



ASPENGROVE

SCHOOL



ASPENGROVE SCHOOL
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



WELCOME TO ASPENGROVE SCHOOL

At Aspengrove, we offer a world-class education, in a unique and innovative “West Coast” way. If you are a student seeking to combine the experience of Vancouver Island with the exceptional quality of a private school education, Aspengrove could be the perfect place for you! We warmly welcome students from around the world to join our diverse community.

Students at Aspengrove equally lean into their academics and their co-curricular activities. In the classroom, our outstanding teachers deliver engaging, relevant lessons that often find students learning outdoors on our beautiful campus. Our co-curricular programs reflect the unique environment we call home, offering opportunities like mountain biking, rock climbing, and skiing alongside traditional activities such as drama, photography, Model UN, and more.

As the only private school in our region, students at Aspengrove enjoy small classrooms, a safe environment (we don't have locks on our lockers!) and a variety of opportunities to challenge themselves and experience education the Vancouver Island way. I encourage you to browse through the rest of our lookbook and our website and discover how Aspengrove could offer the experience of a lifetime.

Yours in learning,

Gary Kern
Head of School



“The quality of the teachers at Aspengrove is what makes it a special place for me. They truly understand how to communicate with students and create an environment that fosters curiosity and learning.” ~ DAVID (GRADE 12)



**340
STUDENTS**



**40-ACRES
OF TREES AND TRAILS**



**18 AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE**

ASPENGROVE AT A GLANCE

- With 340 students, we are big enough to do all that a large school can, yet small enough that every teacher and student knows your name.
- Our school is nestled in a beautiful natural setting on 40-acres of trees and trails, including an outdoor classroom dedicated to science, gardening, and environmental stewardship.
- Our state-of-the art gymnasium offers opportunities for competitive athletics, tournaments with schools across the region, and is a gathering place for weekly assemblies and community building events.
- Aspengrove's passionate, dedicated, and highly skilled educators bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the classroom. Our educators go beyond teaching. They inspire and foster a love of learning, nurturing skills that last a lifetime.
- Average class size is 18 students
- We are an EcoSchool, certified through EcoSchools Canada to nurture environmental learning and climate action.



**GRADUATES SCORE
4 POINTS HIGHER
IN GLOBAL IB SCORES**

**#1 RANKED
IN CENTRAL ISLAND**

**>50%
EDUCATORS HOLD A
MASTER'S LEVEL DEGREE**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Aspengrove is proud to be an **IB World School**, authorized to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. Aspengrove graduates are exceptionally well-prepared for post-secondary success — **100% of our graduates are accepted into top universities in Canada, the US, and beyond.**

- Aspengrove consistently ranks #1 academically in the Central Vancouver Island region and among the top schools in the province.
- We offer the IB Programme from Preschool through Grade 10, followed by Advanced Placement (AP) courses in Grades 11 and 12 as part of our personalized graduation program.
- Our globally-minded faculty bring diverse international teaching experience and are dedicated to lifelong learning — with more than 50% of our Senior School educators holding a Master's degree.
- Aspengrove students score an average of 4 points higher than the global average in their IB assessments.

MEET OUR STAFF





"I really enjoy the extra-curricular activities, and especially the community itself. Aspengrove has great diversity; I see a lot of different cultures and I love learning about people, their backgrounds, and languages." ~ LAYLA, JAPAN (GRADE 12)



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At Aspengrove, learning extends far beyond the classroom. Our students are encouraged to discover their passions, develop new skills, and build lasting friendships through a wide range of enrichment opportunities. From academic pursuits like **Model UN**, **Coding Club**, **Science Club**, and **Creative Writing Club**, to artistic outlets such as **Band**, **Art Club**, **Photography**, and **Drama Improv**, there's something to inspire every learner.

For those who thrive through athletics, Aspengrove offers an impressive variety of teams and activities including **rock climbing**, **cross country**, **volleyball**, **swimming**, **ski & snowboard**, **golf**, **basketball**, **ultimate frisbee**, **mountain biking**, **badminton**, **track & field**, **soccer**, and **dance**.

Whether on the stage, in the lab, or on the field, Aspengrove students are supported in pursuing their interests and achieving excellence in all areas of school life.





GLOBAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Education is an investment in the future, and at Aspengrove, we are committed to ensuring that every student develops the **knowledge, skills, character, and disposition** needed to make a positive impact on their community and the world.

Our **Global Leadership Program** prepares students to navigate an increasingly complex

and interconnected world. By fostering a deep understanding of global issues and an appreciation for diverse cultures, students develop the perspective and skills needed to become thoughtful, responsible leaders.

- **Grade 8:** Domestic leadership trip within Canada
- **Grades 9–10:** Group exchanges with our sister schools in Japan, Germany, France, and Spain
- **Grades 11–12:** Optional international cultural Spring Break trip

Through these experiences, Aspengrove students grow into confident, globally-minded leaders ready to make a difference.

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS ACADEMIES

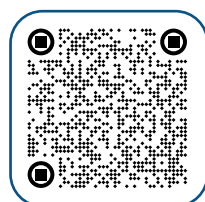
Aspengrove School is thrilled to announce the launch of our **High Performance Athletic Programs** - designed to support elite student-athletes as they train, compete, and pursue academic excellence. Our programs are developed in partnership with exceptional coaches who bring extensive experience and proven success in their fields.

Our current offerings include **Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey, and Golf**, with more to come as we continue to grow our commitment to athletic development and achievement.

Basketball

Aspengrove's Competitive Basketball Program, led by three highly qualified coaches, offers student-athletes elite training, skill development, and academic support. Our program emphasizes excellence on the court and in the classroom, developing well-rounded athletes who lead with teamwork, dedication, and integrity.

Learn more about our
Basketball program:





Volleyball

Aspengrove's Volleyball Program combines advanced training, expert coaching, and strength and conditioning to help athletes elevate their performance. With a strong focus on academic success, time management, and character development, players grow as both athletes and leaders—building teamwork and confidence that extend well beyond the court.

[Learn more about our Volleyball program:](#)



Golf

Aspengrove is proud to partner with Morningstar Golf Club, a premier course designed to host competitive tournaments. Through this partnership, led by a renowned coach, our student-athletes enjoy a year-round junior membership that provides full access to the course, a grass-tee driving range, three short-game areas, and an indoor academy for year-round training and development.

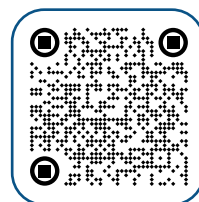
[Learn more about our Golf program:](#)

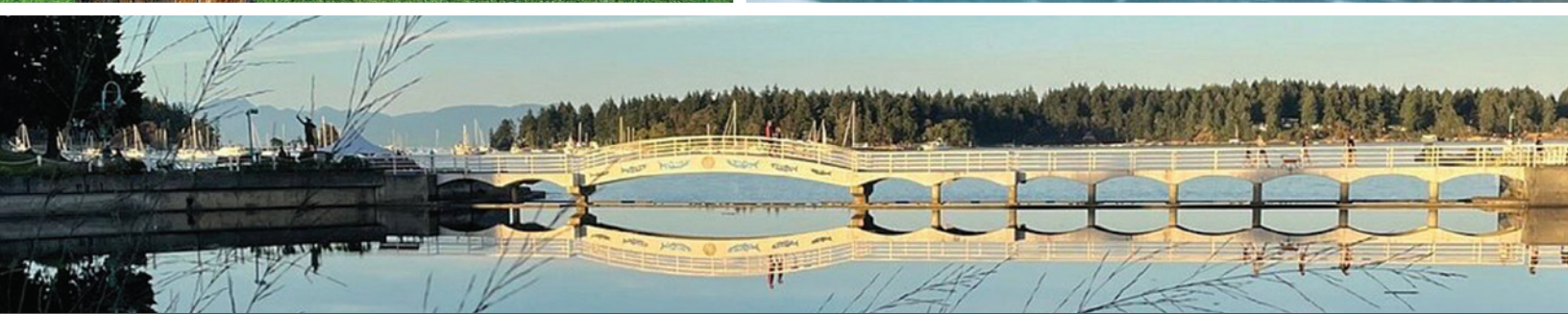
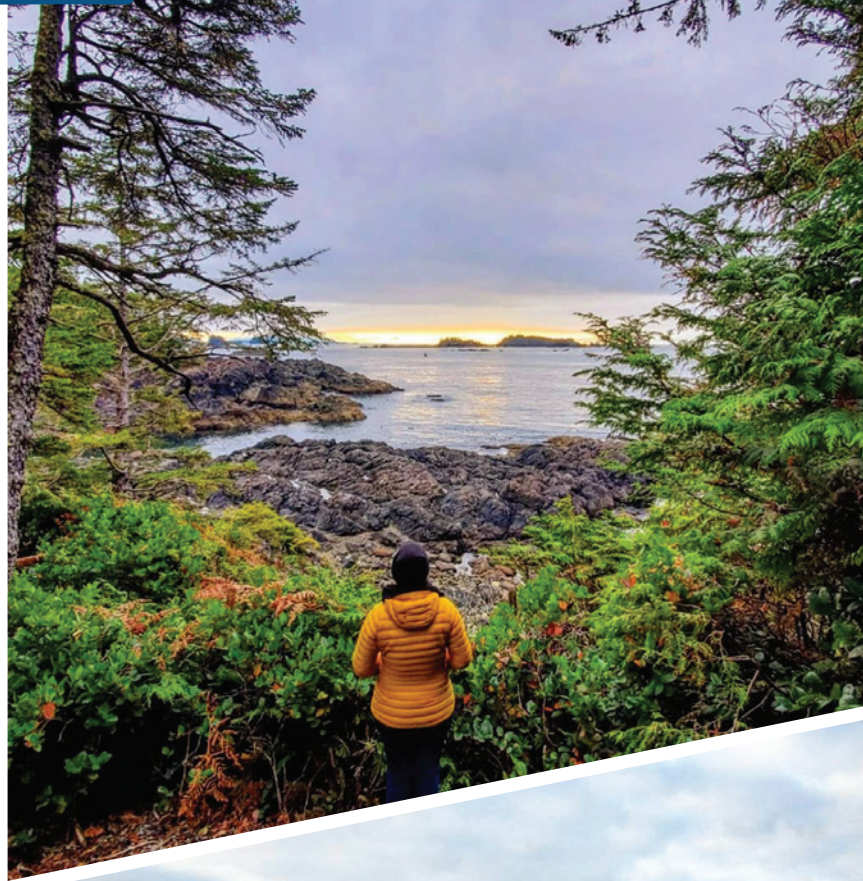


Hockey

In partnership with Prime Fitness Hockey Academy, students receive daily fitness training and on-ice development during school hours. Student-athletes benefit from a high-quality education alongside expert coaching in hockey, fitness, and conditioning, helping them excel both academically and athletically.

[Learn more about our Hockey program:](#)





EXPERIENCE CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND

- Vancouver Island is a top tourist destination in Canada and one of the most sought-after destinations for international students choosing an independent school education.
- Lantzville is a safe, family-friendly, quiet seaside town, neighbouring Nanaimo, centrally located on Vancouver Island, offering easy access to the Island's many attractions. There are 120,000 people living in Nanaimo and another 100,000 in the region, with easy access to shopping and restaurants. Nanaimo is an ideal destination for exploring nature, including some of the world's most unique temperate rainforests, breathtaking surf beaches in Tofino, the scenic Mount Washington ski resort, swimmable lakes, and convenient travel to Victoria and Vancouver. Our climate ensures that you can be active outdoors year round. Aspengrove is closer to Vancouver or Whistler than any other independent school on Vancouver Island.



“Hosting an international student at Aspengrove is a great way to support the school community and enrich our lives. Our student from Brazil has only been with us a month and she is already woven into our family routines and adventures. We’ve been given a window into a new culture and a chance to share our favourite parts of living on Vancouver Island.” ~ KAETHLER FAMILY

MORE THAN A HOMESTAY PROGRAM

- At Aspengrove, we manage our homestay program internally and personally know every host family. Our hosts are families of current students, alumni, or staff. We make every effort to match each international student's interests with the right host.
- Hosts will be caring, English-speaking families, and will provide students with a complete Canadian experience and a home away from home.



“My host family is amazing! They are very understanding and try to include me in everything they do. We’ve been on memorable weekend trips to Vancouver, Victoria and Tofino. They make me feel like they are my real family.”

~ ANA JULIA, BRAZIL



100% OFFERED UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

- Our exceptional Aspengrove teachers are committed to ensuring our students are prepared to thrive in their post-secondary endeavours. Our university counsellor provides one-on-one guidance to students during their journey through the Senior School.
- Since the first graduating class in 2008, 100% of our students have been offered university acceptance and have enrolled in the following universities:

Canada

British Columbia Institute of Technology
Brock University
Carleton University
McGill University
McMaster University
Nova Scotia College of Art & Design
OCAD University
Queen's University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Northern British Columbia
University of Ottawa
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria
Vancouver Island University

USA

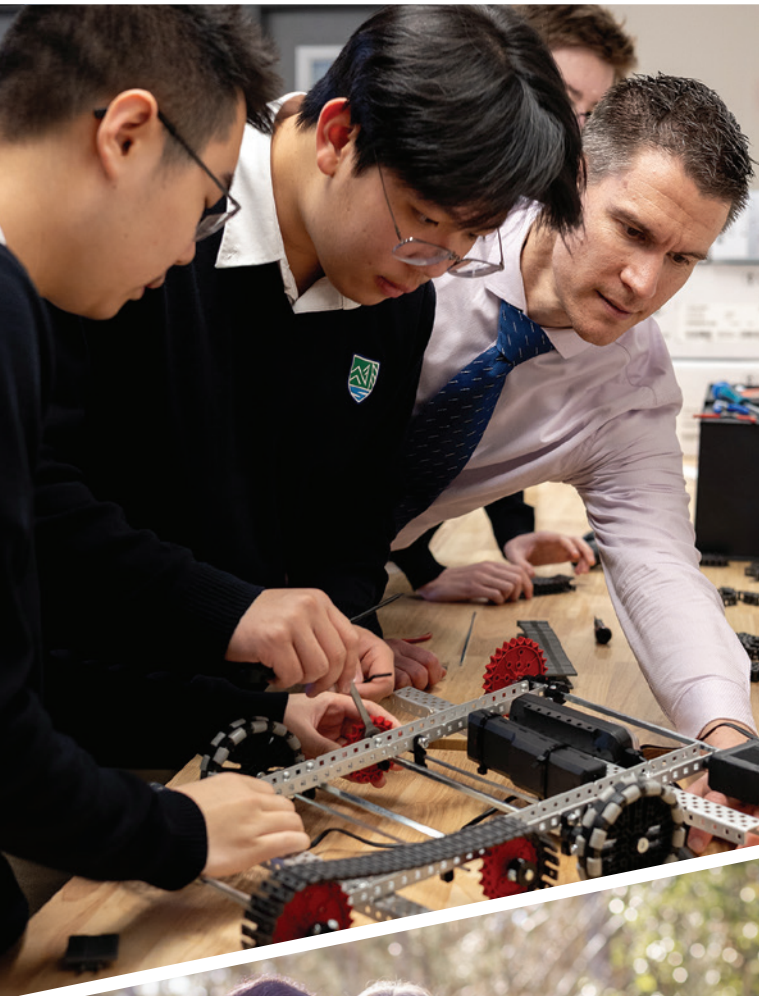
Chapman University
College of William and Mary
Cornell University
New York University
University of California
University of Pennsylvania

Europe

Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne
Queen's University Belfast
University of Southampton
University of St. Andrews

ASPENGROVE IS PART OF SEVERAL RESPECTED AFFILIATIONS, ENSURING THAT OUR PROGRAM IS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE ORDINARY.





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