



**STUDY IN COWICHAN
ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

WELCOME TO THE WARMLAND



The Cowichan Valley International Student Program is located on beautiful Vancouver Island just north of our capital city of Victoria. It is considered one of the most scenic areas of B.C, with beaches, rivers, mountains, and forests. Cowichan means “to warm one’s back in the sun” in our local indigenous language, and represents our mild winters and hot, dry summers, which provide an ideal lifestyle for our families and popular with tourists and visitors.



**98% English as
a first language**



89,000 People



**Average
Temperature:
Summer 22°C
Winter 7°C**



Students from over 25 countries choose the Cowichan Valley for our high-quality academic programs and proximity to nature and the outdoors. Come join us and study in Cowichan - Adventure Awaits!

WHERE TO FIND US



OUR DISTRICT



- British Columbia curriculum taught by certified BC teachers
- Modern facilities with state-of-the-art equipment
- High-level academic subjects and wide variety of elective courses
- ESL/ELL instruction to all students who need it, included in tuition



- Dedicated international program teachers in schools
- Post-secondary advising and counselling
- Wide range of extracurricular sports teams and academies
- Variety of clubs and activities in schools

OUR PROGRAMS

High School Graduation

- Students graduate in 2-4 years with a B.C. Dogwood Diploma
- Many of our graduates go on to top universities in Canada and worldwide
- BC government courses and graduation assessments
- Academic counselling is provided



2-4
Years

5-10
Months



Academic Year or Semester

- Academic Year (10 months) or semester (5 months)
- Students fully immersed in Canadian classrooms
- Variety of academic and elective courses to meet each student's needs and goals
- Students encouraged to join sports teams and extracurricular activities

Short Stay

- 3-4 month immersion in Canadian school
- English fluency and cultural experience
- Students placed in courses at their grade level based on interests and to maximize English language learning



3-4
Months

QUW'UTSUN SECONDARY SCHOOL



1000
students



Grades
10-12

This brand-new school is in the central community of Duncan. QSS has a long history of accomplishments in sciences, humanities, fine arts, and sports.



Notable courses, sports, and programs:

*subject to change

- Forensic Science
- Robotics
- Digital Media
- Film & TV
- Wilderness Survival
- Field Hockey
- Basketball
- Rock Climbing
- Volleyball
- Rugby Academy

• **AND MORE!**



FRANCES KELSEY SECONDARY SCHOOL



**1000
students**



**Grades
8-12**



Located in the seaside community of Mill Bay, FKSS emphasizes student leadership and individuality.



Notable courses, sports, and programs:

**subject to change*



- Sound Recording & Music Production
- Outdoor Education
- Robotics
- Performing Arts
- Computers & Math Academy
- Soccer Academy
- Equestrian Academy
- Outdoor Adventure Academy
- Hockey Academy
- Volleyball

• **AND MORE!**

LAKE COWICHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL



200
students



Grades
8-12

Located in the growing & vibrant lakeside town of Lake Cowichan, LCSS is the heart of the community!



Notable courses, sports, and programs:

*subject to change

- Genocide Science
- Film Making
- Digital Media
- Outdoor Education
- Furniture Making
- Hockey
- Volleyball
- Athletic Leadership
- **AND MORE!**



CHEMAINUS SECONDARY SCHOOL



**350
students**



**Grades
7-12**



Located in the artisan town of Chemainus, CHSS is known for their school spirit and close-knit student community.



Notable courses, sports, and programs:

**subject to change*



- Political Studies
- Robotics
- Digital Media
- Performing Arts
- Computer Studies
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rock Climbing

• **AND MORE!**

OUR HOST FAMILIES

Students become part of a local family. The families have been carefully selected, screened, interviewed, and all record checks have been done. Each home has been visited by one of our staff and each student is supported by our homestay coordinators during their entire stay.



What's included:

- Private bedroom with a place to study
- Three full meals daily and snacks
- Caring and supportive home
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Assistance with social and emotional support, transportation, & academics
- 24 hour emergency line



Our students and homestay families develop relationships that last a lifetime!

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

We offer a variety of international student activities and events throughout the year, as we know students want to experience everything our region is famous for.



Popular trips include:

- Vancouver
- Surfing in Tofino
- Skiing at Mt. Washington
- Whistler
- Rocky Mountains
- Hockey Games
- Movie Nights
- Whale Watching
- Christmas Baking
- Caving
- Wild Play
- Haunted House
- **AND MORE!**



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