

COQUITLAM SCHOOL DISTRICT





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WHY STUDY WITH COQUITLAM SCHOOL DISTRICT?



WHY STUDY WITH COQUITLAM SCHOOL DISTRICT?

- Coquitlam is part of Greater Vancouver which is rated as one of the most liveable cities in the World
- Consistently rated by the British Columbia Ministry of Education as one of the best districts in the province
- The third largest school district in British Columbia with 31,000 students in 70 schools
- Safe and affluent community
- Tradition of over 56 years of academic excellence
- New high-tech schools provide modern facilities and global connectivity
- A large number of provincial scholarships awarded annually
- High school diploma recognized by all Canadian and U.S. universities
- Majority of graduating international students from Coquitlam proceed to college or university

• 97% graduation rate

45 Elementary Schools14 Middle Schools11 Secondary Schools70 Total Schools

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Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Schools

COQUITLAM COMMUNITY

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) is the third largest public school district in the Province of British Columbia. Canada. with 31,000 students in 70 schools. The school district encompasses the cities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, and the villages of Anmore and Belcarra. The total population of the Tri-Cities area is 218,000 spread over 200 square kilometers. We are located only 30 minutes from downtown Vancouver by car or Sky Train. Two major universities, Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia, are both a short commute from Coquitlam. The world class Whistler Mountain ski resort, the site of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, is less than 2 hours away by car. We enjoy a mild climate with a safe environment and an affluent lifestyle. Nestled in the mountains and edged by the Pacific Ocean and Fraser River, Coquitlam truly is an ideal setting for international students with excellent year round shopping and ethnic dining. We welcome students from around the world to join us as we develop global leaders by inspiring academic excellence.

LOCATION



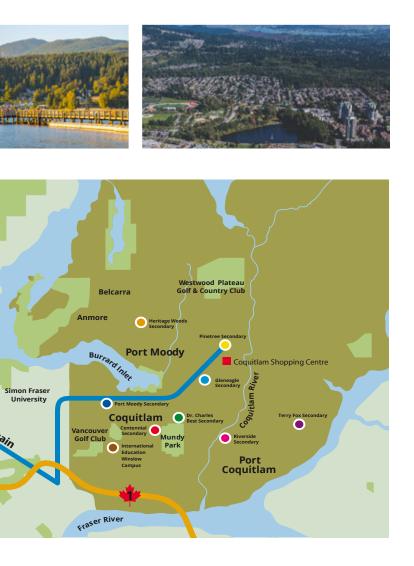
















30 minutes to downtown Vancouver45 minutes to Vancouver International AirportLess than 2 hours to Whistler Ski Resort

OUR SCHOOLS

Our schools employ government certified teacher considered to be among the best teachers in the world We use only BC Ministry of Education approved curriculum. All of our 70 schools, many of which are just a few years old, boast modern facilities and technology.

Where English is a second language, ESL trained and certified teachers provide support to our international students. Furthermore, the high school graduation certificate, or "Dogwood Diploma", is recognized by all Canadian and US universities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Elementary schools serve students from Kindergarten to Grade 5. Our 45 elementary schools provide a foundation for lifelong learning to these young students in their formative years.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Students in Grades 6 to 8 attend middle schools. Our 14 middle schools provide the transition from elementary to secondary school in an environment where students can explore options and prepare for the requirements and demands of secondary school.





SECONDARY SCHOOLS (HIGH SCHOOLS)

Secondary schools serve students in Grades 9 to 12. Our 11 high schools are some of the newest and most innovative in the province offering excellent academic and specialized programs such as Advanced Placement, French Immersion, and the International Baccalaureate Program.

Coquitlam's secondary schools also offer a wide variety of courses and options such as team sports, arts, drama and music to our students. These safe schools enjoy a vibrant relationship with the entire community.

As a Canadian, I am grateful to have met students from around the world, as they have helped open my mind to new experiences and ideas. *DB, Canada*



CENTENNIAL SECONDARY School Team Name: **Centaurs**

Centennial Secondary was established in 1967, the centennial year of the Canadian Confederation. In 2017, Centennial unveiled its new campus. The school's design meets LEED Gold Standards and has a teaching kitchen, shops for metal, automotive and carpentry, a 220-seat theatre and an outdoor amphitheatre.

This school has high academic standards and has achieved outstanding academic results. Fine arts and athletic programs are strong and opportunities for student involvement and leadership are abundant. Special programs such as culinary arts, automotive and experiential studies and a Hockey Academy are some of the highlights of this outstanding secondary school.

I think Canada is a popular place for exchange students because the education here is one of the best in the world. Also, the weather here is very different from anything in Brazil, which attracts a lot of people. The population itself is different; people here are somehow more open to

differences and new cultures, which really facilitates our immersion into the Canadian way of life. In my personal opinion, the one factor that brought me to Canada was the fact that for the first time in my life I would be somehow independent. I would get to use my English and knowledge about life to make it through the day; it was a unique opportunity to grow as a person. **Henrique Costa E Silva, grade 12 student from Brazil**





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FREEDOM WITH RESPONSIBILITY

DR. CHARLES BEST SECONDARY School Team Name: Blue Devils

Dr. Charles Best Secondary School embraces a proud tradition of caring, excellence and achievement as its moves forward to fulfill its mission of inclusivity, education and inspiration.

The core academic and extracurricular programs include an impressive array of offerings, from physics and law to drama and volleyball. In the classroom, students are among the best-performing in the district; outside the class, students perform at top levels in music, visual and performing arts, and athletics.

With its tradition of excellence, commitment to inclusivity, broad curricular and extracurricular offerings, dedicated staff, personalized attention to individual students, and record of success and community service, it's no wonder that they say Dr. Charles Best Secondary School will allow you to "Discover Your Best."

When I came to Canada at the age of sixteen I did not speak English very well. Learning a second language was indeed difficult. In my first year at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School, the counselor helped me through my courses and kept me motivated. I participated in many after school activities such as the Yearbook Club and the Multicultural Club and worked as a personal peer tutor.

After high school, I continued my studies at Simon Fraser University; completing a major in Linguistics, specializing in ESL learning. I was involved

in many cultural, educational and social activities on campus. It is indeed a school where I made many friends from all over the world. After graduating from SFU, I came back to Korea and I have been working as an interpreter and assistant to the ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



Esther Hyunjae Jang, South Korea



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GOOD, BETTER, BEST

GLENEAGLE SECONDARY School Team Name: Talons

Gleneagle's facilities include an open concept student commons area, large multi-use outdoor field, modern gym, equipment and weight room, an outdoor swimming pool and nearby Town Centre Aquatic Centre. Program specialties include a comprehensive Honours/ Advanced Placement program, an award-winning student newspaper 'The Edge', and the district gifted program 'TALONS'.

In the past, this school was chosen as the 'Best All-Around School' by the B.C. School Sports Association. The school is noted district-wide for excellence the students show in both the visual and performing arts, which provides all students with a wonderful chance to gain a wellrounded experience.

My name is Takemasa Oyama. I have been an international student at Gleneagle Secondary School. Many people did not know about my country other than anime and sushi. When some people started asking me about Japanese history and culture, I realized I had an opportunity to share my enthusiasm and knowledge of Japan so I created the Japanese Culture Club. A group of interested students came together once a

week to celebrate Japan and multiculturalism. The first thing we did was create a sister school in Japan. If you are an international student, I believe you can bring your love and knowledge of your home country and then learn about Canada, and become a global person. What I learned here most is how beautiful and strong multiculturalism can be. **Takemasa Oyama, Japan**





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BE THE CHANGE

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HERITAGE WOODS SECONDARY School Team Name: Kodiaks

Heritage Woods Secondary has a reputation for first class performances in academics, fine arts, athletics, and community service. Nestled in an urban forest setting in Port Moody, all classrooms have access to natural light and the school boasts a 325 seat professional theatre and a full sports complex.

There are six computer labs for students to work in; two dedicated to general use, one for film and animation, one for photography, one for computer information, and one for technology education. Technological advancements including wireless networking, classroom LCD projectors and laptop computers allow students and staff to use technology to enhance the learning experience in all curricular areas.

Heritage Woods Secondary is well known for their sports program and has won many Fraser Valley Championship banners, as well as a provincial banner in both ice hockey and snowboarding.

I am extremely glad that I got to experience the Canadian high school system as it gave me lots of different options and opportunities. Eventually I understood that I love film more than anything else,

especially since I had a great teacher who would always push us forward and set a high standard for Heritage Woods students.

Today, I have over 15 different short films that I'm proud of and 5 on-going projects. In the fall, I'll be starting my first year at SFU film program. **Dasha Boichenko, Russia**





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PENING OUR STUDENTS' HEARTS AND MINDS TO THE WORLD

PINETREE SECONDARY School Team Name: Timberwolves

Located across from Lafarge Park, Pinetree is unique in that it shares its facilities with both Coquitlam Parks and Leisure Services, and the David Lam Campus of Douglas College. This three-way partnership has enabled all to benefit from the creation of exceptional physical education facilities.

Pinetree offers Advanced Placement opportunities for students as well as a large number of exciting and often unique elective programs. These include a full set of fine arts courses, information technology, business education, home economics and a unique digital media program.

The school boasts strong fine and performing arts programs as well as a complete athletic agenda. The noon hour "intramural" program is exceptional; club offerings range from board games to hiking and outdoors clubs to computer and technology clubs.

I came to Canada in February and I am having a great time here. The school has good students and excellent teachers, also a wonderful field. I am taking Math 11, ESL, Physical Education and Science 10. In Physical Education class we get to go bowling, golf, ice skating and lots of other stuff that's fun and that we can't do in Japanese PE classes. My favorite teacher is Ms. Wong my ESL teacher. She is good at how to teach and it is very easy to understand her. My English is improving thanks to her. Also,

she takes good care of international students like me. She is a remarkable teacher. Math and Science are little bit difficult but I think it is easier than Japan. I play baseball in Coquitlam Little League and I am having so much fun there too. I have games and practices almost everyday after school.



YS, Japan





ACCEPTING CHALLENGES TOGETHER

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PORT MOODY SECONDARY School Team Name: Moody Blues

Port Moody Secondary offers two gymnasiums with modern equipment, an extensive weight training and fitness area, large and well equipped music rooms, a multi-use outdoor grass field area and an open concept multifunctional student common area.

Port Moody Secondary is respected for its academics; visual, performing and practical arts; and athletic programs. A walk around the campus will attest to its attractive appearance and the Wall of Fame illustrates the numerous successes of the current students and alumni. While an inclusive school, they're well known for the International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and Career Preparation programs.

I have been studying in Canada for one and a half years. I am an international student from Dalian, China.

Coquitlam School District has given me so many unforgettable memories. I am a straight A student, enjoy volunteering as a tutor in Coquitlam Centre Library, playing tennis at People's Court, and love to socialize with my friends from all over the world. I recently placed first in the Canadian Senior and Intermediate Mathematics Contest in Coquitlam – Intermediate Division.

I am getting used to the school system and life in this wonderful city, with great relationships with responsible teachers and friends!!!







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A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

RIVERSIDE SECONDARY School Team Name: Rapids

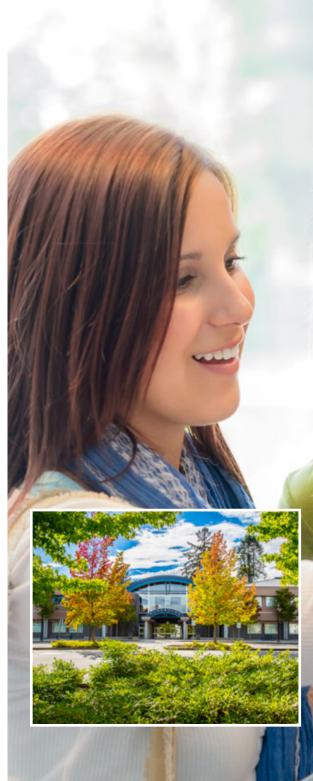
Riverside is well-known across the province as a leading technology school. It has a strong academic program which includes Advanced Placement and Honours courses and it offers students a wide and diverse set of elective opportunities.

Riverside has a thriving extracurricular program. Students can choose from a wide variety of clubs, leadership opportunities and athletic teams offered throughout the school year and we encourage all our students to participate in the options available to them. Riverside's athletics program has produced provincial championship level teams in a number of sports and offers opportunities for students to participate in a variety of sports teams each year. Riverside also has over twenty clubs designed to address the interests of all students and offers both curricular and co-curricular student leadership opportunities.

Canada is a beautiful country; my experience in Coquitlam was really good, I had so much fun in my school with my friends and my teachers. They always helped me when I needed it, they always asked me if I have a problem with the assignment or homework, and they explained it really well. I was on the basketball team and I liked it so much. I'm not really good at playing basketball but I like to try new things.







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EXPANDING THE HORIZONS OF OPPORTUNITY

TERRY FOX SECONDARY School Team Name: Ravens

Students and staff of Terry Fox Secondary are deeply honoured to be identified with the ideals and concern for others, which Terry Fox himself exemplified. Terry Fox Secondary offers a comprehensive program of courses leading to graduation in a variety of specialties including, Advanced Placement, business education, drama, technology, education, home economics, music, visual arts, computer science, physical education and two apprenticeship programs: automotive service technician & carpentry. These programs provide a challenge to students and enable them to specialize and excel in an area of interest.

Terry Fox also provides students with up-to-date computer support for their learning activities. The Learning Centre, Skill Development Program, Career Centre and Online opportunities provide added services to students requiring assistance.

Sophia placed first in the Stanford Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament in 2016. She also placed in the top 32 in the Harvard High School Invitational Tournament in 2015.

"I came to Canada when I was in grade 2 and my experience here has been great ever since. The people here are great and the staff at the schools I attended were not only knowledgeable, but also supportive of whatever I did. One of the best qualities of the schools in SD43 is that the counsellors and the teachers are all supportive of all the things I do and they never fail to help me the best way they can. I felt this compassion and support especially at Terry Fox Secondary, the school I attend right now. Mr. Chambers,

my counsellor, has supported me in many things from entering me into the district's speech contest or helping me with my university applications.

I believe that this friendly atmosphere and the great support system fuelled me to become the confident, determined student I am today.

Moon Young (Sophia) Kim, Korea





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WE PURSUE EXCELLENCE

BANTING MIDDLE



Banting offers a full complement of exploration subjects, a band and choir program and a variety of athletic activities. Unique to Banting is the student involvement; numerous clubs, leadership opportunities, and the before and after school programs.

CITADEL MIDDLE



Citadel Middle School provides a positive and caring learning environment that emphasizes high academic standards. Citadel encourages and provides opportunity for student growth through a wide variety of curriculum experiences and school activities, and supports students in terms of developing personal responsibility for all their work and behaviour.

COMO LAKE MIDDLE



Como Lake is well known for it's variety of clubs, activities and after school programs. Students can also participate on any one of the sport teams; Volleyball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Swimming, Basketball, Wrestling, Track And Field, Rugby and Badminton.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE



Eagle Mountain Middle, located above Heritage Mountain Secondary school, serves Port Moody and Anmore. This school was designed with interactive learning in mind. It provides open spaces for collaboration and a common courtyard to connect different program areas together which is filled with natural lighting to create a comfortable environment.



HILLCREST MIDDLE



Hillcrest Middle is committed to providing educational opportunities that encourage students to become responsible life-long learners academically, socially, individually and cooperatively. Hillcrest offers a variety of clubs, explorations, athletics, music enrichment and student leadership.

KWAYHQUITLUM MIDDLE



Kwayhquitlum, a French Immersion school, offers all students the possibility of completing the prescribed BC curriculum and learning French at the same time. With its large variety of programs and clubs, students will have the opportunity to get involved.

MAILLARD MIDDLE



Maillard Middle School is a dual track English and French Immersion School. This allows students to take core classes in the language program of their choice. There is a wide variety of curriculum experiences and school activities like home arts, music, technology education, digital literacy and leadership.

MAPLE CREEK MIDDLE



MINNEKHADA MIDDLE



Nestled in a beautiful forest bordered by Maple Creek and Coquitlam River and only 100 metres from Westwood Elementary School, Maple Creek Middle School offers a comprehensive academic program along with a variety of exploratory courses and extra opportunities such as music, clubs, leadership and athletics. Our school believes that all students can succeed by striving to provide a caring, cooperative and safe environment where students will be trained to be lifelong learners preparing them to thrive in a diverse world.

Minnekhada is known for the academic opportunities they offer students through school wide public speaking, the student literacy conference, challenge classes, EAL program, advanced math classes, an integrated Student Services department and the school wide Literacy focus.

MONTGOMERY MIDDLE



Montgomery Middle has comprehensive academic, exploration, and activity programs. It offers a myriad of activities, both during and after the school day. With its extensive co-curricular, intramural, and school-wide activity programs,"Monty" is very successful at encouraging a sense of belonging which fosters an unexpected level of participation among its students.

MOODY MIDDLE



At Ecole Moody Middle School of the Arts, students integrate the arts into learning: drama, dance, digital arts, media arts, visual arts, music, and technical arts. This French Immersion school develops digital citizenship as students learn to access, process and produce information using a variety of creative platforms.



PITT RIVER MIDDLE



Pitt River, located in Port Coquitlam, has the unique privilege of being the only "Community" middle school. This allows them to provide a variety of after school programs for kids and adults in the community. They offer a variety of extracurricular opportunities such as athletics, band, and leadership.

SCOTT CREEK MIDDLE



Located at the base of Westwood Plateau, Scott Creek Middle provides a stimulating and challenging academic and exploration curricula. Scott Creek has a variety of athletics and clubs. The mountain bike and outdoor club designs and builds trails for all mountain biking, orienteering, and curricular use.

SUMMIT MIDDLE



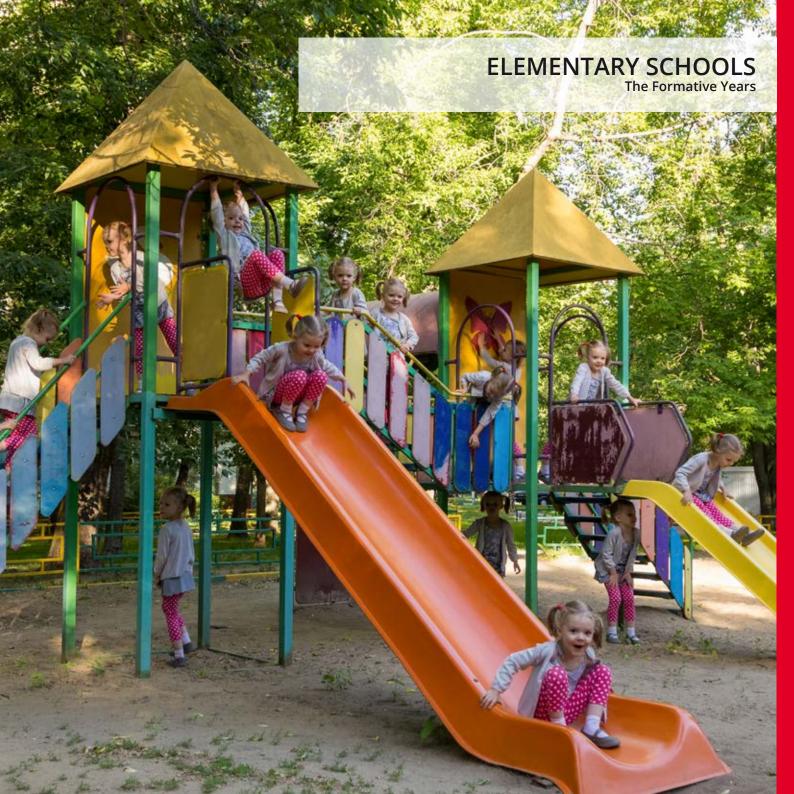
Summit Middle offers rich academic and explorations programming in conjunction with varied extracurricular opportunities such as athletics, band, and leadership. The Summit Middle music program includes three large concert bands, a jazz band, and music explorations classes.

THE FORMATIVE YEARS

Our district has 45 elementary schools, serving students from kindergarten to grade 5. For most students these early, formative years provide the foundation for lifelong learning.

| Alderson Elementary | Hampton Park Elementary |
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| Anmore Elementary | Harbour View Elementary |
| Aspenwood Elementary | Hazel Trembath Elementary |
| Baker Drive Elementary | Heritage Mountain Elementary |
| Birchland Elementary | Irvine Elementary |
| Blakeburn Elementary | James Park Elementary |
| Bramblewood Elementary | Kilmer Elementary |
| Cape Horn Elementary | Leigh Elementary |
| Castle Park Elementary | Lord Baden-Powell Elementary |
| Cedar Drive Elementary | Mary Hill Elementary |
| Central Elementary | Meadowbrook Elementary |
| Coquitlam River Elementary | Miller Park Elementary |
| Eagle Ridge Elementary | Moody Elementary |
| Glen Elementary | Mountain Meadows Elementary |
| Glenayre Elementary | Mountainview Elementary |

Mundy Road Elementary Nestor Elementary Panorama Heights Elementary Parkland Elementary Pinetree Way Elementary Pleasantside Elementary Porter Elementary R.C. MacDonald Elementary Ranch Park Elementary Riverview Park Elementary Rochester Elementary Roy Stibbs Elementary Seaview Elementary Walton Elementary Westwood Elementary



PROGRAMS

There are many program options available for International Students throughout the school year at all Coquitlam Schools.

These include half year (five month) programs and full year (10 month) programs with students integrated into regular Canadian classrooms.

Summer offerings include an ESL/Culture Program during July and August. The program consists of morning ESL classroom time and afternoon cultural activities. This allows students to implement their newly acquired English skills in an active setting.

The provincial curriculum of British Columbia consists of challenging core courses: English, social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, fine arts, and career and technology studies. In addition to their core curriculum, students may select from a number of electives to create a unique program that meets graduation requirements and their future goals.

International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement (AP) Programs are offered in some schools for students who wish to challenge their academic skills.

The BC Dogwood Diploma awarded to students who graduate from grade 12 is recognized in Canada, the United States, and all over the world for university entrance.

Full Year Program:

Elementary, Middle and Secondary Levels Ten months - September to June

Half-Year Program:

Elementary and Middle Levels Six months - September or January start dates

Secondary Level Five months - September or February start dates

Short-Term Programs Summer and Winter Intensive ESL Programs

Summer: July and August Weekly Programs Available in 1-8 week options

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step #1 Submit application form, application fee, copy of passport and official transcripts for approval.

Step #2

Successful applicants receive Letter of Offer. Submit tuition and custodianship documents.

Step #3 Successful applicants receive a Letter of Acceptance for use when applying for a study permit.

Step #4

Upon arrival in Coquitlam, students report to the International Education Office with passport and study permit to activate medical coverage.

PROGRAMS Inspiring Academic Excellence

HOMESTAY

Homestay in Coquitlam School District is more than just food and lodging – it is a chance to take part in all aspects of family life. We believe that our students will feel that they really do have a "home away from home". Homestay includes room and board with a separate bedroom in a family setting. (Note: Elementary school students must live with a parent during long-term programs.)

There are many families in the Coquitlam area looking forward to welcoming you as part of their family while you are studying in School District 43. For placement, you may choose from one of several homestay agents.

For a list of homestay agents in the Coquitlam area, please contact our office.

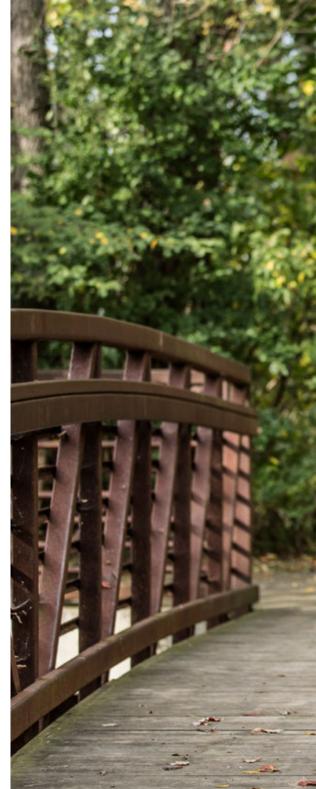
The thought about sending my daughter to study overseas first came up when we went on a school tour to Canada. My daughter, Saki, started her studies in Coquitlam School District.

She told me that students at Gleneagle Secondary School study hard and the teachers really care about each student. According to my daughter, the relationship

between each student and teacher was the best because students connected with their teachers in every class. You can never experience this type of education in Japan.

During the graduation ceremony, teachers, students and parents were all celebrating their children's success. I felt very fortunate to be amongst this cheering crowd. Thank you, Canada! *Mrs. Takenawa (parent)*





HOMESTAY & OUR SCHOOLS The Canadian Experience

Welcoming Students From Around The World

Argentina Australia Austria Brazil Brunei Canada China Columbia England Fiji Finland France Germany Hong Kong India Indonesia Iran Italy Japan Kazakhstan Kenya Korea Kuwait

Macau Malaysia Mexico New Zealand Norway Philippines Poland Romania Russia Saudi Arabia Singapore Slovakia South Africa Spain Sweden Switzerland Tonga Thailand Turkey Vietnam United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States of America



GUIDING GLOBAL CITIZENS BECOMING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



SCHOOL LOCATIONS Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders, Today

Elementary Schools

01 Alderson 02 Anmore 71 Aspenwood 05 Baker Drive 06 Birchland 74 Blakeburn 09 Bramblewood 10 Cape Horn 72 Castle Park 11 Cedar Drive 12 Central 13 Coguitlam River 20 Eagle Ridge 18 Glen 19 Glenayre 73 Hampton Park 21 Harbour View 22 Hazel 'Itembath 17 Heritage Mountain 27 Irvine 29 James Park 31 Kilmer 33 Leigh

34 Lord-Baden Powell 36 Mary Hill 37 Meadowbrook 38 Miller Park 43 Moodv 45 Mountain Meadows 44 Mountain View 46 Mundy Road 47 Nestor 48 Panorama Heights 49 Parkland 50 Pinetree Way 51 Pleasantside 53 Porter Street 54 Ranch Park 23 RC MacDonald 57 Riverview Park 55 Rochester 56 Roy Stibbs 58 Seaview 69 Walton 70 Westwood

Middle Schools

93 Banting 102 Citadel 78 Como Lake 24 Hillcrest 108 Kwayhquitlum 81 Maillard 91 Maple Creek 90 Minnekhada 84 Montgomery 86 Moody 82 Pitt River 113 Scott Creek 114 Summit

Secondary Schools

76 Centennial 80 Dr. Charles Best 125 Gleneagle 130 Pinetree 88 Port Moody 132 Riverside 136 Terry Fox 127 Heritage Woods



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