Applicants from overseas are accepted at Loyola College on a fully fee paying basis – the school receives no Government subsidy for these students. If accepted by Loyola College, the student must obtain a visa to study in Australia from the Australian Embassy or Consulate in his/her country. The visa cannot be obtained in Australia. The school welcomes students from anywhere.

OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT:

Loyola is a Catholic independent co-educational secondary school in the Ignatian tradition. A Jesuit house of training from 1934 to 1974 the school itself was established in 1980. Set on 26 acres in Watsonia it serves north-eastern Melbourne and, by arrangement, students from Catholic schools in Indonesia.

The school is ideally situated with bus, train and tram services nearby. The local train station is a seven-minute walk from the school. Two main east west bus lines pass the main gate with stops at the school and the tram a few minutes by bus away.

Loyola is registered to accept full fee paying overseas students as part of our International Students Program. These students are warmly welcomed into the Loyola Community and every effort is made to ensure that these students achieve their personal best at all levels.

Loyola is a member of the Ignatian Network, a group of schools in East Asia-Oceania together with others worldwide that share the spiritual and educational philosophy of St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. As such it seeks to develop each student’s individual capacity for reflection including the search for God in all things.

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF IGNATIAN EDUCATION:

- Emphasis on critical thinking and effective communication (including public speaking).
- Development of a broad liberal education.
- Personal concern for the whole life of each student (with house vertical groups or pastoral care and a well-developed co-curriculum provision).
- Pervading philosophy with emphasis on actions rather than words.
- Commitment to a faith that does justice – awareness of needs of others and readiness to place one’s talents at their service.
- Striving for better and for excellence, achieving one’s personal best and full potential in all things; from academic performance to personal grooming.

We aspire to produce articulate, discerning and confident graduates committed to living the values of the Gospel in the wider community ‘leaders in service, in imitation of Christ Jesus, men and women of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment’. (Jesuit Father General Kolvenbach).

Loyola is a founding member of the Association of Co-Educational Schools (ACS) with St Leonard’s College, St Michael’s Grammar, Westbourne Grammar, Thomas Carr College and Overnewton. The ACS provides weekly sport for over 65 Loyola teams.
LIVING EXPENSES:

As well as the rental/accommodation expenses that each overseas student requires to live in Australia, he/she will also require living expenses for such things as:
- Transport to and from school
- Entertainment – movies, sport, parties
- Casual clothing
- Petrol for own car if eligible to drive
- Take away food etc.

STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT:

Families wishing to enrol their student as a full fee paying overseas student at Loyola College, are given the relevant information and enrolment form along with a current school prospectus and school magazine.

The potential student is then required to return the form together with copies of the student’s latest school reports and enrolment fee. Upon receipt of the above, an interview is arranged with the student and his/her family. If the student is living overseas at the time, a phone interview is arranged to suit the time difference of both parties.

At the interview, either in person or via Skype, both the Head of Student Support Services and the International Students Co-ordinator are in attendance. The interview is an opportunity for the school to get to know the student and his/her family and to ascertain whether the report indicates that the student has a reasonable command of English and the necessary academic and behavioural attributes to be successfully integrated into the specific year level. The student is assessed on their age and ability to be able to cope with the transition to our school and way of life.

Some E.S.L. (English as a second language) is offered to students in Year 10-12 and in certain circumstances, younger children as well. Where there has been an assessment of English proficiency carried out, a copy would be attached to the application form, along with copies of any visas issued.

Students are advised of all requirements of the course to be undertaken including attendance to all classes.

FEE SCHEDULE:

A non-refundable Enrolment/Administration Fee of AUD $200 is charged. School fees are payable twice per year. Half of the total fee is to be paid one month before the first day of attendance and the second payment is made on the first day of the second semester. There is no refund of the first payment and refunds of the second payment are calculated on a pro-rata basis and only paid in cases of extreme financial hardship or personal emergency necessitating the student’s withdrawal from the College. Refund will only follow from thorough investigation and may occur some weeks after the student’s withdrawal.

FEES AND LEVIES:

- Global Fee Years 7 to 12 – AUD $21,448 per student
- Building Levy $670 per family
- eBook Levy $109 (for all Year 7 to 10 students)
- LEXSA (Loyola Ex Students Association) $140 (One off charge)
- Combination Lock $13 (One off charge)

Please note: Global Fee includes all tuition fees, subject levies, term levies, camps and retreats. It does not include the following: Building levy, Music Tuition, VET (Vocational Educational Training and VCE Outdoor & Environmental Studies).
TEXT BOOKS AND STATIONERY:

You will need to purchase textbooks and stationery items for each subject. The cost of these can be determined once subject selection is made. In total books and stationery for one year can between AUD $500 to AUD $700. Again both local and international students pay these costs.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS HEALTH COVER:

It is an Australian Immigration Regulation that all students must have medical insurance whilst studying in Australia. This needs to be arranged with Medibank Private by the family or homestay family of the student.

ACCOMMODATION:

Loyola College is not a boarding College, However, the College will try to make arrangements for your accommodation in approved homestay. The student's three (3) meals, snacks as well as basic laundry are included in the cost.

Approximate charges are:  
AUD $280 per week/single room  
AUD $260 per week/shared room

In most cases students enrolling as full fee paying students at Loyola stay with relatives. Where there is no relative in Australia and a homestay is sought, we contact local homestay families who have placed their details with us. A questionnaire is sent to the family and an interview/homevisit is arranged.

Profiles of the student and the homestay family are exchanged and a police check is organized. References are followed up and if all meets the approval of the Principal and International Students Co-ordinator then arrangements are made for the placement of the student with the homestay family.

Regular monitoring by the student’s mentor teacher, school counsellor, homestay family and the International Students Co-ordinator ensures that the student is settling well into the routine of school life at Loyola and home life in Australia.

UNIFORM:

All students at Loyola College must wear the full school uniform. The cost of a full school uniform varies between AUD $600 to AUD $750. Academy Uniforms Pty Ltd operates a uniform shop at the College, which also sells some second hand items. Further details of the uniform requirements can be found in the Prospectus.

IDEMNITY PROCEDURES:

Loyola College is insured against loss of overseas student’s fees in the event of the College closure under a Special Risk Policy with Catholic Church Insurance Ltd. and is reviewed each year in January.

SCHOOLS REFUND POLICY:

Students are required to give six (6) weeks notice of their intention to withdraw due to the circumstances stated in the section under the heading Fee Schedule. This notice may be agreed to be waived or to be a lesser period due to the nature of the circumstances necessitating the withdrawal. Refunds will only follow from thorough investigations and may occur some weeks after the student’s withdrawal.
RESOLUTION OF STUDENT GRIEVANCES:

Student grievances on any matter are to be directed firstly to the relevant Head of House. If not resolved, grievances may then be made in turn to the Deputy Principal - Students, the Principal and the Parish Priest member of the Loyola College Board. If grievances are not resolved after following these processes then the matter in question is to be referred to the Catholic Education Office for external arbitration.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT SERVICES:

Student orientation is by personal arrangement with the relevant Head of House. Assistance with study skills, curriculum matters and personal welfare is arranged through the mentor teacher and Head of House. Counselling for personal matters is available through the Loyola College Community Counsellors and tertiary education advice is available through the Careers Advisor.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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