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VISP AND THE GREATER VICTORIA SD61

- Victoria International Student Programs (VISP), 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.
- VISP'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.

VISP HOMESTAY

- International students participating in the VISP 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 13-18 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

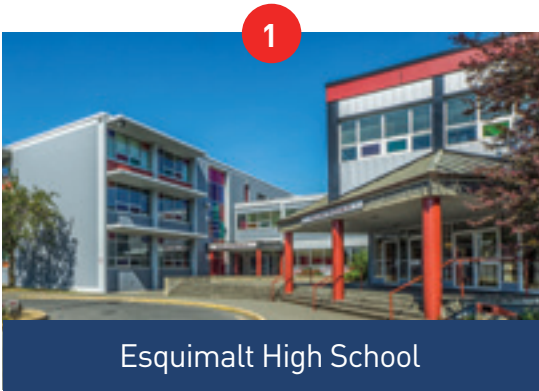
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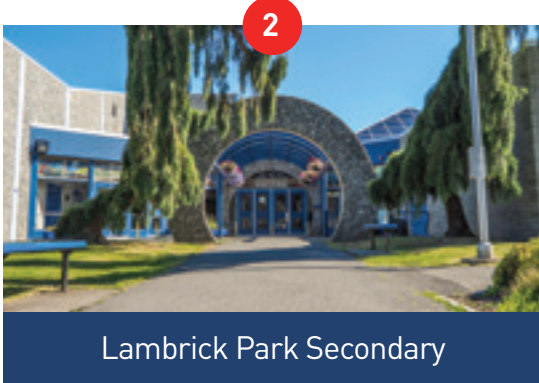
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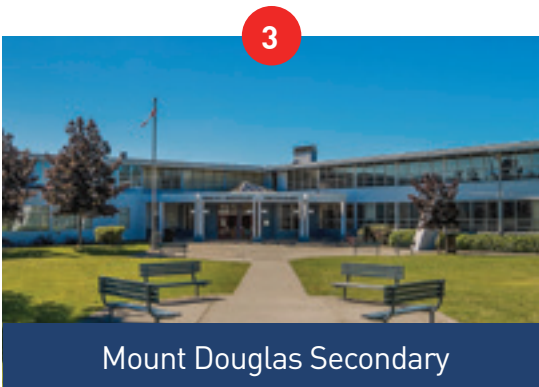
GREATER VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOLS



Esquimalt High School



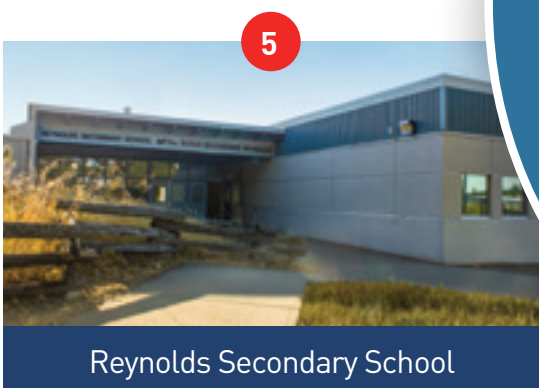
Lambrick Park Secondary



Mount Douglas Secondary



Oak Bay High School



Reynolds Secondary School



Spectrum Community School



Victoria High School

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

VISP 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

- Arbutus Middle School
- Cedar Hill Middle School
- Central Middle School
- Colquitz Middle School
- Glanford Middle School
- Gordon Head Middle School
- Lansdowne Middle School
- Monterey Middle School
- Rockheights Middle School
- Shoreline Middle School

