

# VICTORIA



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## VIE AND THE GREATER VICTORIA SD61

- Victoria International Education Programs (VIE), is a division of the Greater Victoria School District #61 and administers programs for international students studying in the district.
- Quality international educational experiences delivered since 1992.
- Teachers are highly-trained, government-certified professionals.
- As a public school system, programs are approved and accredited by the British Columbia Ministry of Education.
- Schools feature comfortable, well-equipped facilities and an extensive selection of courses.
- VIE's comprehensive support system fosters student success.

## LOCATION (VICTORIA, BC)

- Victoria is the capital city of British Columbia and second largest city on Canada's west coast.
- The city boasts the mildest climate in Canada and ranks among the sunniest cities in the country.
- Our location offers spectacular natural beauty and year-round outdoor recreation.
- Victoria is clean, quiet and friendly.
- Victoria is home to advanced learning, world-class sports, entertainment and culture.

## VIE HOMESTAY

- International students participating in the VIE Homestay Program will feel welcome, comfortable and secure.
- Homestays provide an invaluable, authentic insight into the Canadian way of life and opportunities to improve English language skills.
- Each homestay family is carefully screened by our program staff.
- Host families receive training and are supported and supervised by our homestay coordinators.

## ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- This program is for high achievers, serious about their education and academic excellence.
- Students are fully integrated with Canadian students for durations of one or two semesters and all the way up to graduation.
- Instruction is based on the BC public school curriculum and includes the core subjects of English, mathematics, social studies (history), science, physical education and, if required, English Language Learning (ELL).
- Instruction and support in ELL supports our students in their studies and enables them to achieve English fluency.
- Students can tailor their studies to suit their individual interests and career goals.
- All courses are government approved and designed to prepare students for the challenges of continuing education or work.

## UPLANDS CAMPUS ACADEMIC TRANSITION PROGRAM (ATP)

- The Academic Transition Program supports international students with their transition into the Canadian public school environment and high school graduation.
- Students may enter the program at any time within six weeks of the start date.
- Instruction is based on the British Columbia public school curriculum.
- Students will receive instruction in developmental English, mathematics, physical education and intercultural studies.
- The Program includes a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in and around Victoria.
- Upon successful completion students are eligible for course credits and will be guaranteed entrance into the Greater Victoria School District.

## SHORT-TERM HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

- The Short-Term Program is offered from mid-September to mid-June.
- International students may attend high school in Canada without interrupting their studies at home.
- Program durations of 3 or 4 months.
- Classes include ELL instruction and support (if required) and elective courses that include full interaction with Canadian students.
- Academic courses are available for those who would like an extra challenge.
- This program is designed for individual students and provides plenty of opportunity for interaction with Canadians at school, at home, and in the community.

## CAMP VICTORIA SUMMER PROGRAM

- Camp Victoria is offered in July and August each year.
- Students ages 12-18 may join the summer program on any Monday within the program period for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- Each week includes a minimum of 22 hours of class-based ELL, plus local cultural activities.
- Full-day local cultural activities occur each Saturday.
- Classroom instruction focuses on developing skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking with emphasis on communicative English for specific purposes.
- Activities are lead by professional, highly experienced facilitators and assisted by peer leaders known as "Cultural Assistants".

## REFUND POLICY

The refund policy differs for each program. Refund policies and detailed fee information can be found on our application forms and our website.

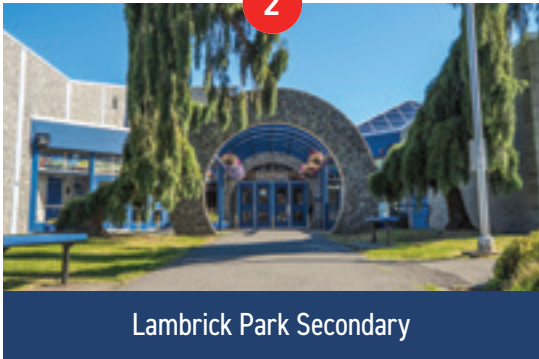
## NEXT STEPS

For additional information and to learn how to apply, please visit our website:  
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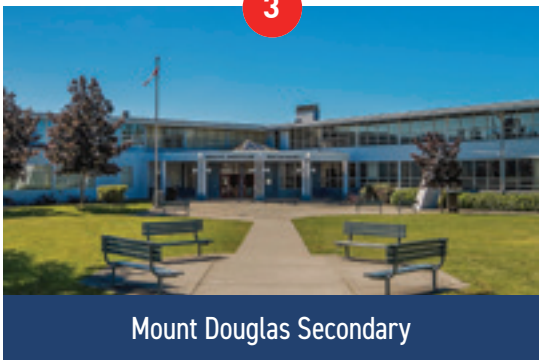
# GREATER VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOLS



Esquimalt High School



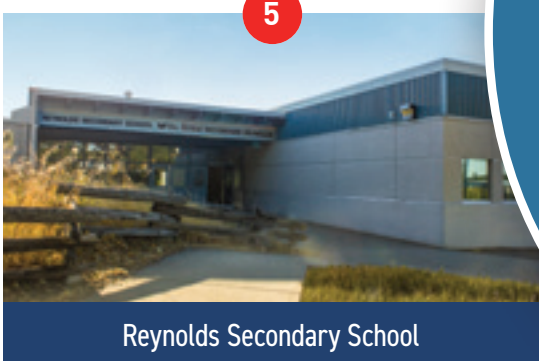
Lambrick Park Secondary



Mount Douglas Secondary



Oak Bay High School



Reynolds Secondary School



Spectrum Community School



SJ Willis Education Centre (Victoria High)

## VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA



### High Schools

- Average size of 1000 students allowing for a perfect blend of program diversity and individual attention.
- Many extracurricular opportunities.
- Extensive array of elective courses to choose from.
- World class academic programs accredited by the BC Ministry of Education.

### Uplands Campus

VIE administrative offices and education centre



## GREATER VICTORIA MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Peer group and advisory sessions.
- Grades 6-8, average population of 500 students.
- Fosters meaningful interpersonal connections.
- Enhances academic achievement and skills acquisition.
- Interdisciplinary team-teaching and learning approaches.
- Middle schools provide smoother, less stressful transition from elementary to secondary school.

### Middle Schools

- 8 Arbutus Middle School
- 9 Cedar Hill Middle School
- 10 Central Middle School
- 11 Colquitz Middle School
- 12 Glanford Middle School
- 13 Gordon Head Middle School
- 14 Lansdowne Middle School
- 15 Monterey Middle School
- 16 Rockheights Middle School
- 17 Shoreline Middle School

Due to seismic updates, Victoria High School students will attend SJ Willis for the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school years.