



Sooke Schools

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Many Nations. 🍁 One Remarkable Experience



BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

EDWARD MILNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



The Sooke School District is a public school district on Vancouver Island, just 25 minutes west of downtown Victoria. For the past 25 years, international students from all over the world have made this their temporary home, to improve their English, to learn about Canadian culture, and to prepare themselves for high school graduation and post-secondary study. As a relatively small district, we pride ourselves on offering personalized service and support to our international students.

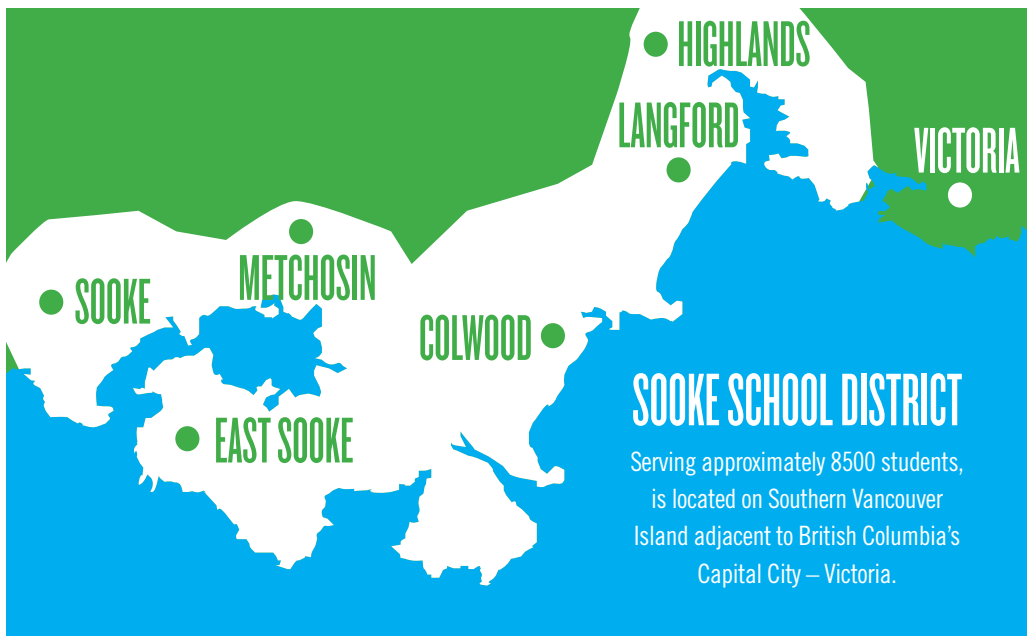
We offer the perfect combination of a proximity to the shopping, restaurants, and cultural offerings of an urban centre, balanced by the scenic, natural, coastal landscapes that come to mind when one imagines the Canadian West Coast. The area is home to the best weather in Canada; our mild climate allows for year-round outdoor pursuits, and has earned Victoria the name of “Garden City”.



**WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
WELCOMING
YOU TO OUR
COMMUNITY!**



Our school district encompasses several communities. The “West Shore” area is home to most of our schools, and is made up of the cities of Langford and Colwood, and the districts of Metchosin and the Highlands. The ocean-side village of Sooke lies further west – although it is the namesake of our school district, only 20% of our schools are actually in Sooke!



CANADA IS TRULY
MULTICULTURAL AND
IN THE SOOKE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
WE ARE PROUD TO
CELEBRATE IT



SCHOOLS

The Sooke School District is home to 3 secondary schools and 4 middle schools. Two of our three high schools are brand new, having opened their doors in September of 2015.

Our high schools are on a semester (half-year) system. Each semester lasts for five months (September – January and February – June), and students generally study four courses per semester. All of our schools follow the curriculum and learning standards set by the British Columbia Ministry of Education, taught by B.C.-certified teachers. The standard of education is commonly recognized as one of the highest in the world. Sooke Schools offer students a variety of academic and elective courses to meet their individual needs and interests. Students interested in an academically rigorous program can choose from Advanced Placement (AP) and pre-AP courses where they have the opportunity to earn credit towards university studies, or dual-credit university level courses offered right at their high school.

Our students always enjoy the opportunity to take elective courses in subject areas such as woodworking, foods and nutrition, film and television studies, marketing, psychology, and environmental studies, among others.

Many of our schools offer specialized Academy Programs, where students can focus on developing their athletic skills during the school day. Academies offered at our schools are: Equine Academy, Baseball Academy, Rugby Academy, Soccer Academy, Dance Academy, Lacrosse Academy and Ice Hockey Academy.



ADVANCED
PLACEMENT

PRE-
AP AP



UNIVERSITY
OR COLLEGE

CREDITS



ELECTIVE
COURSES



BELMONT

SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEW LOCATION
OPENED
2015

1200
STUDENTS

GRADES
9-12

Home to one of the largest
gymnasiums in BC, and outdoor
basketball and beach
volleyball courts

Semester system
(September – January;
February – June)

LANGFORD IS ONE OF
THE FASTEST GROWING
COMMUNITIES IN BRITISH
COLUMBIA AND A GREAT
PLACE TO LIVE



LOCATION

Centrally located in Langford, Belmont is the
school district's most urban secondary school.

Walking distance from shopping centres, two
lakes, a movie theatre, recreation facilities,
and the headquarters of Canada's National
Rugby Training Centre.

Quick access to downtown Victoria with
public transportation.



BELMONT IS
A GREAT CENTRAL
LOCATION TO ALL
GREATER VICTORIA
HAS TO OFFER





ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS *

**Offerings subject to change*

SPORTS ACADEMIES

- Ice hockey
- Baseball
- Equine
- Golf

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

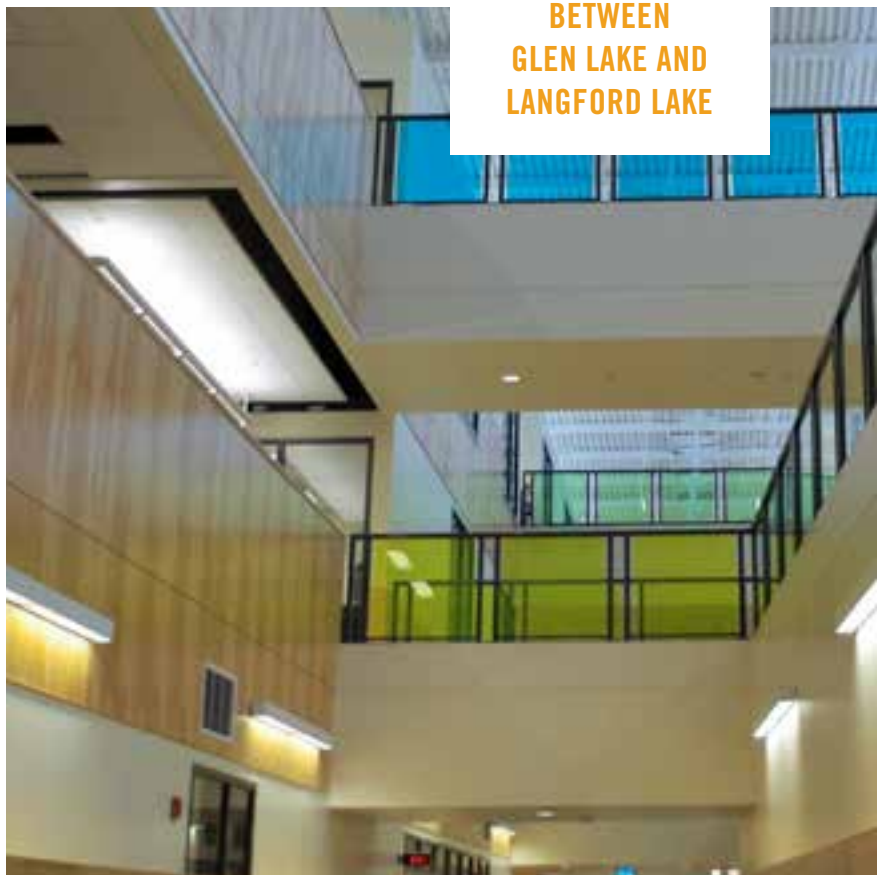
- Outdoor Education
- French Immersion
- Cosmetology
- Information Technology
- Business courses
- Film Studio
- Modern Languages (French, Spanish, Japanese)
- Trades (Auto mechanics, Metalwork, Woodwork)
- Dance courses
- Award-winning Music program (Concert Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Drumline)
- and many more

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

- American Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Badminton



**BELMONT
SECONDARY
IS LOCATED
BETWEEN
GLEN LAKE AND
LANGFORD LAKE**



ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPENED
SEPTEMBER
2015

900
STUDENTS

GRADES
9-12

Home to a rooftop basketball court, all-weather track, artificial turf field and an in-school theatre

Semester system
(September – January;
February – June)

THE SCHOOL HAS
BREATHTAKING VIEWS
OF THE OLYMPIC
PENINSULA AND
VICTORIA'S INNER
HARBOUR

COLWOOD

LOCATION

Oceanside location in a new residential area of Colwood

Views over the Pacific Ocean to the Olympic mountains in Washington, USA, and downtown Victoria

Quick access to downtown Victoria with public transportation





ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS*

**Offerings subject to change*

SPORTS ACADEMIES

- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Golf
- Dance
- Equine



SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

- Culinary Arts
- Theatre and Performing Arts
- Marine Biology
- Environmental Science
- Visual Arts
- Technology Education (Fine Woodworking, Electronics, Drafting and Design)
- and many more



EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Track and Field
- Badminton





Home to an in-school theatre, teaching kitchen, and grey whale skeleton in the school's foyer.

Semester system
(September – January;
February – June)

SOOKE IS ONE
OF VANCOUVER ISLAND'S
OLDEST COMMUNITIES
WITH AMAZING
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
OPPORTUNITIES



LOCATION

Located in the **seaside community** of Sooke.

Rural setting perfect for horseback riding, fishing, hiking, kayaking, and other outdoor pursuits.

Walking distance to recreation centre and Sooke village.

Access to downtown Victoria with public transportation (approx. 50 minutes).



EVER WONDER
WHAT A WHALE
SKELETON LOOKS
LIKE? SEE ONE UP
CLOSE AT EMCS!





ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS *

**Offerings subject to change*

SPORTS ACADEMIES

- Ice Hockey
- Soccer

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

- Environmental Studies
- Culinary Arts
- French Immersion
- Musical Theatre and Performing Arts
- Advanced Placement (Calculus, English, Art)
- dual-credit college-level courses (Psychology, Economics, Biology, Geography)
- and many more

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Cheerleading



EMCS IS A
WARM AND WELCOMING
SCHOOL COMMUNITY



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

4
SCHOOLS

GRADES
6-8

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Students must be at least 12 years of age to participate in our individual study program. While the majority of our students take part in our high school program, we also offer placement for international students in our middle schools.

LANGFORD

SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL

640
STUDENTS

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Offerings may change each year*

- Pre-AP courses
- Drama, Dance, and Global Action courses
- Applied Skills courses (metal work, wood work, jewelry making, stained glass, cooking, sewing, and computers)
- Music Program
- Arts Program
- In-school theatre
- Hockey Academy
- Extra-curricular activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Track and Field, Rugby, Mountain Biking, Badminton, Games Club, Compassion Club, Writing Club



COLWOOD

DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

600
STUDENTS

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

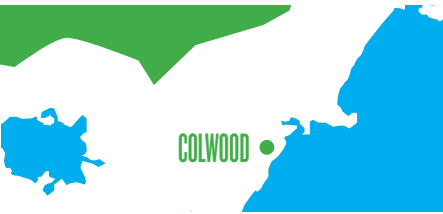
**Offerings may change each year*

- Pre-AP courses
- Leadership and Military History courses
- Applied Skills courses (wood work, sewing, cooking, and computers)
- Music Program
- Arts Program
- Dance and Soccer Academies
- Extra curricular teams: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Track and Field, Rugby





ALL OF OUR
SCHOOLS ARE
SERVICED BY
OUR DISTRICT
SCHOOL BUSES



COLWOOD

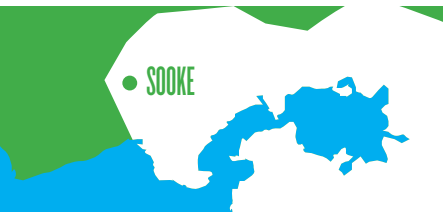
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725
STUDENTS

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Offerings may change each year | FRENCH PROGRAMS ONLY*

- Brand new, state-of-the-art facilities
- Middle and Elementary school in one building
- In-school television production studio (Students broadcast school announcements, simulating a TV news broadcast)
- French Immersion Program
- Extra-curricular teams: Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Rugby, Cross-Country, Track and Field



SOOKE

JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

500
STUDENTS

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Offerings may change each year*

- Band and Musical Theatre Program
- French Immersion Program
- Hockey Academy
- Unique Exploratory course offerings, such as Skateboarding, Paper-Making, Comics and Cartooning, Mountain Biking, and more
- Extra-curricular activities: Basketball, Mindstorm Robotics, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Track and Field



HOMESTAY

ACCOMMODATION

Students in our Program live with homestay families who are thoroughly screened and supervised by our Homestay Staff. Many students tell us that their homestay experience is one of the highlights of their time in Canada, and they develop relationships with their host families that last a lifetime!

OUR HOMESTAY PROGRAM FEATURES THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS:

- Further develop their English skills
- Experience Canadian culture and family life, and participate actively in a Canadian household
- Develop independence in a supervised environment

HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES:

- Supportive and caring home environment
- Three nutritious meals a day, plus snacks
- Fully furnished, private bedroom (for individual program students)
- Assistance with transportation, extra-curricular activities, emotional and academic support

**WE CAREFULLY
MATCH EACH
STUDENT AND
HOMESTAY FAMILY
FOR THE BEST
EXPERIENCE**





SHARE IN FAMILY
AND CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES TO GAIN
A TRUE CANADIAN
EXPERIENCE



ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

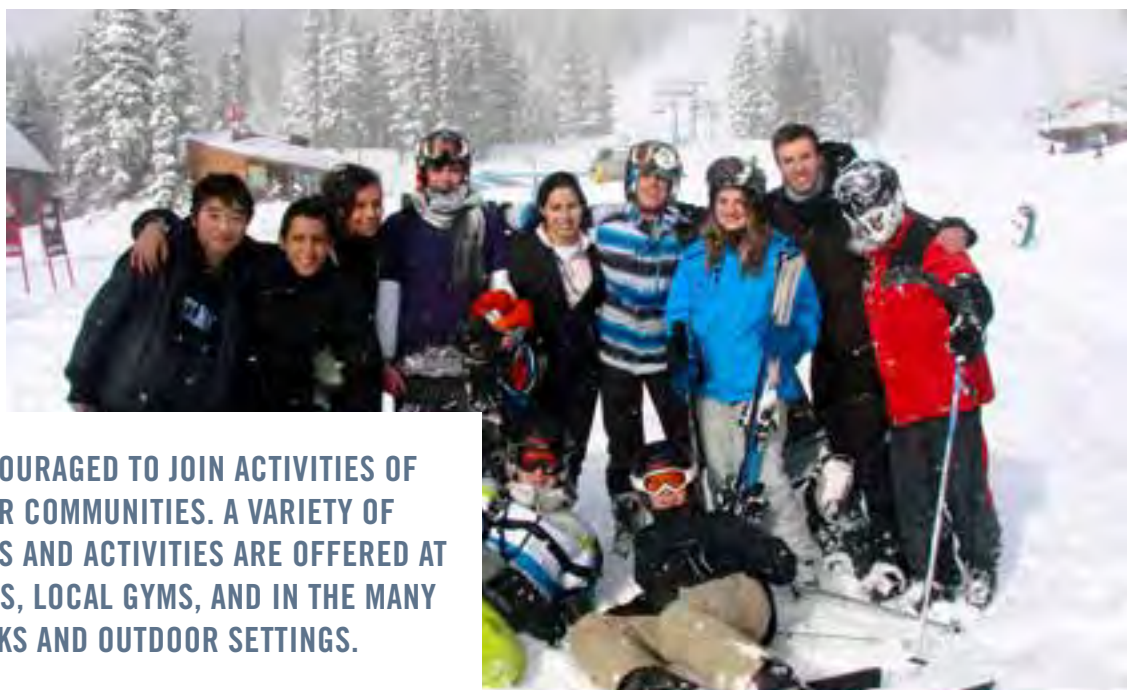


THROUGH OUR PROGRAM, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS:

- Day and overnight trips to Vancouver
- Ski and snowboard trips to Whistler Mountain and Mount Washington
- Spring Break trips to Seattle, the Rocky Mountains, or Pacific Rim National Park
- Hockey and Lacrosse Games
- World-famous Butchart Gardens
- ... and much more!



STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED AT RECREATION CENTRES, LOCAL GYMS, AND IN THE MANY REGIONAL PARKS AND OUTDOOR SETTINGS.



ACTIVITIES THAT ARE POPULAR WITH OUR STUDENTS ARE:

- Swimming
- Horseback Riding
- Golf
- Skating
- Hiking
- Cycling
- Jogging
- Exploring the beaches



OFFERED PROGRAMS



International students who study in our schools come for many different goals and purposes, and we offer a variety of program types to meet their needs.

ACADEMIC GRADUATION PROGRAM

2-4
YEARS

Students who wish to graduate from one of our high schools with a B.C. Dogwood Diploma can apply to our Academic Graduation Program. Students typically need at least two years to successfully complete the graduation requirements, and may take longer. A demonstration of strong English preparation is needed at the time of application.

Graduates of our program have been accepted at renowned universities such as:



Some graduates have gone on to universities overseas in France, England, and the U.S.A. We are proud to have strong partnerships with our local post-secondary institutions: the University of Victoria, Royal Roads University, and Camosun College.

Extra supports and opportunities are available for graduation program students:

- English as a Second Language classes
- In-school academic support classes
- Guidance for IELTS/TOEFL preparations
- Post-secondary advising and counsel
- Field trips to several post-secondary institutions in B.C.

ACADEMIC YEAR AND HALF-YEAR PROGRAM

UP TO
1
YEAR

Students who wish to study with us for one full year (September – June) or one semester (September – January or February – June) are fully integrated into classes at one of our schools. Students will be placed in a variety of academic and/or elective courses to meet their needs and goals.

SHORT-TERM STUDY

1-4
MONTHS

We can often accept students who wish to apply for a short-term study in one of our schools, but this is subject to space availability. Similar to the academic year and half-year program, students will be fully integrated into a variety of academic and/or elective courses at one of our schools.

SHORT-TERM GROUPS

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IZE

Schools or partners interested in a group study experience should inquire through our program office for details. We offer customized group programs during the summer, and at certain times throughout the school year.





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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM
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HOW TO APPLY

1

Visit our website and complete our online application:
www.sookeschoolsvictoria.com

2

Pay the application fee

3

Submit the following documents:
a. Final report cards for the last two years
b. Photocopy of first page of passport

Our office will contact you to let you know your application status.