10/2024	06/12/2024**

*Staggered start

2 February (New International students)

6 February (All students return)

** To be confirmed

2025

		START	END
SEMESTER ONE	Term 1	30/01/2025*	11/04/2025
	Term 2	28/04/2025	27/06/2025
SEMESTER TWO	Term 3	14/07/2025	19/09/2025
	Term 4	06/10/2025	12/12/2025**

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1 February (New International students)

5 February (All students return)

** To be confirmed

Approximate ages for each year level

YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12	YEAR 13
13 years old	14 years old	15 years old	16 years old	17-18 years old

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3. Medical and travel insurance is compulsory for the duration of the student's course. It can be arranged through the school with unicare Insurance. For more information on this policy please view the website: <https://www.uni-care.org/Policy/NzStudentPlan>
4. All prices have been quoted in New Zealand Dollars.