

# St. Joseph's Catholic School

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

St. Joseph School follows the curriculum required by the Ministry of Education. All subjects are allocated time according to Ministry standards.

## **RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS**

The purpose of St. Joseph School is to assist with the faith education of the students. This can only be done with the co-operation of home, school and parish. We strongly encourage parents to be active in their parish.

We are fortunate to have rich human resources such as lay ministers and parish priests contributing their time, energy and religious guidance in striving to provide the best possible Catholic education for our students. Staff members attend yearly spiritual development retreats and conferences.

## **MUSIC PROGRAMS**

Music has a high priority and a positive, well-earned reputation in our school. Music forms an integral part of our Eucharistic celebrations. Students are instructed in concert band at grades 6 and 7.

## **CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

Throughout the year, we are able to take advantage of community programs such as swimming, skating, the museum and the art gallery. While there may be a nominal fee charged for some co-curricular programs, these costs are covered by the classroom activity fee collected at the beginning of the school year.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the year, various activities are available to students including choir, athletics, community service projects, Student Leadership Team, etc.

## **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

Four educational services are offered under the direction of the Support Services Co-ordinator. These services are designed to support students who have special educational needs. As required, students receive assessment and direct instruction while teachers and parents are provided with opportunities for consultation.

### **1. Learning Assistance**

Our learning assistance program is a service designed to assist students with mild-to-moderate difficulties in learning. The focus is on providing remediation, learning strategies and compensatory skills.

### **2. Enrichment**

The enrichment program is a service available to all children in need of a challenge beyond the regular BC Ministry of Education school program. At the primary level, enrichment takes place in the classroom. At the intermediate level, enrichment is provided in class and/or through pull-out

in a small group.

3. **ESL**

Children who are learning English as a second language receive one-to-one or small group instruction in English, in addition to the regular Language Arts Program. This service is not available for short-term International students.

4. **Specific Skill Development**

For students in need of basic skills development, we offer short-term direct instruction in a small group setting. This service enables students who are behind in reading, writing or math (for reasons other than a learning difficulty) to get caught up with the regular classroom program.

5. **Special Education**

St. Joseph School has a full time coordinator of Special Services who oversees programs for students with special medical and/or learning needs who are funded by the Ministry of Education.

6. **Counseling Services**

Specific teachers are available for students, parents and teachers to discuss concerns and work towards resolution.

## **FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

French as a second language is offered to all students starting in Kindergarten. Through a program of activities, songs, games, reading and writing, we expect students to develop an interest and enthusiasm for the French language and culture. The major focus is on oral language acquisition.

## **COMPUTERS**

All students will have opportunities to enrich their learning through the use of computers. The computer lab hosts 26 stations. In addition, there are computers for students' use in some classrooms. The lab computers have internet access, and students and their parents must sign an internet agreement before a child is able to use this resource.

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## Heritage Christian School

**Accredited :** Heritage Christian Schools, both our Campus School and our Online School, operate under the British Columbia Ministry of Education's Independent School System. Heritage receives the highest level of Funding and Accreditation granted to Independent schools. Upon successful completion of the Grade 12 level at Heritage Christian Schools a student will receive the BC Dogwood Graduation Diploma. This is the official graduation certificate for British Columbia recognized internationally as one of the best High School Diplomas in the world.

**Christian School:** Heritage Christian Schools teach everything from a Biblical Worldview. Students require a commitment to Christian Education. This means that parents and students must embrace the values and lifestyle of a Christian approach to life as they will be in an environment that practices a Christian way of life. The administration, teachers and school families all have a strong Christian Faith. Students should also be comfortable in a completely English environment for their education. This means they need a fairly advanced level of English training before they come to Heritage. Every student is valued for their unique place in God's creation no matter what culture or nationality they come from. Students who successfully complete a Grade 12 level Christian Studies Course will receive the Heritage Christian School Graduation Certificate.

**Online Education:** Heritage Christian Online School gives students the option of starting with our school while still in the home country. If a student is committed to coming in their Grade 11 – 12 years they can actually begin to take courses that will prepare them for a Canadian education. Students can take ESL with *Rosetta Stone* and our standard Canadian English courses.

**International Christian Online School:** The International Christian Online School will launch in March '09 with three 100 hour, online ESOL courses. This is a great way for all International students to get a head start and learn English before they arrive at HCS! This will make your experience in Canada so much easier. An ESOL teacher and a native English speaker will be assigned to each student for their direction through the course and for 25 hours of one-on-one conversation. These cutting-edge online courses will provide:

- Flexibility (Any Pace; Any Time; Any Place)
- Work from home via the Internet
- Christian Values and Discipleship
- Cambridge Standard English
- Cost Effectiveness (\$495USD per 100 hour course)
- For more information go to [www.icos.ca](http://www.icos.ca)

### The International Experience...

Heritage Christian School has had many years of experience with International Students. They have come to us from all around the world: China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Mexico, England, Australia, United States and Russia. Students have successfully completed their high school education with us and have gone on to university and college programs. We have trained and experienced ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers on staff who are more than willing to support our students during their time at Heritage Christian School.

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# Okanagan Montessori Pre-School & Kindergarten

## What We Offer

Our students receive a well-rounded preparation for life and school with a distinct emphasis on academic skills, respect and care for oneself and others in a multi-aged class.

The children are encouraged to make independent choices with their work and are used to handling a large variety of materials and ideas. They learn to work solo, with a teacher as well as in small and class-size groups. They learn to discuss problems with the idea of solving them logically and with concern for their classmates. Early on, older children are asked to help and mentor their younger friends. Older children feel pride in what they can offer young children and young children look up to older children as heroes.

Montessori's vision for education of the preschool aged child has now existed for 100 years in every part of the world in a large variety of settings and continues to grow and change. The principles of the philosophy remain intact: Montessori education is for ALL children. Montessori education is a method for children to reach their own best individual potential while understanding how it is to work and live in a school peer group.

## CLASSROOM AREAS:

1. Practical Life/Art
2. Sensorial
3. Mathematics
4. Language and Reading(phonetic)
5. Cultural (Music, Science, Geography, Botany and Zoology).

We also include circle time, physical education, show and tell, cooking and special events and field trips in our program.

Special Events have included: Halloween Fun Day, Easter Egg Hunt, & Winter Concert

## Contact

Registration for new students occurs in the third week of January each year. For Students registering for the school year starting September 2009 the registration evening will be held on Wednesday January 21, 2009. This annual registration event is held at our school located at 3131 Lakeshore Road Kelowna BC. The doors open at 5:00 pm.

Registration remains open until all spaces are filled. If you are interested in a Montessori education for your preschool or kindergarten child please give us a call. We would love to hear from you.

To arrange a school tour or enquire about registration please contact either:

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## Kelowna Christian School

The learning community at Kelowna Christian School emphasizes relational instruction and standards of excellence in all areas. Effective learning begins with caring, safe and supportive relationships between students and faculty. The focus of the teaching and support staff is two-fold: to understand the learning needs of each student and to establish a culture of love and respect. Through this relationship, students are encouraged to pursue excellence in all areas of learning.

Kelowna Christian School offers a comprehensive, college preparatory, academic program from preschool to grade 12. Our school has consistently received high rankings in all standardized performance assessments such as the Foundation Skill Assessments (FSA), the Fraser Report, and Canadian Achievement Tests. In addition to the academic program, Kelowna Christian School offers a full complement of Applied Skills courses in Fine and Performing Arts, Physical Education, Computer Sciences, and Home Economics. Kelowna Christian School has an established and very successful competitive sports program, and there are numerous opportunities to participate in team and individual sports events throughout the school year.

From the students, to the programs, to the specific lessons that are taught each day, our goal at Kelowna Christian School is to nurture each young person in all dimensions- body, soul and spirit- in the truth of God's Word.

### **Benvoulin Campus**

Middle/High School (7-12) & Administrative Offices

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# Immaculata High School

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The religious education program at Immaculata is designed to give a broad overview of important elements in the Catholic faith. Topics covered over five years provide a solid knowledge of important elements of the Catholic faith.

## **APPLIED SKILLS**

Business Education is in its beginnings at Immaculata. Although business related courses like Consumer/Business Education and Accounting have been offered for many years it is only in the last two years that a full programme has been realized. Courses like Marketing 11 with its retailing focus lend themselves to creative, practical and activity-based application of marketing concepts. In this particular course marketing principals will be integrated with a variety of school (student store) and community-based projects.

The program ensures that students will have the opportunity to learn how to be productive and motivated employees (intrapreneur) and gain confidence in their abilities to proceed with ideas for creative self-employment (entrepreneur).

Foods and Nutrition is a lab-oriented course that involves students in cooperative teamwork. It covers topics such as nutrition (Canada Food Guide, nutrients), methods of food preparation, sanitation (food safety and diseases) and consumer issues (eating healthy, fitness). Using the kitchen facilities in the cafeteria students are able to put their classroom learning into practise.

Physical Education is designed to develop the student's attitudes and knowledge of themselves and recreation, leadership qualities, physical skills and levels of fitness. The PE programme is offered at all grade levels and culminates with PE 11/12. This course builds on work done in grades 8-10 with an emphasis on performance (team games and individual activities) and leisure (life time sports) oriented activities, active health (anatomy, nutrition, etc.) and personal development (community service, First Aid, etc.)

## **FINE ARTS**

Fine Arts at IRHS include three programs that are offered as electives throughout the grade levels:

Art introduces the students to the techniques of art and its theory. Topics include drawing, painting, pottery, graphics, etc. as well as studies of historical and contemporary art development, colour theory, reasoned art criticism and other related topics.

Band develops playing and performing techniques, articulation and ensemble playing. As the students progress and mature in the programme the pieces become longer and more difficult, and vary in style

(including classical and 20th century popular, jazz, etc.) There are at least two formal concerts presented each year.

Drama is an introduction to stage craft and beginning acting. The ultimate goal is to present students with the opportunity to develop and share their God given talents. There is at least one major dramatic performance each school year presented to the whole community.

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

The English program at IRHS provides students with the opportunity to study literary and informational communications, and the mass media, thereby experiencing the power of language. Students are presented with a window into the past, a complex portrayal of the present, and questions about the future. They also come to understand language as a human system of communication, dynamic and evolving, but also systematic and governed by rules.

The English program at IRHS encourages students to:

- communicate effectively and accurately in written, spoken, and visual forms
- develop positive attitudes toward language learning
- make connections to other areas of study and to life outside the classroom
- think critically, creatively, and reflectively
- appreciate their own culture and the culture of others
- use technology

The Humanities program at IRHS incorporates both SOCIAL STUDIES and ENGLISH. Students work on communication skills. Reading, writing, speaking, observing, and researching are applied to literature, geography, history, and current events. The primary goal of Humanities is to improve reading and writing.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

InfoTech at Immaculata had a major boost with the construction of the new High School. The installation of new IBM computers in the laboratory, the networking of the school and telecommunication capabilities have all combined to allow us to offer a program that will prepare our students well for the 21st century.

The computer is used as a tool at all grade levels and by all disciplines. Formal computer courses, are offered from grade 9. Courses at the 9 to 11 level are intended to provide the student with background knowledge, exposure to a variety of computer applications and introductory programming skills. A major component of these courses is the study of the applications and implications of computer technology in the world today. For those students who want a more sophisticated knowledge of Computer Science, we offer Information Technology 12 and AP Computer Science.

## **MATHEMATICS**

After successful completion of Mathematics 9, students may choose between any of the provincially recognized programs of Mathematics. As well, AP Calculus is offered. Students are encouraged to

participate in mathematics competitions such as the OUC Mathematics Competition and the Canadian and American Mathematics Competitions

## **SCIENCE**

The Science 8 to 10 programs emphasizes how science and its related skills are used in everyday life. Although the program is primarily science, integration of other disciplines occurs throughout. Science and Technology 11 continue the integrated approach of the 8 to 10 curriculum with a major emphasis on technological issues.

In the senior grades we offer courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics which are intended to provide students with grounding in the particular discipline. The courses are intended to be accessible to students who have successfully completed Science and Mathematics at the junior level and at the same time rigorous enough to prepare them well if they decide to engage in further study of the subject at the post-secondary level.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

The Social Studies programme at Immaculata aims at giving our students a basic understanding of the environment in which they live and the heritage which is theirs. In grade 8 the course focuses on early civilization and ends with a study of Medieval European society. Students also acquire a good knowledge of map work.

Grades 9-11 focus more on *Canada* and its history and geography. It begins with our native people and moves through early English and French settlement, the development of democracy and the birth of confederation. The history and geography of the West is examined as is the B.C. economy. In Grade 11 Canada's place in the "Global Village" is studied as is her place in 20th Century history and her method of government. At all times the relationship between history and geography is stressed while problem solving and current events are included in an ongoing way.

In grades 8 and 9 we offer a Humanities programme which covers both the English and Social Studies courses at a slower pace.

In grade 12 the student has an opportunity to specialize in History 12 (20th Century *World* History), Geography 12 (mainly physical and environmental), Law 12 (introductory course in Canadian *Law* ) and Economics 12 (introduction to the history and working of the Canadian economy in a world context).

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## **Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary**

Our Lady of Lourdes School follows the BC Ministry of Education Curriculum with highly dedicated and committed BC certified teachers. Daily prayer, school masses, sacramental preparation, and religious education are an integral part of our school life. A fully equipped computer lab, library, gymnasium compliment the educational program. Numerous extra-curricular activities and service activities provide opportunities for our students to develop fully mind, body.

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## Vedanta Academy

Vedanta Academy is a values based, affordable, academic Kindergarten to Grade 12 school which in addition to concentration on ACTIVE Learning, Reading and Study skills, focuses on the entire child including learning to be a good to themselves and to the people and world around them. We work with children of average or above average intelligence with learning differences that might find it difficult to find success in traditional systems. That is why we have the "STRIVE" Program through our school and curriculum where we model the program and then constantly ask students "How well did you STRIVE today"

### Vedanta Academy Secondary School

We see driven and focused student in Vedanta Academy Secondary School, yet students who still have compassion and understanding for their peers as well as younger students in the school. With a structured learning program and a relaxed atmosphere, students lose the stress of the education process, replacing it with an understanding of it. This comes as we demystify education for students and teach learning strategies, study strategies, organizational strategies, writing strategies and critical thinking strategies. In short students get the tools they need for the current and real world, whether that is continued education, apprenticeship, the workplace or world travel.

In Grades 10 to 12 under the new graduation program everything counts toward the final Grade Point Average so the student incentive to do well has to come earlier. Instead of getting lost or overwhelmed, our secondary students move forward with confidence in themselves and in their teachers. Glaring positive comments from Secondary Students about Vedanta Academy are, "I like my teachers" or "When I need help the teachers are there for me", or "I like the small classes because I can learn easier".

In Vedanta Secondary School we offer a range of subjects to please the driven academic, the business mind, the arts bent, the performer, the technologist and the creator. Our students normally graduate with more than the required Ministry minimum credits, which places them high on the lists when applying for post secondary education or skills training. To date all of our graduates have been able to go on to their first choice in post secondary training. A list of available Secondary School Courses is below

In addition to mainstream courses we offer the Duke of Edinburgh Awards program where students can earn Secondary credits while gaining the three levels of the prestigious award in areas of outdoor expedition/adventure, physical recreation, skills and service. The program dovetails nicely with the Planning 10 and Portfolio 12 programs

We also offer and encourage Secondary School Apprenticeships and Work Experience courses.

We try wherever possible to take Secondary Students out into the community at large for exposure and experience in a variety of areas. Often these are organized field trips through our science, media, law, criminology, performance, socials and art programs.

Vedanta Academy Secondary School Courses		
Graduation Required Courses Choices		
English 10	English 11	English 12
Planning 10	PE 10	Portfolio 12
Science 10	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 11
Applied Math 10	Principles Math 10	Applied Math 11
Principles Math 11	PE 10	
Other Courses Offered		
Earth Science 11	Physics 11	Physics 12
Principles Math 12	Chemistry 11	Chemistry 12
Applied Math 12	Biology 11	Biology 12
Info Tech 11	Accounting 11	Accounting 12
Economics 12	Marketing 11	Marketing 12
Art Foundations 11	Art Foundations 12	Careers in Art 12
Performance 11	Performance 12	Vocal Perform 11
Vocal Perform 12	Theatre Tech 11	Theatre Tech 12
Choreography 11	Choreography 12	Drama ESL
Food Studies 11	Spanish 10	Spanish 11
PE 11	PE 12	Media Studies 11
Media Studies 12	Digital Photo 12	Digital Video 12
Criminology 11	Law 12	Psychology 11
Psychology 12	History 12	Journalism 11
Journalism 12	Academic Study 11	Academic Writing 11
Academic Writing 12	Academic Reading 11	Academic Reading 12
Communications 11	Communications 12	ESL
Apprenticeship 11A	Apprenticeship 11B	Apprenticeship 12A
Apprenticeship 12B	Work Experience 11	Work Experience 12
Peer Tutoring 11	Peer Tutoring 12	

"86 percent of 2005 Vedanta Grads received Honours Graduation Certificates from The Ministry of Education despite the fact most started as average students"

## Vedanta Middle School

For many students Middle School is part of a life turning process and at Vedanta Academy students are confident in making the choices that will guide their learning and their life. This confidence comes as a result of comfort in learning, useable learning strategies, organization skills, ability to make choices and caring staff mentors.

Students feel welcome and understand it is alright to be an individual...to be different. In fact, because we celebrate differences students begin to take carefully calculated risks in showing who they are and what they can do. This happens in class, in performances, in community work, in art, in music and on the playground. Truly understanding each other goes beyond tolerance to acceptance of who we are and believe.

Academically students are challenged to take on their task with confidence; knowing there is teacher and teaching assistance help available all the time. Asking questions and saying I don't know are good things.

Students are shown how to critically read and write, which takes them beyond just the words and deeper into the comprehension and meaning of the written word. You do not have to believe everything you see or read and you certainly do not have to agree with it. Critical and active reading and writing skills are taught in all subject areas.

The Math program teaches problem solving skills and working in Accelerated Math focused students on individual complex skills in Geometry and Algebra. With a teacher and assistant in the room there is help for those who need it, when they need it. No one is sent home with homework they do not know how to do.

Students explore a variety of subject areas in more depth like music, art, video, technologies, performance, language, physical education and community service. School and community projects are worked into the curriculum and service to others is emphasized.

The Vedanta Grade 8 and 9 classes have formed one of only two Builder's Clubs in British Columbia which, sponsor by Kiwanis, is a youth service club. Students run their own meetings, decide on their own projects and give their service. Teacher and Kiwanis members are there only for support and advise when needed. Check out <http://www.buildersclub.org/builders/>

Vedanta Academy Middle School is a space needed to comfortably and safely spread those wings to get set to take off into the secondary school world and beyond.

## Vedanta Elementary School Life

Smiles and laughs are common in the Vedanta Academy Elementary School as students enjoy learning and enjoy their school life. As students feel valued and realize success they build their self-esteem and self-confidence to levels which allow them to feel right with who they are and realize what they can achieve.

Through a variety of Active Learning Strategies students become more confident and critical readers and writers. They not only read and spell the words but also increase their comprehension using critical reading skills and decoding strategies. Programs like Rewards Reading, Six-Minute Solution, ACID Marks and RAP Reading help students with fluency and comprehension. Active Reading involves activating prior knowledge, focusing attention, anticipating/predicting, organizing/integrating new material, reflecting, summarizing and producing a tangible product.

Accelerated Math is one of a number of numeracy strategies employed in Vedanta Academy Elementary School to ensure students confidently master each mathematics skill required to move ahead. Additional work with manipulatives and visual aids bring home the math concepts for the students who often require a "concept picture" to fully understand complex concepts.

Elementary students round out their learning with subject variety and exploration such as science, social studies, language, technologies, art, music, performance, dance and physical education. We believe that the child's entire learning sphere is developed by access to a variety of new and stimulating subjects.

Each lesson plan is designed have the children proceed through carefully planned mental activities designed to maximize learning while keeping it active and fun. The structured lesson plan also helps each child stay focused.

Each day at Vedanta Elementary School begins and ends with special teacher time called Check In and Check Out. The teacher sits one on one with each child to help him or her organize homework, concept cards, notices etc. before heading home, as well as finding out how the child's day went. Each morning the one on one time is used to make sure needed homework and assignments have been done and returned as well as to find out what is new in each child's life. This process dovetails with home life as parent's review their child's Check Out Folder each evening. General notices, homework assignments and messages from the teacher are easy to locate in the folder. Parents may communicate daily with the teacher by sending items or notes in the Check Out folder.

Our maximum class of 18 allows our teachers and teaching assistants to maximize classroom time with each student; challenging those who need to be challenged and helping those who need help.

Vedanta Academy Foundation Skills Assessments are at or above both Provincial  
and District averages for Grade 4

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## **Aberdeen Hall Preparatory School**

Aberdeen Hall is a co-educational and non-denominational independent University Preparatory school offering classes from Preschool and Kindergarten through Grade 8. We foster academic excellence in a progressive school environment which is safe and caring. Our school offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities and supports a strong sense of community.

### **Excellent Academics**

Aberdeen Hall has a broad, balanced and enriched curriculum. Through the expertise of our dedicated and talented teachers, pupils are extended beyond the basic learning objectives of the BC Curriculum. The curriculum is designed to teach an outstanding knowledge base and advanced skill set; preparing them to a high standard for the next stage in their academic careers. Specialist subject-specific teachers in Drama, Music, PE, Spanish and French further enrich our curriculum and allow the talents of individual students to flourish.

Link: [Our Curriculum](#)

### **Partnership with Parents**

Aberdeen Hall firmly believes that parents should play an active role in their child's education. Parent/teacher conferences are held each term and parents are encouraged to visit their child's Homeroom and/or Specialist Teachers if there are any queries or questions about their child's education.

Aberdeen Hall has a very active Parent's Guild which organizes numerous social and fundraising events throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to join the guild and participate in the events. Link: [Aberdeen Hall Parents Guild](#)

### **Dedicated Staff**

The teachers and administration staff work very closely to ensure that every student feels confident, happy and secure. We all believe that school should be a 'happy place' where children can express themselves and try new experiences without fear or ridicule. At Aberdeen Hall, our teachers are selected for their caring nature and commitment to student growth. Link: [Faculty and Staff](#)

### **Personal Attention**

We aim to develop the potential of each and every child. Small classes allow our teachers to get to know each student and support them academically and socially. Classroom instruction accommodates the different levels of development and extra-curricular activities allow different areas of talent to flourish. We also work to get to know all of the families in our community.

## Creativity

The school is establishing a strong reputation in the performing arts. A love of music is encouraged. Students in Grade 3 learn to play the recorder. In Grade 4 and up all students learn a musical instrument and play in the school band. Music lessons begin in Kindergarten and students from Grade 2 are encouraged to sing in the choir.

Drama, which is taught from Kindergarten, helps children to grow in confidence, develop communication skills and creative expression. We provide opportunities to take part outside of the classroom and in school-wide productions. The new school will have an amphitheatre which will allow for more creativity in productions.

The visual arts help every child, whatever their ability, to develop creative skills and an alternative means of expression. Students are encouraged to work in a variety of materials and with careful guidance many exceed their expectations. Link: [Clubs](#)

## Unique Opportunities

Aberdeen Hall aims to offer challenging opportunities for all students whether academically, culturally or in the physical environment. Our clubs programme is changed every term to provide interesting new learning opportunities. Activities such as fieldtrips aim to enhance the classroom learning. Outward bound trips help to develop cooperation and leadership skills. Link: [Clubs](#)

## Community Spirit

Everyone at Aberdeen Hall believes that a child will flourish in a safe and nurturing environment. The mix of boys and girls, the wealth of opportunities, the excellent staffing ratios, the small classes and the feeling of community ensure students can enjoy and get the most out of their time at Aberdeen Hall.

Every student, the very youngest to the oldest, is assigned to a House. An active house system operates to engender team spirit and promote positive competition in sport, the arts and academic achievement. Our 'Outreach' programme educates students in the broader meaning of community. Many take part in activities to support local, national and international charities. Our aim is to develop global citizens who wish to benefit our world. Link: [Outreach Programme](#)

## University Preparatory School

Our aim is to provide an excellent level of academics to ensure our students acquire the qualifications necessary for them to enter the university that is right for them. We are also committed to developing our students' social skills and character education so they become happy and contributing citizens.

## Facilities

Aberdeen Hall has plans to build a wonderful new facility that will be nestled in 12 acres of beautiful BC woodland, adjacent to UBC-O. The new buildings will offer state of the art educational, athletic and co-curricular facilities. Link: [Building Plans](#)

## Location

Kelowna is the largest city in the Okanagan Valley, situated on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake mid-way between Penticton in the south and Vernon in the north. The lake offers wonderful opportunities for boating, swimming or fishing. The nearby mountains attract hikers, skiers and outdoor enthusiasts. There are three major ski hills within a one hour drive - Big White, Silver Star and Apex. Kelowna also has a number of championship golf courses.

Aberdeen Hall will be situated off Highway 97 in the north end of town close to Kelowna's International airport. We provide valley wide school bus service. Please see the following link for further details. Link: [Bus schedule](#)

### **Aberdeen Hall**

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# Waldorf School

**Waldorf education** is an independent, worldwide educational system developed by Rudolf Steiner and enriched by the practical experience of Waldorf teachers during the past eighty years.

**Waldorf education originated** in Germany in 1919 in the aftermath of the First World War. Emil Molt, owner of the Waldorf cigarette factory, saw that the children of his workers were not receiving the education they should receive. He sought out Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925), a respected Austrian educator, scientist and philosopher, to develop a new curriculum for his school.

**Now, there are 12 schools across Canada** and more than 700 schools worldwide. Each is autonomous, reflecting local geography and culture while sharing the core foundations of curriculum, methods and beliefs.

## The Waldorf Elementary School Day

The uniqueness of the Waldorf curriculum lies primarily in how and when the children are taught.

**Perception, feeling, concept:** these are the three steps in a learning process that prepares the intellect for the abstract and conceptual thinking which will become possible later, in adolescence.

**The morning main lesson**, a two-hour period, starts each school day. Each core subject (math, ancient cultures, geography...) is taught for a three to five week block of time. The teacher can delve into each subject in-depth and has the opportunity to enhance these topics with poetry, painting, modeling and drama. Intellectual learning is always combined with artistic, rhythmical and practical work.

**The uninterrupted, two-hour** main lesson is the academic cornerstone upon which the day is built. It encourages the child to become absorbed in, even saturated with, his subject when presented in this type of block structure.

**Subjects requiring** regular repetition in shorter lessons (foreign languages, for example) make up the rest of the morning. Afternoons are devoted to activities that are more social in nature; games and sports, painting, handwork and gardening.

**The Class Teacher follows** the same class of children through the elementary years (ideally from grades one to eight), teaching all of the core academic subjects. For the teacher, this means time to fully understand each child, to develop a strong bond and to help them develop to their potential. Specialized teachers in such areas as languages, music, fine arts and eurythmy enhance the work of the class teacher.

**Lessons are taught** directly by the teacher, rather than via textbooks or computers. The subject matter comes alive through the teachings of the teacher. The children make their own books for each subject, recording and illustrating the substance of their lessons. These books, often artistic and beautiful, are an important way by which art is integrated into every subject.

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# Okanagan Adventist Academy

Welcome to the **Okanagan Adventist Academy**. We are a Seventh-day Adventist school located in Kelowna, BC.

Our staff are committed to providing quality education in a Christ-filled environment.

We invite you to find out more about our school. Call us to schedule a visit, or explore online. To see what is happening at our school you can check our calendar, news, visit our classrooms or see what our alumni are doing.

Our school is part of the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist school network. The Seventh-day Adventist educational system includes elementary and high schools, colleges and universities in countries around the globe.

## Mission Statement

The **Okanagan Adventist Academy** exists to *show* children Jesus, *nurture* their love for Him and others, *teach* them to think, and *empower* them to serve.

## Our Philosophy

The **Okanagan Adventist Academy** is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide a spiritually oriented education for children. A belief in the existence of the Creator God is fundamental in the philosophy of Seventh-day Adventist schools. We respect His divine authority and recognize His intervention in human affairs. We believe that true education develops the spiritual, mental, and physical powers of each student; preparing them for the joy of service in this life and for the higher joy of service in the life to come. To achieve this goal, we encourage each student to:

- develop a personal relationship with God and his fellow men as stated in Matthew 2:37-39
- master the basic academic skills
- value labour, physical and mental, as the
- blessing God intended
- cultivate physical fitness, mental ability, and moral purity as the blessing God intended.

The **Okanagan Adventist Academy** operated in harmony with the guidance and direction of the Office of Education, North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Safe and Sound video presentation

Few decisions are as important -- and potentially life-changing as choosing a school for your children. In this video you will learn some of the history of Adventist Christian education. Hear from some of our committed Christian teachers and see how Adventist Christian education provides a quality academic experience in a caring Christian environment.

Windows users: [click here for video](#)

Mac users: [click here for video](#)

## ***Journey to Excellence* video presentation**

Hear from administrators, teachers, parents and students about the quality academics, strong curriculum and integrated spiritual and moral content of our school.

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Mac version: [click here for video](#)

## **International Education Program**

International students are welcomed into our learning community and receive ESL instruction along with the regular program taught in English. Students need to have some ability to communicate in the English language in order to follow basic instructions and to live life in Canadian society. There are opportunities to practice the English language with fellow Canadian students during lunch breaks and during extra-curricular activities after school.

The regular program consists of a variety of classes such as English (reading, writing and spelling), Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion, Physical Education, Fine Arts (music, art and drama). High school students have other options including Home Economics, Wood working, Computer Technology, Children who are in kindergarten through grade 4 will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## **Short Term Programs**

Short term stays of 2 weeks or more can be arranged. Please email us to make such a special request. The regular full fees plus a pro-rated tuition fee will be charged.

## **Okanagan Adventist Academy**

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