



**ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

# WELCOME.

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### WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO ABBOTSFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ACS is a vibrant educational community where students grow in both knowledge and character. Since 1953, we have been committed to high academic standards and offer a wide variety of educational programs that are all taught from a well-grounded Christian perspective. We are proud of the fact that many ACS graduates go on to attend leading universities throughout North America.

International students play an integral role in the student body culture at ACS as they help us celebrate the diversity of cultures while we grow in a deeper understanding of global issues and perspectives. We welcome international students into our community from a variety of countries such as South Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, Germany and the Netherlands.

Our experience with international students has helped us to recognize and meet their unique needs—whether it's adjusting to a new culture, understanding a new educational system, learning to communicate well in English, or simply making friendships. We ensure that our students receive the support they need, not only to be successful academically but also emotionally and spiritually.

At ACS, we're enthusiastic about being a part of your new adventure.



Mark Thiessen  
Executive Director  
Abbotsford Christian School



Credit: City of Abbotsford

## A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND LEARN ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA

A diverse and thriving city, located in the scenic Fraser Valley on Canada's west coast, Abbotsford is a safe, family-oriented community with many recreational facilities, golf courses, parks, libraries, and shopping centres.

As one of the largest cities in British Columbia, Abbotsford is home to the University of the Fraser Valley, the Abbotsford Entertainment Centre, as well as the state-of-the-art Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre.

Vancouver is just a one-hour drive from Abbotsford, and was ranked in the Top 10 on "The World's Best Places to Live" Mercer 2024 Quality of Living Survey.



## OUR ACADEMICS

# COURSES THAT ARE CHALLENGING & RELEVANT

- An innovative, holistic approach to education
- Courses that prepare students for university and careers
- 21st Century learning, incorporating technology and project-based learning
- Ranked one of the top schools in the province of B.C.
- Graduates go on to respected North American universities



## OUR FINE ARTS PROGRAM

# COURSES THAT INSPIRE CREATIVITY & EXPRESSION

We offer students a wide variety of **elective courses** to provide opportunities for them to discover and develop their unique gifts.

- Concert Band
- Theatre Performance
- Guitar
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Textiles

## OUR APPLIED SKILLS PROGRAM

# COURSES THAT EXPLORE CAREER POSSIBILITIES

In a complex and fast-changing world, students must have the capacity to **explore, discover, adapt, create, innovate,** and solve the many opportunities and challenges we face.

- Auto Mechanics
- Robotics
- Cooking
- Marketing
- Woodworking
- Entrepreneurship
- Graphic Production
- Accounting
- Drafting

## OUR ATHLETICS PROGRAM

# TEAM & INDIVIDUAL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

ACS has a long **history of achievement** in athletics, locally and provincially. We offer extra-curricular opportunities in:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cross-country
- Soccer
- Track-and-field
- Golf



## OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

# FULL INTEGRATION & PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

- While students are fully integrated into Canadian classes, they also receive support through our comprehensive English Language Learning (ELL) program that is coordinated across three campuses.
- Experienced ELL teachers give highly individualized attention to students by teaching them one-on-one or in small group settings.
- Students also participate in classes after school which specifically focus on English writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills.
- Academic counsellors play a key role in ensuring secondary students are prepared for university by assisting them with course selection based on their gifts and post-secondary education goals.
- Limits are placed on the number of international students per class to ensure students develop English language skills and integrate with Canadian students.
- Translators are provided to ensure clear and concise communication between ACS and all international students and their families.



## MORE THAN ACADEMICS

# EXPERIENCE OUR CANADIAN WAY OF LIFE

- Our International Student Coordinator helps students adjust to life in Canada.
- Caring, Christian homestay families are carefully chosen for students aged 13 and older who are not accompanied by a parent. Families support and encourage students as they adjust to life in Canada, caring for their various needs.
- A variety of activities, such as skiing, ice skating, farm visits, and trips to Vancouver, Victoria, and local lakes, allow students to truly experience Canadian culture.
- The Ambassador Program (secondary) and Buddy Program (elementary and middle) provide opportunities for cross-cultural friendships and peer support.

## FIND OUT MORE:

Interested to know more about Abbotsford Christian School?

- Visit [abbotsfordchristian.com/international](https://abbotsfordchristian.com/international) to read more about our programs and services
- Check out our community at [facebook.com/myacs](https://facebook.com/myacs)
- Contact our International Program Coordinator at 1.604.755.8111 or [international@abbotsfordchristian.com](mailto:international@abbotsfordchristian.com)



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Engaging minds. **Nurturing hearts.** Shaping God's world.

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