

QUALICUM International Student Program

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QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT • VANCOUVER ISLAND BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA





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## On the west coast of Canada!

Our school district includes two charming beachfront communities: the City of Parksville and the Town of Qualicum Beach, known together as "Oceanside."

- Surrounded by natural beauty
- Beaches, mountains, forests, lakes and rivers
- Mildest year-round climate in Canada
- Safe and friendly community
- Active lifestyles

## Getting Here

Travel to Vancouver Island is easy with:

- Three international airports
- Flights arriving daily with direct connections to the Parksville and Qualicum Beach area
- Or travel the scenic BC Ferry route from Vancouver



**VANCOUVER ISLAND BC CANADA**





# Live here...

## **Parksville & Qualicum Beach**

“A charming collection of beachfront communities.”

Safe • Peaceful • Welcoming

Moderate Climate (sub-mediterranean)

Outstanding natural scenic beauty

Surrounded by ocean, beaches, forests, rivers & lakes



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# Our Schools

B.C.'s educational system is among the most respected in the world. You'll be receiving a high-quality education that will open doors for your future. We offer short-term programs, specialized courses, long-term opportunities, and a welcoming and supportive environment for our international students.

## Secondary Schools for Grades 8 - 12

- We have two secondary schools (high schools) in this district:

**Ballenas Secondary School (BSS)** in Parksville,  
and **Kwalikum Secondary School (KSS)** in Qualicum Beach.

- Our schools provide all students with the opportunity to participate in many excellent academic, performing arts and athletic activities including specialized academy programs in: Golf, Soccer and Music.

- A dedicated International Student Counselor is based at each secondary school to provide academic counseling and support.

Kwalikum Secondary School

Oceanside Elementary School





QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT



# SPECIALIZED COURSES

Our schools have a number of specialized courses, including locally developed curriculum in: **Marine Biology, Leadership and Outdoor Education.**

As well, the district has established academy programs in **Golf, Soccer** and **Music** with an emphasis on enhanced training and development in these areas.

## Sample of our High School Courses & Programs:

### HUMANITIES

English  
Communications  
Literature  
Creative Writing  
Social Studies  
History  
Geography  
First Nations Studies  
Psychology  
Law  
Leadership  
Yearbook

### LANGUAGES

French (Grade 8 - 12)  
French Immersion (Gr 8 - 12)  
Japanese (Gr 8 - 12)  
Spanish (Gr 8 - 12)

### SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Marine Biology  
Aquaculture  
Mathematics  
Calculus

### VISUAL ARTS

Drawing and Painting  
Printmaking  
Photography  
Ceramics and Sculpture  
Computer Animation

### THEATRE

Acting & Stagecraft  
Set Design  
Musical Theatre

### MUSIC

Stage Band  
Vocal Jazz  
Concert Choir  
Concert Band  
Jazz Combo  
Sectionals  
Guitar

### SPORT & PHYS ED

American Football  
Cross Country  
Curling  
Badminton  
Track & Field  
Tennis  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Soccer  
Curling  
Golf  
Swimming  
Weight Training  
Fitness  
Yoga  
Swimming  
Scuba Diving

### ADVENTURE TOURISM

Skiing  
Surfing

### HOME ECONOMICS

Foods & Nutrition  
Chef Training  
Sewing  
Fashion & Design

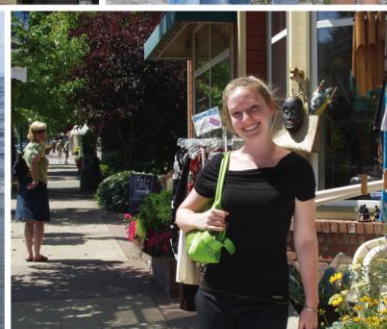
### TECHNOLOGY

Drafting  
Automotives  
Mechanics  
Robotics  
Auto Racing  
Metal work  
Woodworking





## Around Town...



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



# imagine

all the things you will do...



& the friends you will make!



**QUALICUM INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM**





## WHAT STUDENTS SAY...



### Francisco G. (Mexico)

"I had a great time at Oceanside School. I liked the variety of courses we took. The ESL teacher was very helpful to me. The homestay family is very clean. I liked the fact that they were an active family; we did lots together on the weekends.

I enjoyed living in Parksville. I enjoyed my sports the most, especially soccer. It was very different for me to play on a team in a new community. I also played on one of the teams at Kwalikum Secondary. It was fun playing with the older boys."



### Karen G. (Mexico)

"I have had really nice experience. People are very friendly and I have done well in school. My homestay family treats me like their own kid. We went to a lot of places and did lots of activities. This would be a good homestay for other international students. I would really like to come back some day to visit my friends, teachers and homestay parents.

The community is very safe and everyone has been very friendly. This year I played golf all year. I took golf lessons and belonged to a golf course where I could play as much as I liked. I enjoyed the opportunity to play in tournaments, meet new people and accomplish my goals on improving my golf game. The golf academy was four days a week after school as well as many weekends. We worked on our fitness, diet, attended Yoga classes as well as learning the mental aspects of the game."



### Max M. (Germany)

"I have really liked going to school at Kwalikum Secondary. I enjoyed the atmosphere in the classes. Overall it has been an excellent experience. My homestay was very good and I would recommend the host family to other students. The experience in Canada has been excellent. People are friendly and helpful. My best trip was the one to Tofino."



### Caroline A. (Brazil)

"I had a really good time at Ballenas Secondary. One of the highlights was my host family. I really like my family and living with them has been an excellent way to learn about a new culture. To live on Vancouver Island has been very different from Brazil. I really like the kind of life here and I want to find a way to return in the future. The program activities are a very good way to get to know others and places. Tofino, and the surfing trip, was my favourite."



SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 (QUALICUM) INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM



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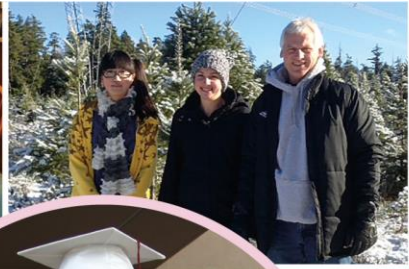


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## Homestay Program

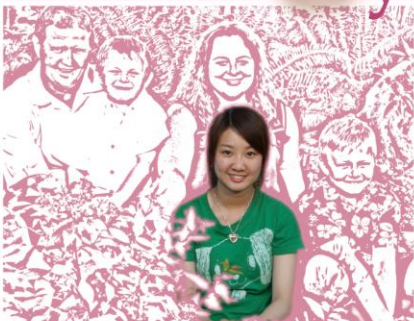
- Live in a local Homestay and be part of the family.
- Participate in community events and activities.
- Friendly, safe, and comfortable surroundings.
- Meals and transportation to school and activities.
- Personality matching program to find a family that fits.
- Assistance of a dedicated local Homestay Coordinator provides on-going support for International Students & their Homestay families.

## Our Community

- Families here put a strong emphasis on shared activities, with parents and community members actively involved in the lives of children & youth. From coaching teams and assisting in literacy programs to building playgrounds and planning regional family events, the spirit of volunteerism is strong in the Oceanside region.



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