



FAQs



Who or what is “Kalkuhl”?

Ernst-Kalkuhl founded the boarding school in 1880. The school has always been both a secondary school embedded in the Bonn region and a boarding school with supra-regional character. Integrating students from other countries was part of the school’s credo from the beginning on. The fact that the school has remained in family hands has played a major factor in our students’ identification with ‘Ernst-Kalkuhl’ over generations. Today, the boarding school is run by Ernst-Martin Heel, the founder’s great-grandson.

What kind of School is Kalkuhl?

Kalkuhl is a state-recognised co-educational day and boarding school. With the “Abitur” (High-School graduation) the students are allowed to study at German Universities. In fact, 95% of our graduate students go to a University in Germany or abroad.

Where is Kalkuhl located?

Kalkuhl is located in the western part of Germany. While most of the boarding schools are located in rather rural areas, Kalkuhl is situated in an urban surrounding, three kilometers from the city center of Bonn. Bonn is Germany’s former capital with more than 300.000 inhabitants and has a widely acknowledged international character. Not only 40% of the state institutions remained in Bonn, but also the United Nations have 20 offices here. Besides, international and renowned companies like DHL, T-Mobile and Haribo have their headquarters in Bonn. More information on Bonn can be found here: <https://international.bonn.de/>.

The Bonn University is acknowledged as one of Germany’s best universities, having received six clusters of excellence in 2019 (<https://www.uni-bonn.de/news/184-2019>). Exceptional students have the possibility to already attend university courses while still studying at Kalkuhl. Generally, all students are invited to participate in the regular “Open day” events of the university.

Local attractions in the immediate vicinity of the school include the river Rhine and the “Siebengebirge”, a hiking paradise situated in an environmentally protected area with castles and other worthwhile historic landmarks. In brief, Kalkuhl is situated in an urban but yet peaceful environment.



Only 100 meters away from the school campus, there is a train-station (Bonn-Oberkassel). From there, trains can be taken to other German cities like Cologne (40 minutes), Koblenz (60 minutes) or Düsseldorf (75 minutes). The International Airport of Bonn-Cologne can be reached in 20 minutes.

Security:

Bonn, and in particular Oberkassel, is a very safe area. Thus, our students are able to move freely. A police department is located only 50 meters away from the boarding school. In case of emergency, immediate medical assistance is ensured by over eight hospitals in the city.



What is the difference between the boarding school and the school at Kalkuhl?

The school and the boarding school are on the same campus. We have three different types of students:

- 1) **External:** Those are students from the region of Bonn, who have qualified to come to our school (only 1 in 4 applications is considered). An external student returns home after school (about 1-2pm). We have about 500 external students from the age 9 to 18.
- 2) **Daily boarders:** Daily boarders visit the school and the boarding school programme, but as they are from the region of Bonn, they do not sleep on campus. We have about 85 daily boarders.
- 3) **Full Boarders:** Full boarders visit the school and boarding school programme and have their own rooms on campus. Currently, we have about 85 full boarders.

How is the life at the boarding school?

Each class has its own pedagogue. All our pedagogues have an academic background and support our students in their school career, but also assist them in daily life issues. In order to make the most of the students' potential, we put a strong emphasis on their academic career. All boarding students are required to participate eight hours per week in the so-called "Silentium", which is a supervised class by a pedagogue in which the students have to prepare their homeworks or have to work for school projects. In order to enable our students to participate in their desired leisure activities, they can choose at which time they want to do the "Silentium", as it is offered four times a day. Besides, the students can visit the "Fachsilentium" which are classes with teachers of the school, for example if a student needs extra help in Maths, German, English, History etc., they can attend that Fachsilentium for no additional costs.

Our boys and girls live in different building. Normally, two children share a room.

What about the food?

The students of the boarding school receive breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Besides, in the afternoon we often offer tea time.



What can you do as leisure activities?

As a lot is demanded of students in class and in the daily “Silentium”, it is important to ensure that leisure time is fun and promotes both physical and mental fitness – after all we want our students to feel happy in every respect at Kalkuhl. There are two aspects to our recreation programme. The boarding school staff responsible for individual groups plan daily activities with their students. For the lower and middle school these are compulsory. Examples include: ball games, swimming, trips to the climbing wall, youth theatre, cinema, museums, Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Besides, the school’s ‘Logo Club’ publishes a bi-annual brochure in which a wide array of courses is listed. For example karate, football, dancing, choir, languages such as Japanese or Korean, iPad music composition, rock carving, just to name a few. Our entire Logo-Club Programme for 2019/2020 can be found here:

[LOGO – DA MACH ICH MIT-VEREIN e.V. \(kalkuhlsz.de\)](http://kalkuhlsz.de)

How much does the school/ boarding school cost?

The entire boarding school fee is **30.000€** (SY: 2024/2025) per school year, which includes the regular weekend stays at the boarding school. The one-time registration fee is 500€ for EU citizens and 1.500€ for non-EU citizens (due to the extra work with the relevant immigration offices).

The deposit is 1.000€. If the German authorities ask the school principal for a “declaration of commitment” for students from outside the EU – we have to ask for an additional deposit of up to 3.000€ as the financial risk for the principal increases significantly by signing a declaration of commitment.

What is the admission process?

If you are interested in studying with us, get in touch with your intermediary first. If you work without an intermediary, please contact info@kalkuhl.de.



What is included in the fee of 30.000€?

- Accommodation (including weekends)
- Food (including weekends)
- College fee
- Pedagogical support (including weekends)
- Secretary services
- Silentium
- Fachsilentium (subject-specific tutoring by teachers)
- “Buddy” Programme
- Laundry facilities
- Basic WiFi

Not included in the fee:

- Linen
- “Schüler-Ticket” (public transport ticket; 19€/ month)
- Medicine
- Liability insurance and health insurance
- Field trips and activities like going to the museum, cinema, theater (approx. 50€/ month)
- Special needed books (approx. 50€)
- DaF Courses (German as a foreign language). Students who want to do their “Abitur” with us, are required to participate in the DaF courses given by educated DaF teachers two – three times a week. The DaF fee for the year is 1.500€.
- Holiday-Care: In October (2 weeks); Easter (2 weeks) and Carnival (1 week) the Boarding School is closed, but international students can stay in the Boarding School for an additional fee of 60€/ day with full catering and pedagogues on



More information needed?

→ **Website:**

<https://en.ernst-kalkuhl-internat.de/>

→ **Youtube:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyJ-Ecs5IUk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZTEDBxyzUE&t=36s>

→ **Instagram:**

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Impressions



