



**WEST
VANCOUVER
SCHOOLS**

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BRIGHT FUTURES

Studying and living in Canada offers many possibilities for academic and personal growth. Our students develop strong thinking, creative and leadership skills. You will be impressed with our facilities and the many unique programs and services available in our schools.

Our English Language Learning specialists work with both domestic and international students to bring language alive. Immersion within our domestic school population promotes deep cultural knowledge to prepare students for future studies and global citizenship.

THE PREMIER PLACE FOR LEARNING

West Vancouver Schools has a strong reputation for academic excellence that matches or exceeds independent school and provincial results.

Student achievement remains at the 100th percentile among public school districts, according to the number of students meeting or exceeding expectations on district examinations and our annual Grade 10, 11 and 12 government program examinations.



A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

West Vancouver Schools offers a wide range of programs by dedicated and caring staff. Students can participate in real-world learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Some of these programs include:

- Advanced Placement (AP) options
- ArtWest45
- District Honour Choir
- Entrepreneurship program
- First Aid Swim Training
- International Baccalaureate [®] (IB) programs
- Outdoor Recreation and Connections
- Premier Academies - ranging from athletics, robotics, animation, environmental science and engineering







ROCKRIDGE SECONDARY

Rockridge Secondary school has about 1000 students from grades 8 to 12 and is located furthest to the west of the district. A wide range of programs are offered in academics, performing arts and athletics. The school offers a range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses for Grade 11 and 12 students to get a head start in post-secondary institutions. Rockridge is also an authorized International Baccalaureate World School for the Middle Years Programme.

Rockridge strives to inspire students to achieve their full potential by providing a supportive learning environment rich with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to succeed. Students are encouraged to get involved in activities and events that interest them.

Learn more about Rockridge Secondary school at:
westvancouverschools.ca/rockridge-secondary



ÉCOLE SENTINEL SECONDARY

École Sentinel Secondary school has approximately 1300 students in Grades 8 through 12. The school offers a range of specialty programs, including Advanced Placement, French Immersion and a number of Premier Academies. These options allow students to have a very personalized learning experience. Many students also use technology in their classes.

Families choose Sentinel not only for a great academic environment but also for a remarkable arts and athletic experience. The range of options available attracts a diverse mix of students from more than 30 countries around the world.

Learn more about École Sentinel Secondary school at:

westvancouverschools.ca/cole-sentinel-secondary

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cYRSdRGzew>





WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY

West Vancouver Secondary School is located centrally within West Vancouver. There are roughly 1200 students in Grades 8 through 12. The school offers several specialty programs such as the International Baccalaureate [®] Diploma, Carpentry and ArtWest45. West Vancouver Secondary provides an environment to help students gain self-confidence, recognize their self-worth, and become responsible citizens.

With rich athletics, active clubs and direct connection to the beautiful Kay Meek Centre, the facilities offer students an ideal setting to connect their learning to areas of personal interest, assisting students on the path for a lifetime of success.

Learn more about West Vancouver Secondary school at:

westvancouverschools.ca/westvancouver-secondary

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRe0VVxnH2g>



ATHLETICS	ROCKRIDGE	SENTINEL	WVSS
FALL			
Volleyball	✓	✓	✓
Cross-Country	✓	✓	✓
Swimming	✓	✓	✓
Field Hockey - girls	✓	✓	✓
Rugby - grade 8 boys & girls	✓	✓	✓
Soccer - boys	✓	✓	✓
Football - junior/senior			✓
Rowing		✓	
WINTER			
Basketball	✓	✓	✓
Wrestling		✓	✓
Skiing/Snowboarding	✓	✓	✓
Ice Hockey			✓
Curling			✓
Gymnastics (subject to availability)	✓		✓
SPRING			
Track and Field		✓	✓
Tennis	✓	✓	✓
Badminton	✓	✓	✓
Golf	✓	✓	✓
Rugby - junior/senior boys	✓	✓	✓
Rugby - girls seven aside	✓		
Soccer - girls	✓	✓	✓
Mountain Biking	✓	✓	✓
Ultimate Frisbee	✓	✓	✓
Ice Hockey	✓	✓	
Football - grade 8 boys & girls			✓
FULL YEAR DISTRICT PROGRAMS			
First Aid Swim Training (at WV Aquatic Centre)	✓	✓	✓
200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓

ACADEMICS	ROCKRIDGE	SENTINEL	WVSS
ENGLISH			
Communications	✓	✓	✓
Literature	AP only	AP only	✓
Writing	✓	✓	✓
English Language Learning (ELL)	✓	✓	✓
SOCIAL STUDIES			
Law / Social Justice	✓	✓	✓
History	✓	✓	✓
Geography	✓	✓	✓
Philosophy			✓
International Development			✓
Comparative Civilizations	✓	✓	✓
BC First Nations Studies	✓	✓	✓
SCIENCE			
Biology	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓
Forensic Science			✓
Earth Science	✓	✓	✓
Geology		✓	✓
Sustainable Resources			✓
BUSINESS & IT			
Digital Media	✓	✓	✓
Accounting	✓	✓	✓
Marketing	✓	✓	✓
Entrepreneurship		✓	✓
Economics		✓	✓
Animation			✓
Computer Programming	✓	✓	✓
Video Production	✓		✓

ACADEMICS	ROCKRIDGE	SENTINEL	WVSS
MATHEMATICS			
Pre-Calculus / Calculus	✓	✓	✓
Foundations of Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
LANGUAGES			
French	✓	✓	✓
Spanish	✓	✓	✓
Japanese	✓	✓	✓
Mandarin		✓	✓
ART			
Ceramics & Sculpture	✓	✓	✓
Drawing & Painting	✓	✓	✓
Media Arts / Photography	✓	✓	✓
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY			
Woodwork	✓	✓	✓
Drafting & Design	✓	✓	✓
Carpentry & Joinery	✓	✓	✓
Auto Technology			✓
PERFORMING ARTS			
Dance		✓	✓
Drama	✓	✓	✓
Theatre / Musical Theatre	✓	✓	✓
Improv			✓
Film & Television	✓		✓
MUSIC			
Choir	✓	✓	✓
Concert Band	✓	✓	✓
Jazz Band	✓	✓	✓
Rock / R&B Band		✓	✓
Orchestral Strings		✓	✓
Guitar	✓		✓

Some courses may be subject to availability

ACADEMICS	ROCKRIDGE	SENTINEL	WVSS
OTHER ELECTIVES			
Foods	✓	✓	✓
Textiles / Fashion	✓	✓	✓
Physical Education	✓	✓	✓
Yoga	✓		✓
Family Studies			✓
DISTRICT PROGRAMS			
French Immersion		✓	
IB Middle Years	✓		
IB Diploma			✓
Pursuit	✓	✓	✓
Career Programs & Work Experience	✓	✓	✓
YELL (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓
Youth Train In Trades (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓
District Honour Choir (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓
Art West 45 (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓
Fashion Industry (based at WVSS)	✓	✓	✓

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

ROCKRIDGE:

English Language, English Literature, Calculus, Studio Art Drawing, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, European History, 2-D Design, 3-D Design, Computer Science Principles, Psychology, Statistics

SENTINEL:

English Language, English Literature, Calculus, Studio Art Drawing, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 2-D Design, 3-D Design, French Language & Culture, Chinese Language & Culture, Japanese Language & Culture, Human Geography, Capstone Seminar & Research, Psychology, Statistics

IB DIPLOMA

English, History, Geography, French, Mandarin, Japanese, Spanish, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Mathematics, Geography, Theatre, Film Studies, Art/Design

Courses may change from year to year



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Each high school has a variety of clubs and activities for students to join. These clubs are run by students and are usually sponsored by a teacher. They are a way to extend learning beyond the regular school day. Most clubs take place after school. Students can ask school staff for more information and meeting times.

Some past club offerings have included:

- Amnesty International
- Animation Club
- Anime Club
- Chip-In
- Cinderella Project
- Computing/Coding Club
- Diversity Club
- Environmental Club
- ESports Club
- Free the Children
- Interact Club
- Investment Club
- Me to We
- Model UN
- Multicultural Club
- Outdoor Adventure Club
- School Newspaper
- Space Club





COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Students at West Vancouver Schools can take advantage of great community partnerships with local organizations.

The 500-seat Kay Meek Theatre attached to West Vancouver Secondary School provides learning opportunities for the creative and performing arts.

The West Vancouver Community Centre offers facilities for fitness, swimming, ice-skating, crafts and more.

A CAPTIVATING NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Summer temperatures are comfortable and allow opportunities for hiking, swimming, sailing and biking. Winter temperatures almost never fall below freezing within the city, but our location, near the Coast Mountains, allows many wintertime activities.

Cypress mountain is only 20 minutes from West Vancouver's town centre and is a great place for snow sports and amazing city views. Whistler is a top-rated skiing and snowboarding destination and is only a 90-minute drive away.



THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

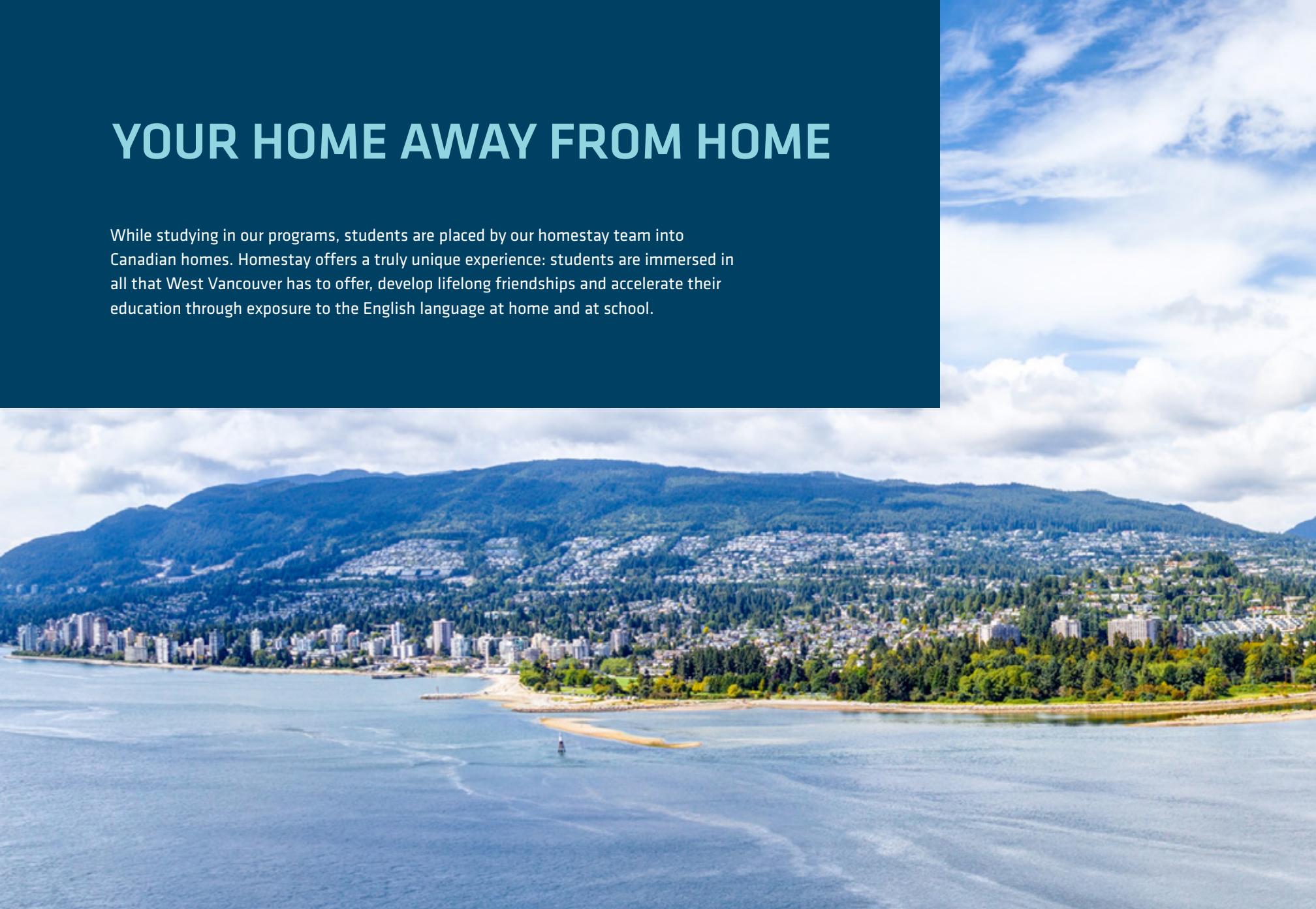
British Columbia, Canada's westernmost province, borders the Pacific Ocean. Vancouver is the third-largest city in Canada, with a population of more than two million, and consistently ranks as one of the top three most livable cities in the world. A combination of unspoiled natural beauty and urban sophistication makes the Vancouver area attractive to both tourists and international students.

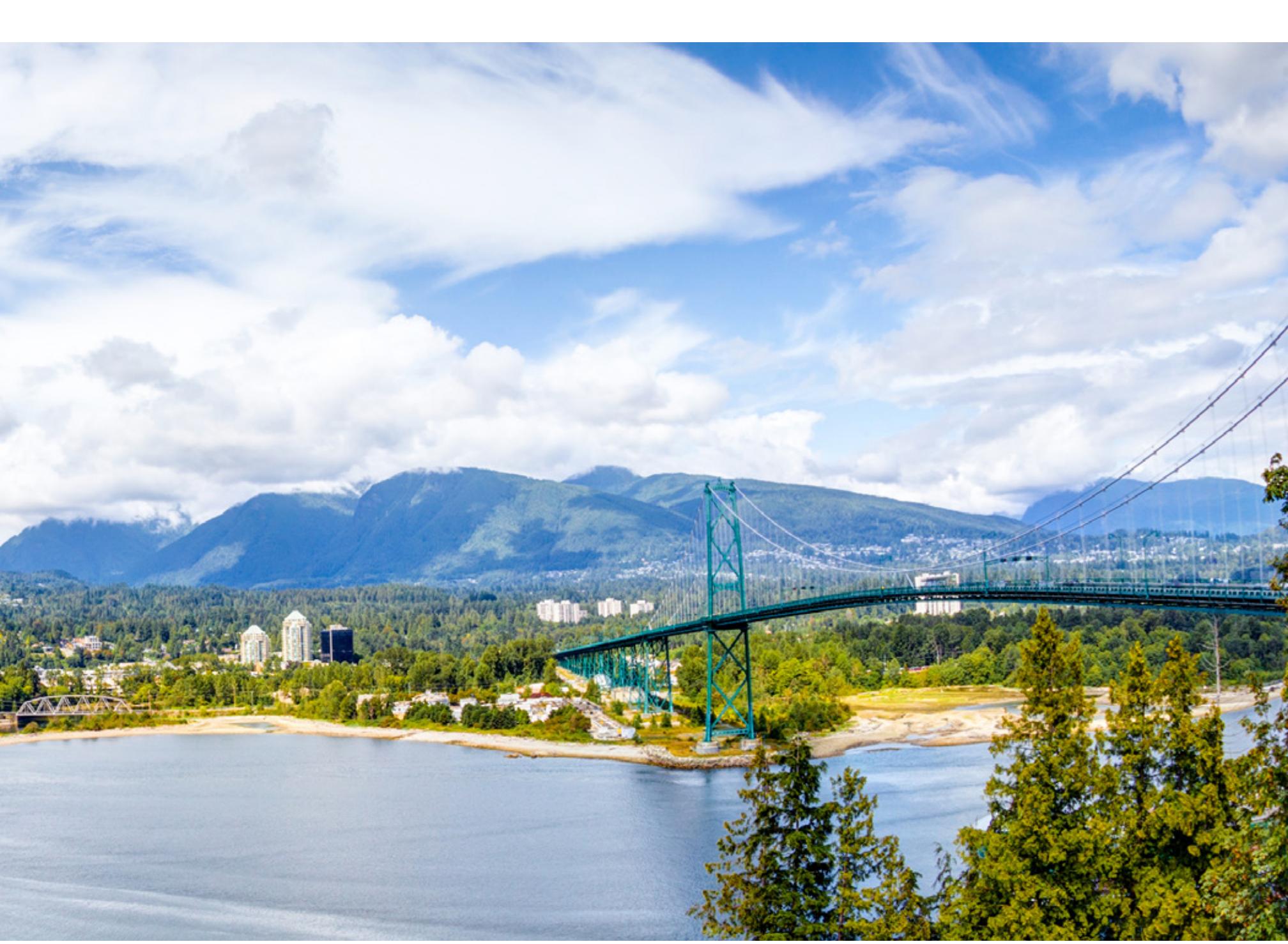
West Vancouver, a waterfront city, is located in one of the most desirable places to live in Canada, thanks to its pleasant climate, sandy beaches, snow-capped mountains, safe neighbourhoods and easy access to downtown Vancouver. West Vancouver has the lowest crime rate of any urban centre in the country, with many beautiful neighbourhoods that are home to a highly educated professional population.



YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

While studying in our programs, students are placed by our homestay team into Canadian homes. Homestay offers a truly unique experience: students are immersed in all that West Vancouver has to offer, develop lifelong friendships and accelerate their education through exposure to the English language at home and at school.





HOW TO APPLY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In Canada, the academic year runs from September to June, with short holidays in December and March. West Vancouver Schools' International Programs select a limited number of students each year. Students are admitted in September and February, but prospective students must apply well in advance to ensure they can be offered a seat in our program.

For more information and a complete application package, visit our website at: westvancouverschools.ca/international/apply

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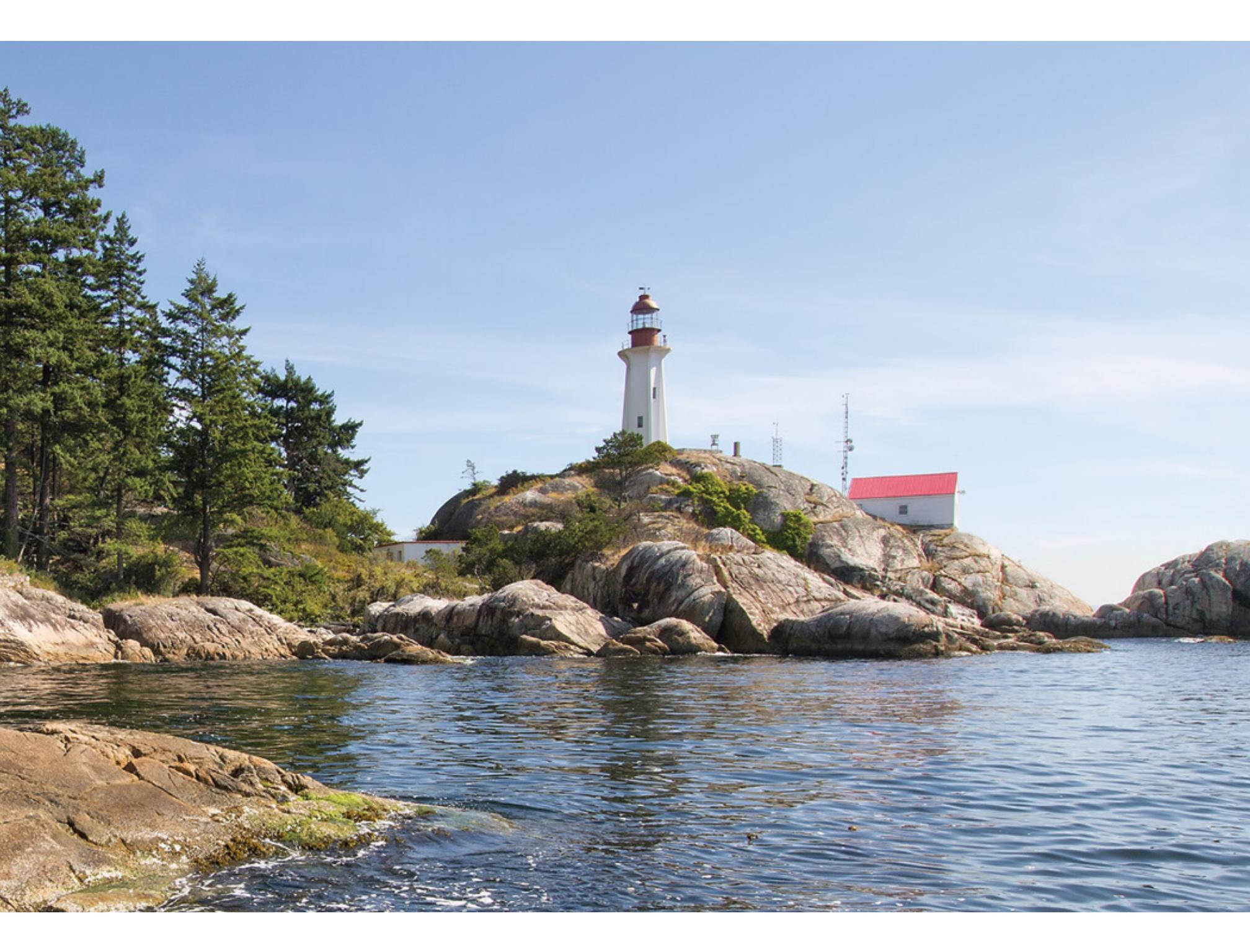
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