
Queen Margaret College Fees Protection Scheme

Introduction

Queen Margaret College operates a fully under-written Fees Protection Insurance Scheme for which annual premiums are charged. The key benefits of the scheme are that in the event of the death of a fee-paying caregiver, no further tuition charges will be payable for the remainder of child's education at the College.

The scheme includes death benefit, terminal illness benefit, and total permanent disability benefit, meaning that a claim can be made if a fee-paying caregiver or nominated custodial fee payer dies, becomes terminally ill, or totally permanently disabled (as defined under the scheme's provisions). Only one claim is payable for each student.

The following questions and answers provide a general overview of the scheme. This information is intended as a guide only and the College reserves the right to vary the terms of the scheme from time to time as needed.

Scheme features

The scheme is designed to ensure that a student's education at the College is not interrupted or curtailed by the death, total and permanent disability, or terminal illness of either caregiver (or other eligible nominated fee payer). Following an approved claim for a caregiver or fee-payer covered by the scheme, the underwriter (Resolution Life) will cover all tuition fees for the remainder of the student's education with the College.

Commencement

Premiums and cover under this scheme commence from the first day of attendance by the student at the College.

What are the premium costs?

The premium rate is calculated at 1.98% of relevant tuition fees. This is charged at the same time as tuition fees.

Who is covered by the scheme?

A caregiver can be a natural parent, an adoptive parent, a stepparent, or any other person recognised by College Board of Governors as the custodial caregiver and contracted fee-payer. A maximum of two insured caregivers may be covered by the insurance.

The insured caregiver must normally reside in New Zealand to be covered by the scheme.

What is the situation if someone other than a parent pays the fees?

Cover will normally be provided for the parents, stepparents or caregivers who are liable for the fees. Any other contracted fee-payer can be nominated instead of a parent, but such a person must be living at the same address as the student, and take responsibility for all costs associated with the day-to-day care and welfare of the student.

An exception to this requirement applies for separated parents who live apart but continue to contribute towards College fees for the student.

Are both caregivers covered?

Yes, both caregivers are covered. The scheme is designed to provide cover against the death, terminal illness or total permanent disability of up to two fee-paying caregivers for each child. A maximum of two caregivers may be nominated, so for example if a stepparent is nominated, one of the natural parents will not be covered.

Are there any age limits?

Yes, total and permanent disability cover ceases at midnight on the eve of the insured caregiver's 65th birthday. Death and terminal illness cover ceases at midnight on the eve of the insured caregiver's 70th birthday.

Is there an insurance application form for membership?

The two primary custodial caregivers responsible for the payment of College fees will automatically be covered by the scheme. Although there is no insurance application form, the College keeps records of insured caregivers for each pupil.

Do I need to provide evidence of health?

Evidence of health is not required, and all pre-existing health conditions will be covered.

Total permanent disability insurance will only be applicable for a total permanent disability that occurs after the child starts with the College. This excludes any existing total permanent disability that pre-dates the commencement of cover.

Are parents covered whilst overseas?

Yes, cover continues worldwide for insured caregivers who normally reside in New Zealand.

What is the claims procedure?

In the first instance the family should contact the College. The College's insurance broker will assist and oversee the insurer requirements for a claim to be paid. Tony O'Brien of Aon New Zealand will provide assistance where required.