



# Sooke Schools

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

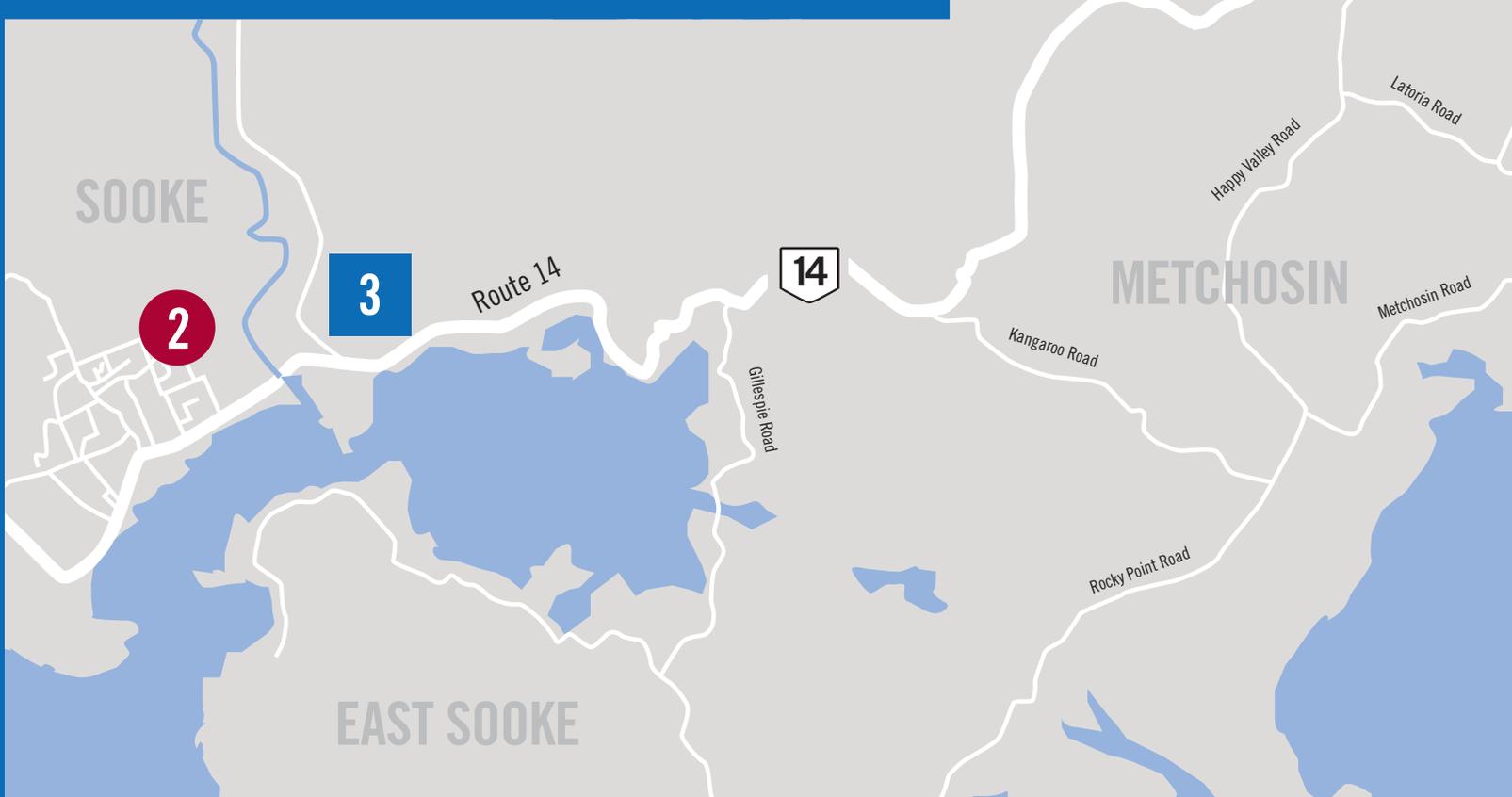
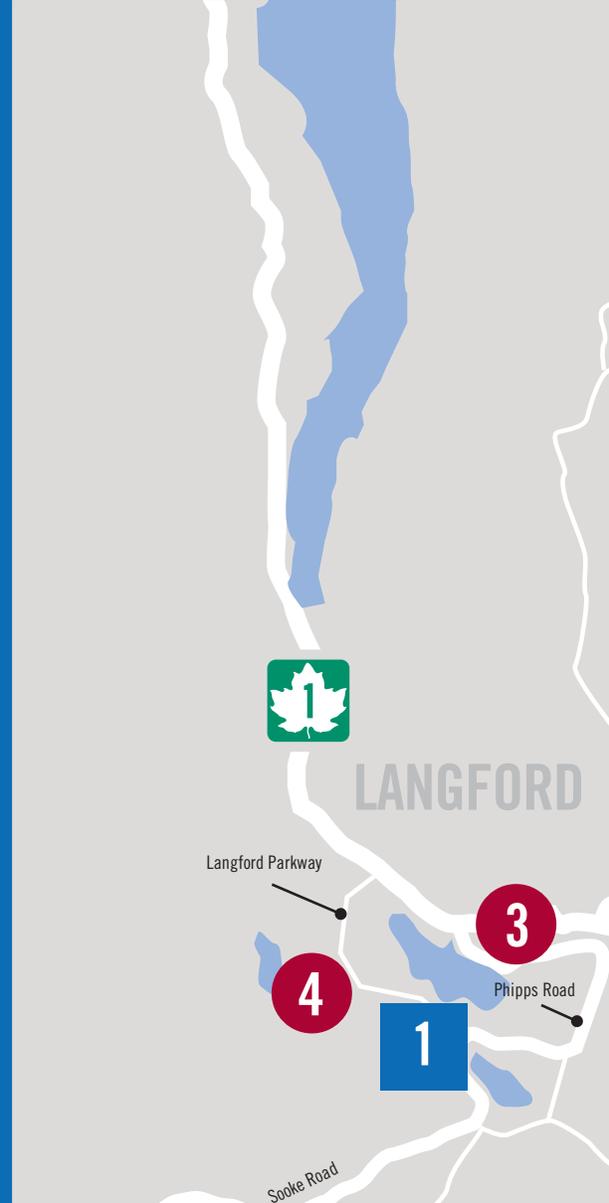
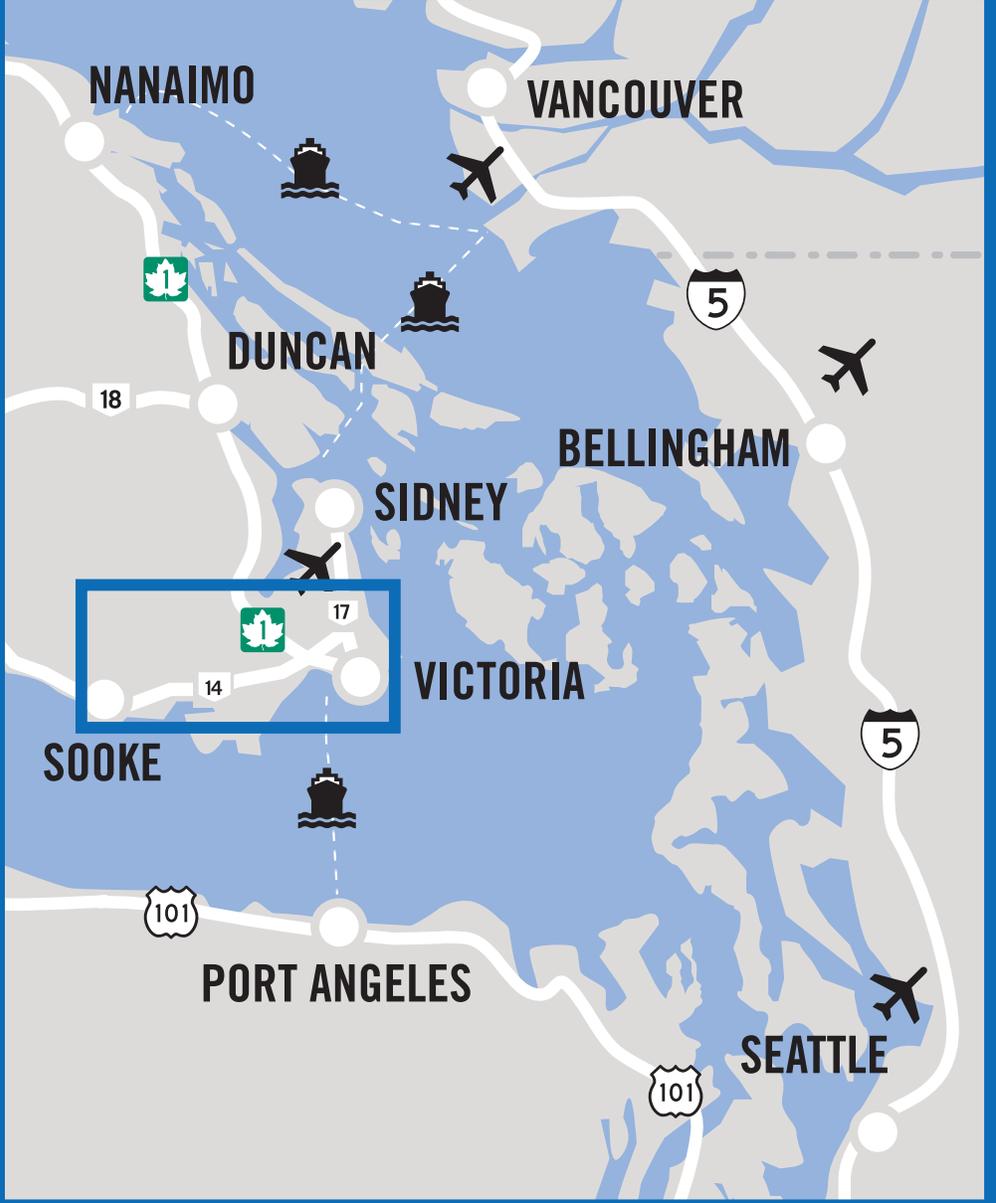
*Many Nations. 🍁 One Remarkable Experience*

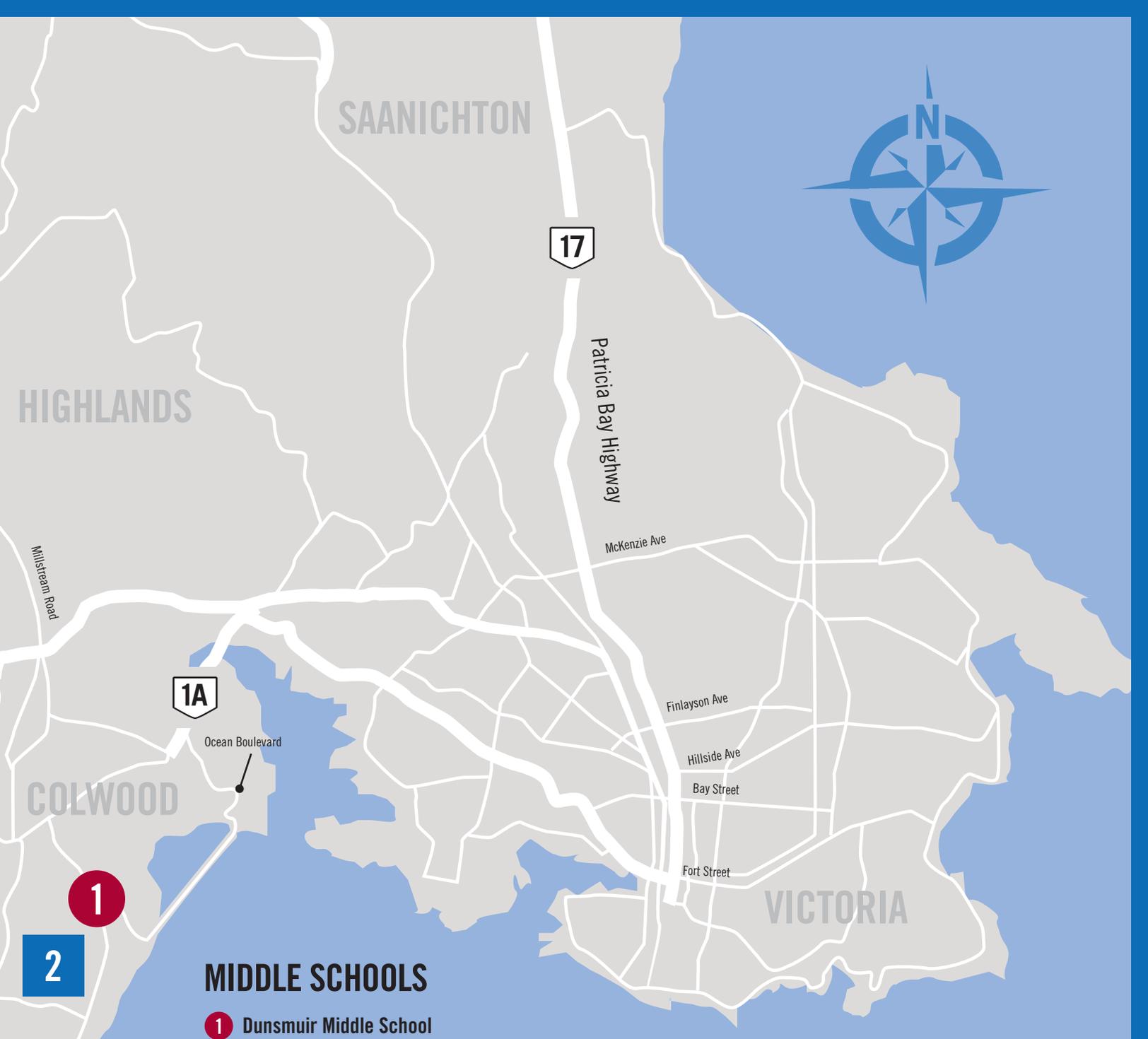


BELMONT SECONDARY SCHOOL

ROYAL BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL

EDWARD MILNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL





### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- 1 Dunsmuir Middle School
- 2 Journey Middle School
- 3 Spencer Middle School
- 4 Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School

### HIGH SCHOOLS

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



# Sooke Schools

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Victoria, British Columbia 

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



# SCHOOLS

The Sooke School District is home to 3 secondary schools and 4 middle schools that welcome international students. Two of our high schools were recently built, 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. Sooke Schools offer students a variety of academic and elective courses to meet their individual needs and interests. Students interested in an academically rigorous program have the opportunity to choose from Advanced Placement (AP) courses, as well as 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: Equine Academy, Baseball Academy, Rugby Academy, Soccer Academy, Dance Academy, Lacrosse Academy and Ice Hockey Academy.



ADVANCED  
PLACEMENT

**DUAL-CREDIT**



UNIVERSITY  
OR COLLEGE

**CREDITS**



ELECTIVE  
COURSES



# OFFERED PROGRAMS



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 GRADUATION PROGRAM

2-4  
YEARS

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.

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.

## ACADEMIC YEAR AND HALF-YEAR PROGRAM

5 &  
10  
MONTHS

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.

## SHORT-TERM STUDY

3-4  
MONTHS

We can accept a limited number of students who wish to apply for a short-term study in one of our schools, 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.

## SHORT-TERM GROUPS

CUS  
TOM  
IZE

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.



# BELMONT

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

NEW LOCATION  
OPENED  
**2015**

**1,600**  
STUDENTS

GRADES  
**9-12**



Home to one of the largest gymnasiums in BC, and outdoor turf sports fields

Semester system  
(September – January;  
February – June)

**LANGFORD IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING COMMUNITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE**



### LOCATION

Centrally located in Langford, Belmont is the school district's most urban secondary school.

Walking distance from shopping centres and a variety of sports and recreation facilities, including Canada's National Rugby Training Centre, and the home soccer stadium for the Pacific Football Club (PFC), in the Canadian Premier League."

Quick access to downtown Victoria with public transportation.



**BELMONT IS A GREAT CENTRAL LOCATION TO ALL GREATER VICTORIA HAS TO OFFER**





## ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS\*

*\*Offerings subject to change*

### SPORTS ACADEMIES

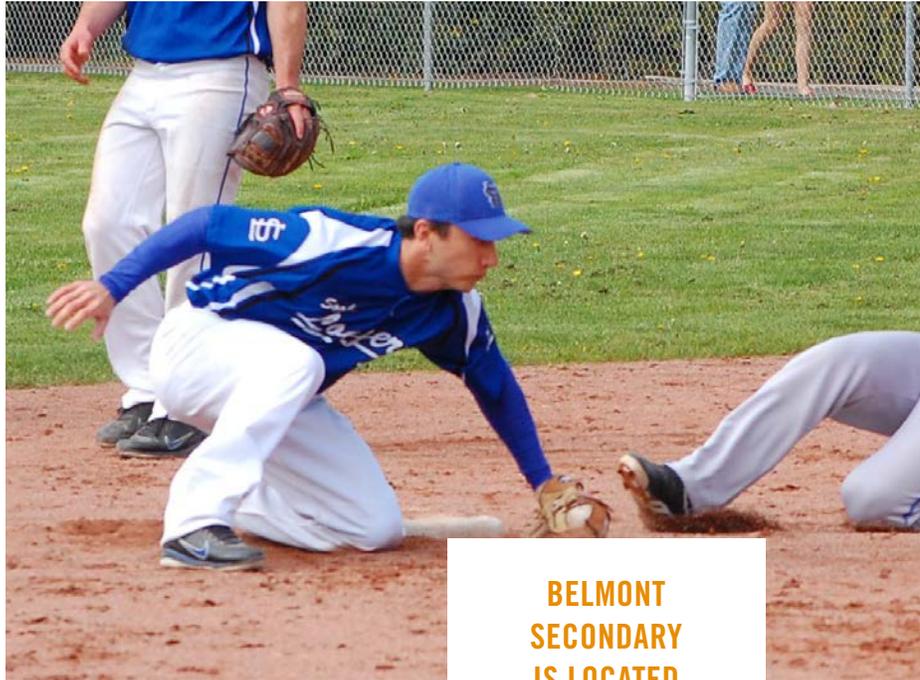
- Ice hockey
- Baseball and Softball
- Equine
- Climbing
- Mountain Biking

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

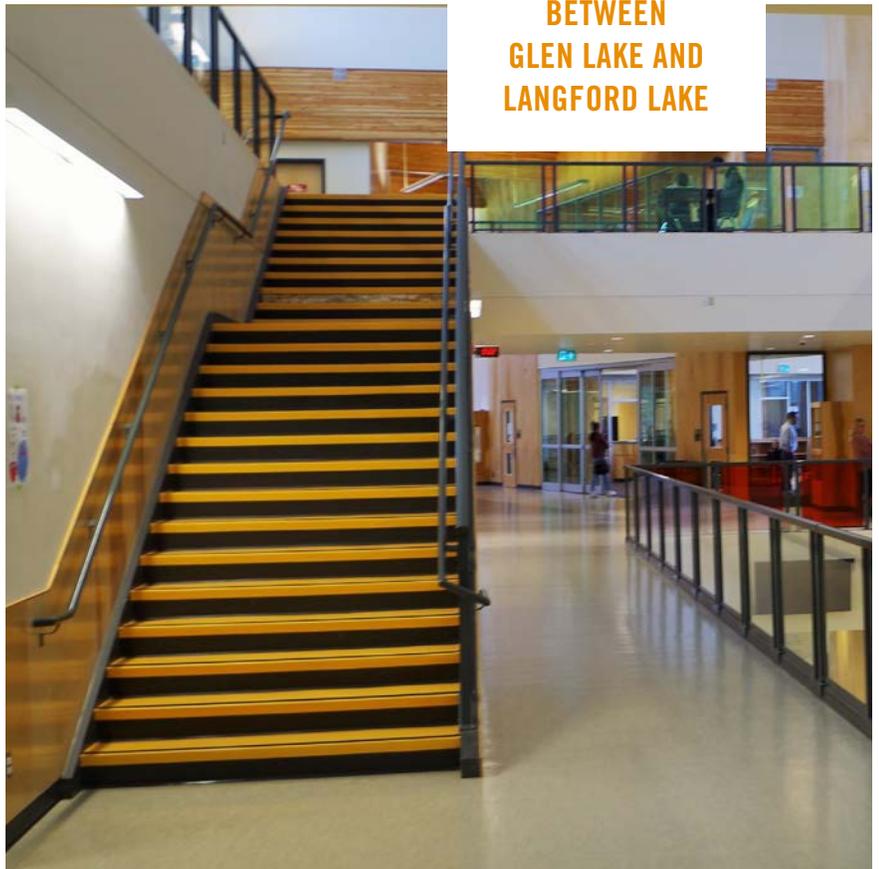
- Outdoor Education
- French Immersion
- Cosmetology
- Information Technology
- Business courses
- Film Studio
- Modern Languages (French, Spanish, Japanese)
- Trades (Auto mechanics, Metalwork, Woodwork)
- Dance courses
- Award-winning Music program (Concert Band, Jazz Band, Vocal Jazz, Drumline)
- and many more

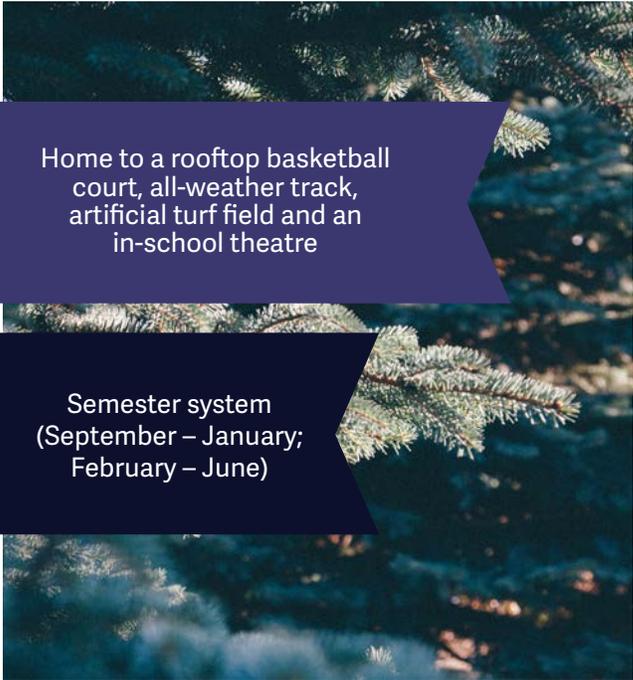
### EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

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



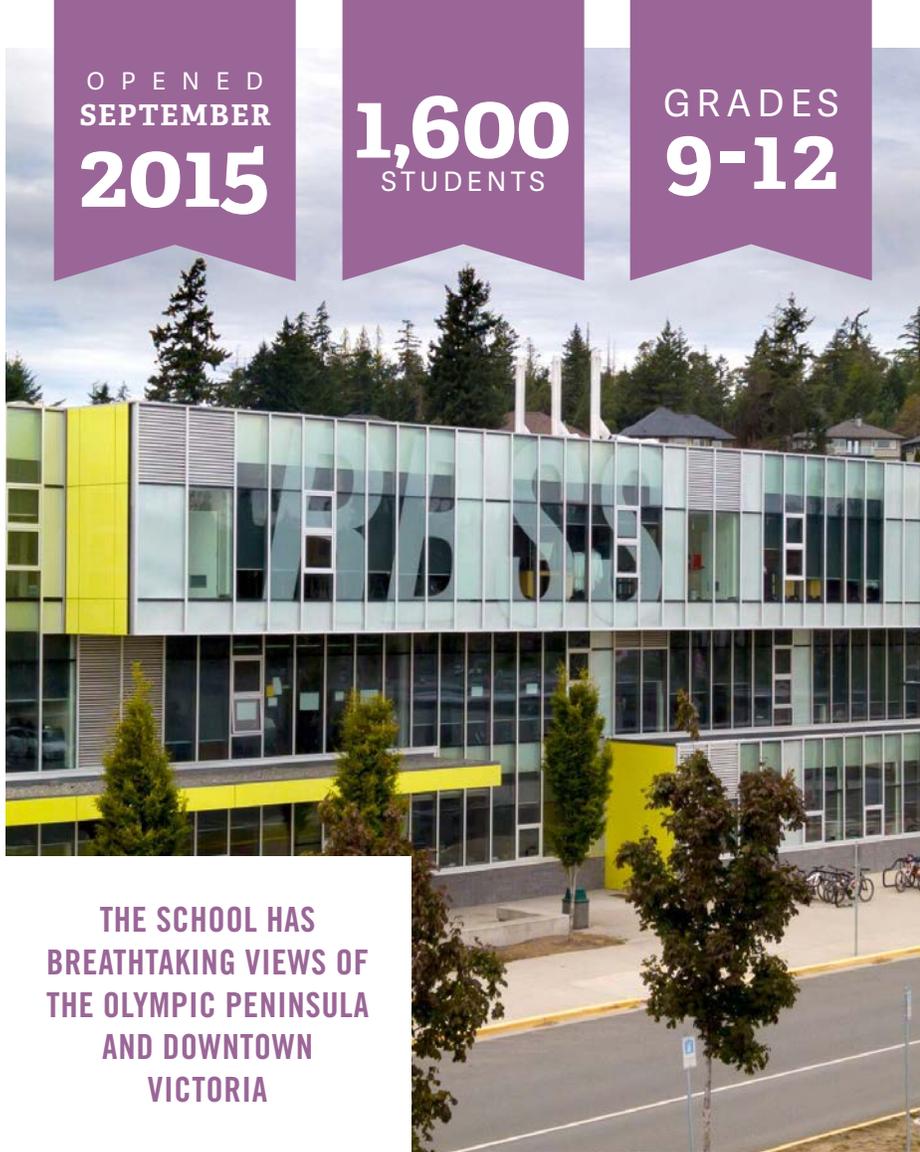
**BELMONT  
SECONDARY  
IS LOCATED  
BETWEEN  
GLEN LAKE AND  
LANGFORD LAKE**





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

Semester system  
(September – January;  
February – June)



THE SCHOOL HAS  
BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF  
THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA  
AND DOWNTOWN  
VICTORIA



## LOCATION

Oceanside location in a new residential area of Colwood, with nearby beach parks featuring beach volleyball courts

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
- Lacrosse
- Golf
- Dance
- Equine



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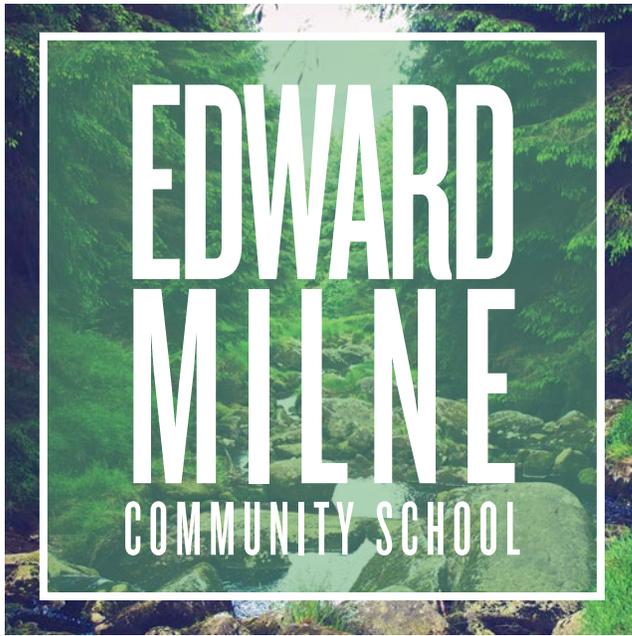
- Culinary Arts
- Theatre and Performing Arts
- Marine Biology
- Technology Education (Fine Woodworking, Electronics, Drafting and Design)
- Environmental Science
- Visual Arts
- Video Game Design (between Visual Arts and Technology Education)
- and many more



### EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Rugby
- Cross-Country
- Track and Field
- Badminton





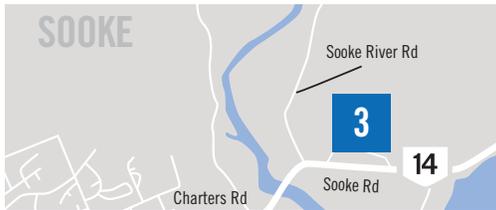
675  
STUDENTS

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



## 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.



EVER WONDER  
WHAT A WHALE  
SKELETON LOOKS  
LIKE? SEE ONE UP  
CLOSE AT EMCS!





## ACADEMICS & EXTRACURRICULARS\*

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## SPORTS AND OTHER ACADEMIES

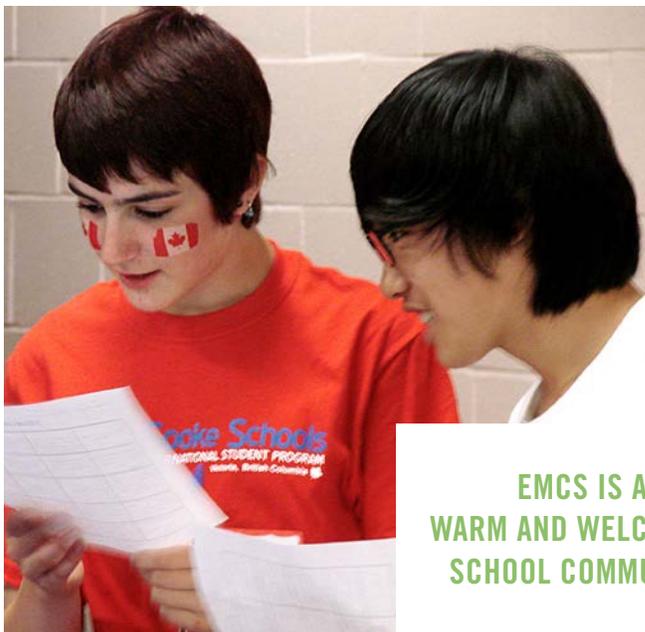
- Ice Hockey
- Soccer
- Softball
- ECO Academy

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSES

- Environmental Studies
- Culinary Arts
- French Immersion
- Musical Theatre and Performing Arts
- Dual-credit college-level courses (Psychology, Economics, Biology, Geography)
- Robotics
- Technology education (metalwork, woodwork)
- and many more

## EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Cross-country running



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



# MIDDLE SCHOOLS

4  
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.



SPENCER

700  
STUDENTS

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

*\*Offerings may change each year*

- Exploratory courses offered in Dance, Drama and Applied Skills (metalwork, woodwork, jewelry making, stained glass, cooking, sewing, computers)
- Music Program and Arts Program
- In-school theatre
- Hockey Academy
- Extra-curricular activities may include Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Track and Field, Rugby, Mountain Biking, Badminton, Games Club, Writing Club, and more!



DUNSMUIR

700  
STUDENTS

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

*\*Offerings may change each year*

- Exploratory courses offered in Leadership, Drama and Applied Skills (woodwork, cooking, sewing, computers)
- Music Program and Arts Program
- Dance and Soccer Academies
- Extra curricular teams: Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Cross-Country, Track and Field, Rugby





ALL OF OUR  
SCHOOLS ARE  
SERVICED BY  
OUR DISTRICT  
SCHOOL BUSES



**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



**700**  
STUDENTS

### SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

*\*Offerings may change each year*

- Exploratory courses offered in Band, Drama, Dance, Cooking, Trades, Art, and Project-Based Learning
- Music Program and Arts Program
- Extra-curricular activities: Cross-Country, Basketball, Touch Rugby, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Track and Field, Chess Club, Art Club, Robotics Club



# 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**



# 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!



**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 THAT ARE POPULAR WITH OUR STUDENTS ARE:**

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





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# HOW TO APPLY

**1**

Visit our website and complete our online application at [sookeschoolsvictoria.com](http://sookeschoolsvictoria.com)

**2**

Submit the required documents

**3**

Pay the application fee

**Our office will contact you to let you know your application status.**