



# Sooke Schools

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

*Many Nations. 🍁 One Remarkable Experience*

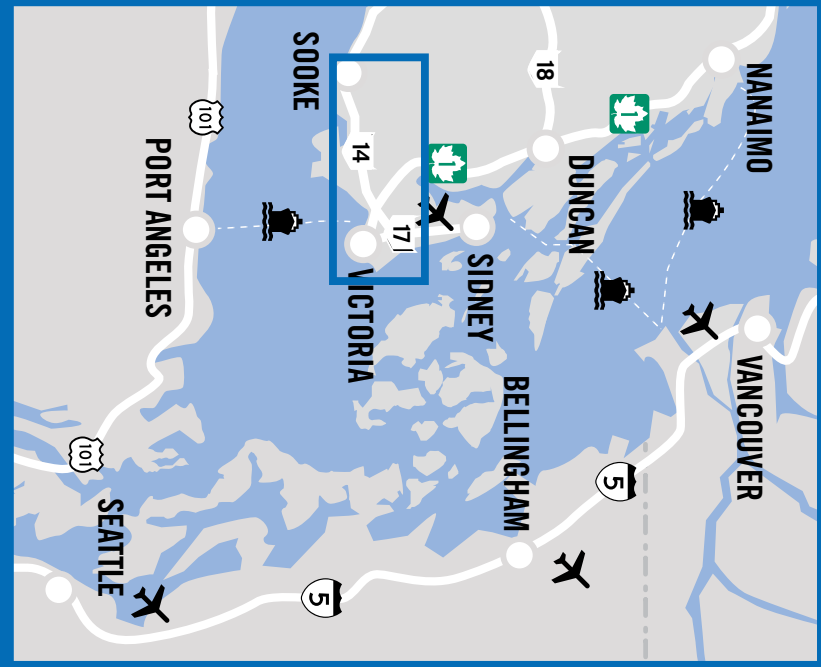


BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

EDWARD MILNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL





**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- 1 Dunsmuir Middle School
- 2 Journey Middle School
- 3 Spencer Middle School
- 4 West Langford Middle School\*  
\*Opening Sept 2020

**HIGH SCHOOLS**

- 1 Belmont Secondary School
- 2 Royal Bay Secondary School
- 3 Edward Milne Community School



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



# SCHOOLS

The Soke School District is home to 3 secondary schools and 3 middle schools that welcome international students. 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. Soke 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: Equestre Academy, Baseball Academy, Rugby Academy, Soccer Academy, Dance Academy, Lacross Academy and Ice Hockey Academy.

# OFFERED PROGRAMS

## ACADEMIC GRADUATION PROGRAM

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.

2-4 YEARS

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.



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 YEAR AND HALF-YEAR PROGRAM

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.

UP TO 1 YEAR

## SHORT-TERM STUDY

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.

1-4 MONTHS

## SHORT-TERM GROUPS

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.

CUSTOMIZE



ADVANCED  
PLACEMENT  
PRE-  
AP AP



UNIVERSITY  
OR COLLEGE  
CREDITS



ELECTIVE  
COURSES



# BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEW LOCATION  
**OPENED  
2015**

**1,500  
STUDENTS**

**GRADES  
9-12**

**ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS\***  
*\*Offerings subject to change*



Home to one of the largest  
gymsnasiums 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**

## 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

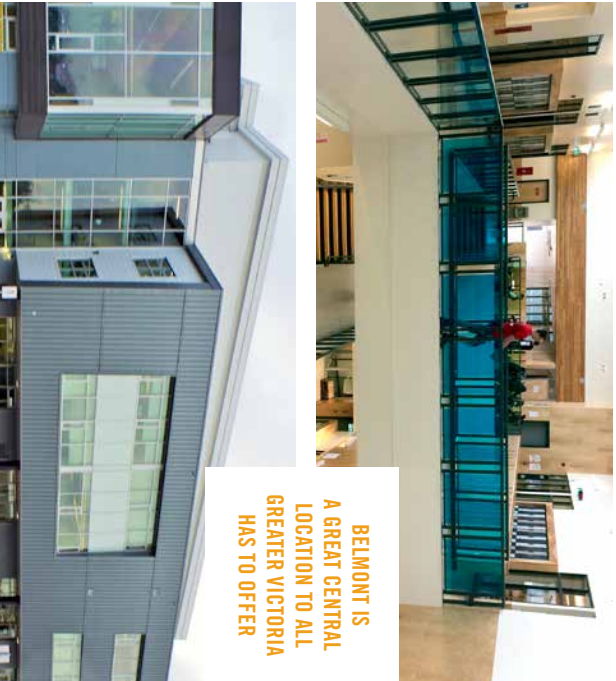
- American Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Badminton

**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**



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



# ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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

Semester system  
(September – January;  
February – June)

OPENED  
SEPTEMBER  
2015

1,400  
STUDENTS

GRADES  
9-12

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



## ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS \*

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### SPORTS ACADEMIES

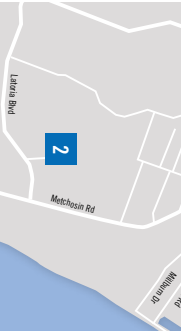
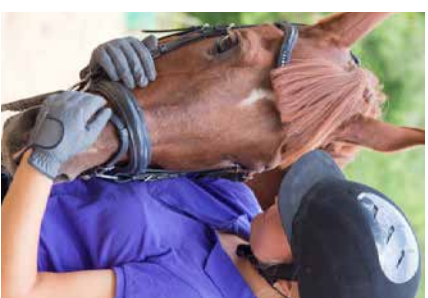
- Soccer
- Dance
- Lacrosse
- Equine
- Golf

### 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



## LOCATION

Oceanside location in a new residential area of Cowood

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 \*

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### SPORTS ACADEMIES

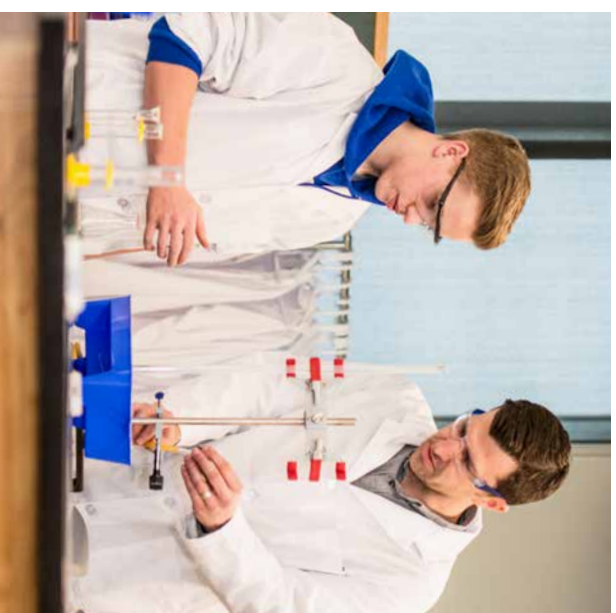
- Soccer
- Dance
- Lacrosse
- Equine
- Golf

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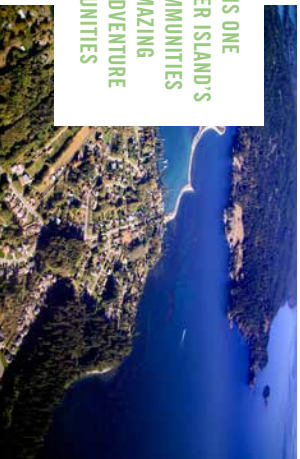
**675**  
STUDENTS

GRADES  
**9-12**



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**



**ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS \***

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**SPORTS ACADEMIES**

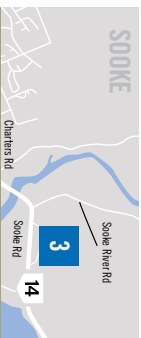
- Ice Hockey
- Soccer

**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



**LOCATION**

Located in the seaside community of Sooke.

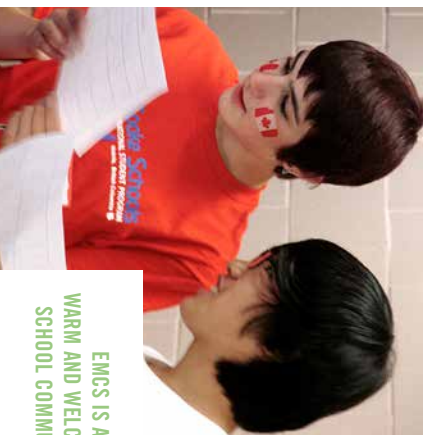
Rural setting perfect for horseback riding, fishing, hiking, kayaking and other outdoor pursuits.

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 EMCSI!**



**EMCSI IS A  
WARM AND WELCOMING  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



# MIDDLE SCHOOLS



**3**  
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.



ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE SERVICED BY OUR DISTRICT SCHOOL BUSES



## SPENCER MIDDLE SCHOOL

**800**  
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



## JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**600**  
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



## DUNSMUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

**800**  
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



# 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



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 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!



## ACTIVITIES THAT ARE POPULAR WITH OUR STUDENTS ARE:

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

