

## Filipino Migrants Forum

### Are Your Children Entitled to Government Subsidized Education Fees?

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The Australian Government and/or the State and Territories are committed to provide access to the education of Australian citizens and permanent resident who are of school age. In this regard, students who are Australian citizens and permanent resident can attend public schools in NSW without paying school fees, for both their primary and secondary education. However schools may request contributions to enhance the school's educational and sporting programs. These school contributions are voluntary and payment is a matter for decision by parents. They vary from \$40.00 to \$700.00 per year.

On the other hand, non- Australian citizens and non- permanent resident visa holders are required to pay school fees. Oftentimes parents who come to Australia on a temporary visa are not aware of school fees being charged. In many cases, those on a working visa or student visa bring their school aged children without having allocated sufficient funds for their school fees. In some cases, this results in having to return their children to study in their country of origin because of financial difficulty. Thus, we provide herein, indicative school fees to assist in deciding whether they should take their children with them to Australia to study to avoid such as situation.

The school fees vary from state to state and the fees below may change from time to time. Indicative fees currently charged in the State of New South Wales, depending on the visa subclass of the student are as follows:

#### International Students/ Student Visa holders:

<b>Application fee</b>	A\$110
<b>Tuition fees*:</b> Primary (Kindergarten to Year 6) Junior secondary (Years 7 to 10) Senior secondary (Years 11 and 12)  Intensive English	A\$9,160 per student per year A\$10,820 per student per year A\$12,820 per student per year  A\$7,000 per student for 2 terms (20 weeks) or \$350 per student per week

For more information visit this website

[http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/isp\\_fees.html](http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/isp_fees.html)

Temporary Resident Visa holders:

<b>Application fee</b>	A\$110
<b>Tuition fees*:</b> Primary (Kindergarten to Year 6) Junior secondary (Years 7 to 10) Senior secondary (Years 11 and 12)	A\$4,500per student per year A\$4,500 per student per year A\$5,500 per student per year

For details of specific visa subcategories that can support an application for enrolment, refer to the Schedule of Visa Subclasses and Conditions

[http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp\\_schedvisas.pdf](http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp_schedvisas.pdf)

For more information about Temporary Resident Visa fees refer to this website

[http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp\\_feespayment.pdf](http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp_feespayment.pdf)

Visitor Visa holders:

Visitor visa holders are normally restricted to 12 weeks of study for the duration of the visa (Visa condition 8201)

<b>Application fee</b>	A\$110
<b>Tuition fees*:</b> Primary (Kindergarten to Year 6) Junior secondary (Years 7 to 10) Senior secondary (Years 11 and 12)	A\$2,748per student (12 weeks) A\$3,246 per student (12 weeks) A\$3,846 per student (12 weeks)

For more information about Visitor Visa Fees go to this website

[http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp\\_feespayment.pdf](http://www.detinternational.nsw.edu.au/schools/downloads/trp_feespayment.pdf)

For information on school fees charged in the other State and Territories, visit the relevant website:

Queensland

<http://education.qld.gov.au/marketing/eqi/fees/coursefee.html#feenotes>

Victoria- <http://www.study.vic.gov.au/Intstu/default.htm>

Tasmania- <http://www.education.tas.gov.au/school/taseducation/international>

Northern Territory-

[http://www.det.nt.gov.au/education/international\\_services/international\\_stude nt\\_programs/](http://www.det.nt.gov.au/education/international_services/international_stude nt_programs/)

Western Australia- <http://www.eti.wa.edu.au/studying-at-schools/primary-secondary-schools.html>

South Australia- <http://www.internationalstudents.sa.edu.au/>

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