



2025 Saudi Aramco BOARDING SCHOOL FAIR

Invited to represent Australian Boarding Schools



Steven Flynn

to me, Zainab

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Dear Annie,

I hope this email finds you well.

We were checking to see if you would be interested in attending the November 6th and 7th SAES fair this year. We have a great number of schools attending, but having your representation for Australia could benefit our families. Aramco has hired more Australian employees, so I believe there is a need for your expertise.

My best,
Steve

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- Overview of Saudi Aramco Expatriate Schools
- 2025 Boarding School Fair
 - 6 Aramco Schools Yrs 7 - 9 students
 - Three day event
 - Educational Assistant Program (EAP)
 - How students schedule interviews

NOTE:

All students must leave the Aramco Schools end of Year 9 which means for Australian Schools they would commence Term 4 (September) into Year 9 Boarding.

If they do not select Australia they can opt for another country - or only other option is to enrol child into a local Saudi Government School, or a boarding school in another Saudi City. Families preference is to enrol child overseas.

As per Steven Flynn's email to me (Page 1 of this presentation), they now have more Australian families employed looking for Australian schools. However, there are also many employees from New Zealand, Asia, and Middle-East areas preferring Australian boarding schools to that of U.S.A. or U.K. ABSI has enrolled students from these Fairs into Australian Boarding Schools in previous years of attending this FAIR.

2025 Saudi Aramco SCHOOLS FAIR

Schools that attend



- Around 95 Schools Attend (US, Canada, UK, Switzerland, Australia)
- Of those, Australian Boarding Schools International invited to represent Australian Schools
- 17 Countries





**Schools attending are strictly by
Invitation only for this Fair.**

Saudi Aramco Schools 2024 - similar for 2025

- Current Total Enrollment: 3348 students on four camps (as of May 1)
- Grades 7th-9th 756 students
- Udhailiyah: 33 6th/7th/8th
- Abqaiq: 45 6th/7th/8th
- Ras Tanura: 159 6th/7th/8th
- Dhahran School: 545 6th/7th/8th

Ras Tanura  

Dhahran  

Abqaiq@

Udhailiyah@

Saudi Aramco EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (EAP)

Advantages for Australian Schools

Australian Total Fees Less than USA Fees

Example:

Like-for-like: tuition/boarding for Australian School
say: \$74,500 AUD to USD is approx. \$49,000 USD

EAP Assistance as follows:

School Fees: USD \$49,000

Employee: monthly base salary \$7,500 USD

Assistance Given: $\$7,500 \text{ USD} \times 5 = \$37,500 \text{ USD EAP}$

Meaning: Parent responsible for \$11,500 USD which equates to AUD \$17,500 approx. Less outlay for parents!

- Schools attending have school fees ranging from \$35,000 USD to over \$110,000 USD tuition and boarding
- Reimbursement by Saudi Aramco - 90% of the eligible expenses (tuition, room, board, books)
- Reimbursement is the **lesser** of 5X monthly base salary (maximum of \$48,500 USD) per annum

ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY SAUDI ARAMCO:

School Fees: 2024-2025 Tuition \$74,500 USD

Employee: monthly base salary \$7,500 USD

Assistance given: $\$7,500 \text{ USD} \times 5 = \$37,500 \text{ EAP}$

Meaning: Parent Responsibility for \$37,000 - LESS any financial aid discount offered by School.

Note: Most schools attending offer a 5%-10% bursary to our employees to assist families with balance not funded by Aramco.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN (EAP)

- Wide variety of monthly base pay for Saudi Aramco employees
- **ABSI** is provided for each employee a copy of their Employment Certificate: Service Date, Job Title, and Base Salary and calculates the EAP for each of our Australian Schools information.
- ***5 times monthly base pay***
- US Payroll: Aramco provides EAP 9th to 12th grade **4 years of Saudi Aramco Funding for School for employee**
- Other Payrolls (Global): All grades to 12th

NOTE: 99% of the schools that attend the Saudi Aramco Boarding Schools FAIR understand that the family must make up the difference in expense to send their child to an offshore boarding school. SCHOOLS are asked by ARAMCO to consider a small bursary to help their employees in offsetting this difference they need to pay. FOR EXAMPLE: Schools are asked to consider a 5% - 10% per annum bursary per annum off tuition fees. The USA and UK schools offer the bursary off both tuition and boarding fees - this should also be considered to be a competitive country option for families of the ARAMCO Schools looking for an offshore boarding school. ADVANTAGES to SCHOOLS: There is no financial risk factor - ARAMCO funds majority of fees (up to a ceiling of \$48,500 USD but calculated as per previous page).

ABSI Schedules INTERVIEWS

How it works

- ABSI will receive a link to their interview schedule one month prior to FAIR.
- Parents/ Students have access to schedule interviews 10 days later.
- ABSI has full access from October 10 to end of Fair.
- ABSI also holds an information session prior to Fair for parents to explain the Australian Schools and the Australian system.

Saudi Aramco

BOARDING SCHOOLS FAIR SCHEDULE

Friday, November 6th:

- 9:30am Buses Depart Hotel
- 10:00 am Check-In Central Office
- Informational Session **all day**
- 11:00 am Lunch Central Office
- 5:15 pm Buses Depart Hotel

Saturday, November 7th:

- 7:30am Buses Depart Hotel
- Breakfast/Lunch will be provided
- 8:30 am- 1:00 pm Open Fair
- 1:30 pm-4:50 pm Interviews
- 5:15 pm Buses Depart to Hotel

Sunday, November 8th:

- 9:00am Buses Depart Hotel
- Breakfast/Lunch will be provided
- 10:00am to 1:00 pm Interviews Scheduled
- 1:00pm Fair Closes
- 1:15pm Buses Depart to Hotel



**2025 SAES Boarding School Fair
November 7-8.**

Your response has been recorded
Australian Boarding Schools International
representing a select number of Australian Schools

Dress Code while in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Important to abide by these rules

Outside the Saudi Aramco Compound


- All women must wear a full ABAYA as well as a head scarf any time they depart the hotel and must be accompanied by a male. Even stepping outside the hotel to board the Aramco buses to transport you to and from the Aramco compound - you must abide by this. Hotel has even requested that women wear this Abaya to attend meals or the lobby at the Hotel.

Inside the Saudi Aramco Compound

- Neat casual for Information Day and Business clothing for the FAIR Days - however, we recommend a Sweater/ Light Jacket (both gyms are cold and I mean really cold!!!) The FAIR is held in the gym of Dhahran School campus.

Information Event for Parents

- ABSI will be holding a information reception event for parents at the hotel planned for the first evening of the Fair.
- ABSI flyer will be advised to parents via our Interviews portal uploaded by Saudi Aramco.



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SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS

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ABSI

Working with families. Choosing the right school or location can be a difficult decision. Book an Interview.

Attend our Information Session.

Choosing a school and even a location, can be a difficult and crucial decision. ABSI presents many quality Australian schools. ABSI is offering to parents/students an information evening to learn about the Australian schools, the Australian school system (for those unfamiliar with Australia) and how, with the Australian dollar compared to USD your child is able to have a fabulous and highly academic education within a safe country at more affordable fees - providing a greater benefit to families.

The Australian Boarding Schools being represented by ABSI at this FAIR are in demand by local and international families, so we ask you to attend our informative session being held at our Dahrn Hotel the evening prior to Aramco's Boarding Fair commencing.

SAES BOARDING SCHOOLS FAIR
Please make an interview appointment with Mrs Anne Weatherburn or Mr Grant Weatherburn of ABSI.

Check our schedule or email Annie at: annie@australianboarding-schools.com.au

ATTEND OUR RECEPTION FOR FAMILIES - November 6th - 7pm - 9pm
Learn all about Australian Boarding Schools, Fees, and Australian Curriculum and the recognition of Australian graduate qualifications by Universities Worldwide.
Grand Hyatt Al Khobar Hotel, Al Olaya,
3266 Custodian of Two Holy Mosques Road, Al Khobar Saudi Arabia

ABOUT THE SCHOOLS
ABSI schools accept all religions. The ABSI schools are all academically respected schools and therefore academic learning is a 'given'. Importantly the schools develop students to practice respect, values, manners, ethics and accountability supported by professional teaching staff and outstanding pastoral care systems ensuring also the safety and 24/7 supervision of your child.

An extensive range of subject choices include all core, English, Humanities, Mathematics (at many levels), Science (physics, biology, chemistry, environmental, marine, sport and health sciences), and a choice of languages. They further offer creative arts, performing arts, arts, design/technology, IT, outdoor education and many specialist subjects such as Housing/Design, Business / Accounting and Economics, Psychology, Sport Science and many other choices. Make your appointment interview with ABSI at the SAES Boarding Schools Fair.

Parents can be comforted knowing that their child will be fully supported and assisted with homework, guided by career counselors and provided with first-class facilities and programme.



ABSI: Australian Boarding Schools International
for quality Australian schools