



MARCUS OLDHAM COLLEGE
Developing Professionals in Agriculture and the Horse Industry

**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
ENROLLING IN THE
DIPLOMA OF
HORSE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

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WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Essential

- Ambulance cover
- International students are required to have Overseas Student Health Cover - this is arranged for you on arrival at the College and the cost of cover for the academic year is included in the fee paid. This OSHC **includes** ambulance. Please note that if your visa is for longer than the College academic year, the additional cost of health cover to extend to visa length, as required by the Australian Government, is debited to your account. As a guide for 2012 the academic year cover would be approximately AU\$380 and visa length, say 14 months AU\$450.
 - It should be noted that some countries have reciprocal medical refund agreements in place with the Australian Government. www.medicare.gov.au is the appropriate website for further information. In these circumstances, students are responsible for applying for a Medicare card but should be aware that ambulance cover is not included under the Australian Medicare System. It is strongly recommended that where a student is able to obtain a temporary Australian Medicare Card, they should take out specific ambulance cover for the duration of their visa.
- All bed linen including blankets or doona, pillow, towels etc Please note beds are longer than normal and king size single sheets will be required.
International Students: these items are supplied to you by the college
- Stationery including pens, pencils, calculator, writing pads and folders
- Diary and pocket notebook
- Casual clothes for everyday wear (for both hot and cold weather conditions)
- At least one set of formal clothes for visits to the races, formal dinners and other functions (minimum coat and tie for males, equivalent dress for females)
- Jeans or jodhpurs, long sleeved shirt, hat, riding boots for practical classes
(runners and thongs are NOT permitted during practical sessions)
- Riding helmet (ASA approved), breeches or jodhpurs and riding boots
- Body Protector
- Riding boots must be smooth soled (Blundstone style work boots are NOT suitable)
- Wet weather gear – rain jacket and/or oilskin and rubber boots
- Current passport needed for New Zealand tour
International Students: you are required to have multi entry visas
- Sleeping bag for use on tours – swags are not permitted
- Alarm clock
- Clothes hangers, washing basket and pegs
- For equestrian competitors: suitable competition clothing and equipment

Recommended (not essential)

- Driver's licence
- Car or other vehicle and horse float
- Personal computer
- Gloves (for work and for warmth)
- Personal accident insurance
- Insurance for personal possessions, camera, saddlery, computers etc.
- Private health insurance for Australian and New Zealand students

International Students (not New Zealand): *Private health insurance, including ambulance cover, is included in your fees and will be arranged by the College on your arrival.*

Overseas Student Health Cover, Single Cover, 1 Year, Commencing 1 February 2012, Expires 30 November 2012 approx. AU\$380.00. Additional cost to cover for visa length – Government requirement – is debited to the international student account. See information on reciprocal health agreements above.

YOUR HORSE

ALL Horse Business Management students at Marcus Oldham are required to have, and care for, a horse at the College for at least the first two terms, free paddock agistment is provided. Students are encouraged to bring their own horse.

Horse Lease

International students are provided with a College or leased horse free of charge. The College may also arrange lease of a horse for Australian students from distant locations for a fee of \$200.00. All students requiring a leased horse need to have completed the [Horse Lease Agreement](#) supplied with your Offer of Enrolment and returned it to the College. **If you have not done so – and you do not have a horse to bring to College** a further copy, which should be completed and returned as soon as possible, is enclosed with this information.

Additional Horses

There is generally a limit of **ONE** horse per student. In exceptional cases students may apply to agist a second horse in Terms 3 or 4. Requests must be made in writing to the Course Director. An agistment fee will be charged for each additional horse at a rate to be discussed at the time of application and dependent upon availability of paddocks.

Suitable Types

It is advisable to bring the most experienced and educated horse that you can, “schoolmaster“ types are preferred. There is a minimum height requirement of 14.2 hands. Horses should be sound, in good health and have no significant behavioural problems. Stallions and rigs are **NOT** permitted. All horses must be kept in good condition, fully vaccinated and regularly drenched and have their teeth done at the owner’s (or lessee’s) expense.

HORSE EQUIPMENT

Students are responsible for providing the essential equipment for the care of their horse. All students are allocated a tack locker and feed storage bins.

Essential

- Halter and lead
- Snaffle bridle, saddle (eg general purpose)
- Horse rug (lined weatherproof canvas)
- Feed bin (rubber ground feeder or similar preferred)

International Students: *The College has limited sets of the above basic equipment which, in special circumstances, can be made available to International students.*

- Saddle cloths (minimum two)
- Grooming Kit (dandy brush, body brush, hoof pick, curry comb, mane and tail comb, towel, sponge, sweat scraper, bucket and water brush)
- Tail bandage, leg bandages
- Tack Cleaning Kit (bucket, two (2) sponges/rags, saddle soap and/or oil)
- Medicine Kit (thermometer, stethoscope, scissors, bandages, cotton wool, animal lintex, antiseptic solution, chlorogen purple antiseptic spray, torch, cold pack etc.)

International Students: *The equipment above must be supplied by the student. It is generally recommended that these be purchased after arrival in Australia as the College can usually arrange discounted prices.*

Estimated purchase cost for all of the above would range from \$500.00 to \$4,000.00 depending on quality, age and condition.

All amounts indicated in this Information Booklet are to be taken as a guide only.

Optional (recommended for Equestrian elective)

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| Exercise bandages and boots | Lunging equipment (cavesson, lunge lead and whip, side reins etc) |
| Dressage and jumping whips | Sweat rug, cotton sheet, additional warm rugs, neck rug or hood |
| Dressage and jumping saddles | Breastplate, surcingle (for jumping classes) |
| Leggings or Chappettes | Float Boots or Travel Bandages |

NB: All gear and equipment must be clearly marked with the owner's name and in first class condition to comply with Horsesafer Standards 5.6.1 Horse and Rider Equipment <http://www.horsecouncil.org.au>

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HORSES

Horses will not be accepted at the College before **Wednesday 1 February 2012** unless prior arrangements have been made and day and time of arrival notified well in advance. This early arrival is generally confined to students who are bringing horses from **interstate**.

All other horses are expected to arrive on Sunday 5 February

The College suggests a visit from your vet, approximately one (1) week before your departure for:

- (a) Vaccination boosters for strangles and tetanus
- (b) Worming
- (c) Rasping of teeth
- (d) Pre travel health check

PLEASE NOTE:

All horses will be drenched and vaccinated on arrival at the College unless a Veterinary Certificate accompanies the horse certifying that the horse is fully vaccinated for tetanus and strangles and has been drenched within one week of the arrival date.

All costs associated with dentistry, farriery, worming and vaccination are payable by the owner (or lessee).

On arrival a record card, including photograph, must be completed for each horse. You are advised to bring with you details of your horse's registration, brands and markings, performance and health histories and a photograph taken "side-on", from the near side, and clearly showing any distinguishing markings. If you do not have a horse to bring to the College, a Horse Lease Agreement with the College must also be signed (see above) certifying that you take full responsibility for the care and welfare of your leased horse.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Allocation of Paddocks, Yards and Stables

Paddocks, stables and yards will be allocated on the basis of need. The College only undertakes to provide shared paddock accommodation (2 horses per paddock) but individual yards and stables are available if necessary. Students are responsible for cleaning their own stable or yard.

Horse Care

The College has a very strict worm control program with which all horses must comply. In addition regular checks are made of each horse's condition and where necessary additional feeding, hoof or health care must be undertaken at the student's expense.

Feeding

Paddock feed is usually sufficient to keep horses in light work in good condition. Horses in regular work or being prepared for competition will need additional hay and hard feed. Provision of and costs for both hay (dependent upon season) and hard feed are the responsibility of the student.

Competitions and Transport

The College actively encourages students to compete at local events. There is a wide variety of clubs and competitions in the area. A College horse float is available for student's use and for certain selected competitions during the year the College will provide transport.

Agistment during Tours, Vacations and Practical Placement

During tours and vacations the horse remains the responsibility of the student. Horses may only remain at the College if appropriate arrangements have been made for their care. Agistment is available in the local area from approximately \$30.00 to \$50.00 per week.

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS

Additional costs are difficult to estimate, as they will vary with each individual's activities. The figures below are **intended as a guide and are approximate only**. All figures are quoted in Australian dollars.

| Basic Costs | |
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| Personal expenses (toiletries, stationery etc) | \$10.00 to \$30.00 per week |
| Entertainment, phone calls, travel etc (highly variable!) | \$5.00 to \$50.00+ per week |
| College social activities, t-shirts, caps, coats etc | \$50.00 to \$250.00 |
| Student Association Fee (optional) | \$75.00 to \$100.00 (administered by Student Executive) |
| Basic horse care (feed, farriery, vet etc) for the non-competition horse in light work only | \$30.00 to \$50.00 per week |
| Horse care or agistment during tours, vacations (variable depending on level of care required) | \$60.00 to \$300.00 |

| Additional Costs for the Active Equestrian/Competitor | |
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| Additional hay and hard feed | \$30.00 to \$60.00 per week |
| Additional farriery, vet costs | \$10.00 to \$20.00 per week |
| Competition entry fees (very variable – depending on type and level of competition) | \$5.00 to \$25.00 per week |
| Additional lessons | \$30.00 to \$50.00 per hour |

| Example "One-Off" Costs | |
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| Equestrian Australia – membership | \$190-295 |
| Equestrian Australia – horse registration | \$130 |
| | Plus \$24.00 per performance card |

| Example Entry Fees | |
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| Local Dressage Competition | \$6.00 to \$12.00 |
| One Day Event | \$35.00 to \$65.00 |
| Showjumping Competition | \$5.00 to \$10.00 per class |
| Major Three Day Event | \$150.00 to \$500.00 |

As a general recommendation A\$6,000.00 to A\$8,000.00 would cover additional costs, including vacation, travel, personal, horse and competition expenses for the active equestrian competitor. Students who are not intending to compete or to lead an active social life should still allow A\$4,000.00 to A\$6,000.00 for additional expenses during the year.

PRE-ENTRY PRACTICAL SKILLS

All students entering the Marcus Oldham Horse Business Management Diploma are expected to be able to handle and care for a horse in a safe and competent manner.

The following skills are the **minimum** required to undertake the course. All students will be assessed on their practical competence within the first two weeks of the course in order to identify any shortcomings. Students who have not met the minimum competency standards may be required to undertake remedial action in their own time and at their own expense.

Students are strongly encouraged to critically evaluate their own level of practical competency and, where necessary, organise additional “hands-on” experience in the relevant area before the course commences. This may involve activities such as taking additional riding lessons or working with a trainer or stud manager in your local area. The more experience you have the more progress you will be able to make.

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| <p>Basic Horse Handling</p> <p>You must be able to handle horses safely and competently including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch horse in paddock or yard • Fit head collar • Lead at walk and trot paces in a figure of eight and past other horses • Stand horse for inspection • Tie up safely using a quick release knot (bowline preferred) • Pick up front and hind leg, clean out a front and hind hoof • Release horse into paddock or yard | <p>Gear and Equipment</p> <p>You need to be able to identify and fit common types of gear including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saddles: GP, jumping, dressage, stock, western saddles and racing pads • Bridles: Snaffle, double • Bits: eg types of snaffles, curbs, bit and bridoon etc • Nosebands: Cavesson, drop, Hanoverian • Boots: tendon boots, brushing boots, rubber bell boots • Other: Running martingale, breastplates <p>You must be able to saddle and bridle a horse safely and competently within a five-minute period and correctly rug a horse with a New Zealand canvas rug in three minutes.</p> |
| <p>Stable Routine</p> <p>You must be able to clean a stable (including a straw box) quickly and efficiently within a 10 to 15 minute period.</p> | <p>Grooming</p> <p>You need to be able to groom a horse to an industry acceptable standard including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctly identify and describe use of grooming tools • Use grooming tools competently • Wash and scrape horse after sweat generating work and in muddy conditions • Pull and trim mane and tail • Clean hooves and apply hoof dressing |
| <p>Lunging</p> <p>You need to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctly fit lunging equipment including cavesson and roller <p>Safely and competently lunge a quiet horse, in both directions, at the walk, trot and canter</p> | <p>Health Care</p> <p>You must be able to identify signs of ill-health in horses, assist in veterinary procedures and administer basic health treatments including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral medications (eg paste drench) • Topical ointments <p>Apply pads and bandages</p> |
| <p>Horse Feeding</p> <p>You need to be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify basic feedstuffs • assess horse body condition <p>adjust feeding regime according to the horse’s body condition, workload, behaviour and environmental conditions</p> | <p>Riding</p> <p>For basic riding you should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctly and safely mount and dismount • Control a quiet horse at the walk, trot and canter, singly and in a group • Identify trot diagonals and smoothly ride upward and downward transitions • Identify a canter lead and obtain the correct canter lead strike off on a circle. |
| <p>Horse Description</p> <p>You need to be able to identify and describe a variety of horses according to their sex, colour, markings and brands and to be able to locate and name the points of the horse.</p> | |