



SCHOOL DISTRICT 71

# Comox Valley

British Columbia Canada

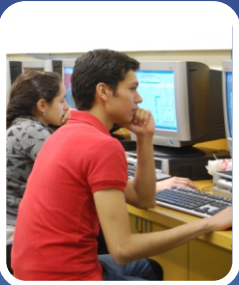


*We welcome students from around the world!*



[www.sd71.bc.ca/international](http://www.sd71.bc.ca/international)





## Top 10 Reasons to Study in the Comox Valley!

- 1 We are a predominantly English speaking community! The best situation to learn English!!
- 2 We welcome and value people of all nationalities!
- 3 We provide individual attention, care, and program planning for each student!
- 4 We provide ESL programs – credit courses and support blocks at no extra cost!
- 5 You have access to School & Community programs in sports, fine and performing arts, and outdoor recreation!
- 6 You will be immersed in typical Canadian life and culture – be a part of our “family”
- 7 You will live in a safe, modern, friendly and caring community!
- 8 Meet students from around the world – 20 plus countries annually
- 9 Our graduates go to the best universities in BC, Canada, the USA and abroad! and...
- 10 We offer direct transition to University Transfer Programs at our local North Island College!



## How to Apply

Our website allows you to apply online and to download the complete application package. As well, we require the last two years of school transcripts and of the current year to date. A letter of introduction written in English by the student, and addressed to the District Principal, helps us to know the student a little better and is one more piece of information to understand what level of English support we will put in place at the school.



The District Principal will look to see that each student has the academic and social potential to be successful and will place the student in the school that best matches their needs. If basic knowledge of English is low we will recommend attendance in one or more of our highly successful summer programs.

Our four intake dates – September, November, February, April - for the regular school year program offers maximum flexibility!

Most students arrive for the start of our regular school year and you will enjoy a comprehensive welcome and orientation program.

## Become part of a Canadian Family!

All families are under the supervision of the District Principal and the Homestay Supervisor.

Each student receives treatment as if they were the natural child of the host parents. You will:

- ✓ Be matched as best possible to your needs and per your specific requests
- ✓ Speak English at all times
- ✓ Participate in all family events
- ✓ Have your own room
- ✓ Have three meals a day plus snacks
- ✓ Have access to the internet
- ✓ Be transported to the activities and hobbies you have outside of school time



- ✓ Have your host parents advocate for you with the school staff
- ✓ Have your host parents help with personal banking, signing up for activities, completing forms for the school and for the international program







## Our Schools are top rated!

Canada's education system is ranked in the top 5 of all countries in the world. BC is always ranked top 3 in Canada. Our students are taught by BC Government certified teachers.

We are able to place elementary students (Kindergarten through grade 7) in our elementary schools provided they are accompanied by an adult relative.

In our middle and secondary schools, and like all students in British Columbia, our students have access to all courses in the curriculum plus Hockey, Golf, Outdoor Education and Tourism Academies. Furthermore, there are many courses in the arts, business, media, technical trades and physical education and athletics.

**Cumberland Middle** (200 students)

[http://web.sd71.bc.ca/cumberland\\_jr/](http://web.sd71.bc.ca/cumberland_jr/)

**G.P. Vanier Secondary** (1300 students)

<http://web.sd71.bc.ca/vanier/>

**Highland Secondary** (750 students)

<http://web.sd71.bc.ca/highland/>

**Lake Trail Middle** (300 students)

<http://web.sd71.bc.ca/laketrail/>

**Mark R. Isfeld Secondary** (1000 stdts)

<http://www.isfeldschool.com/>

Recent high profile accomplishments by our middle & secondary students:

- ✓ National Geography Challenge Participants
- ✓ Provincial Robotics Champions
- ✓ World Robotics Participants
- ✓ National Improvisational Theater Champions
- ✓ Provincial Snowboard & Ski Team Champions
- ✓ National History Fair Participants
- ✓ Provincial Skills Canada Medal Winners
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- ✓ Provincial Championship participants in Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Rugby, Track and Field, Cross Country Running, Swimming

## Short term programs!

We accept individual students and groups and will tailor the program to match your specific needs. Programs are from 2 weeks and up to 8 weeks in length. Elementary age students are welcome in homestay for these short term programs.

Individual Winter program students typically request full integration and we are able to meet this need. With small groups of 10-14 students, we are also able to structure a series of cultural and recreational activities at your request – contact the District Principal.



Our Summer programs are very successful and full detail is included on our website. We use the instructional practice of learning English in the context of meaningful events. Therefore, every day of the program has a trip into the community of some kind. Then the instruction the following day has at least partial focus on that experience. The July program has many more activities while the August Program focuses on transition into the regular school startup in September.

Some of the trips we take students on are shown under "Great Activities!"

## Great Activities!

Participate at school... with your host family... in those led by the International Program Staff . You will have many choices and we hope you take advantage of the offerings.

A highlight of each student's stay is that our International Program staff organizes two activities each month, and they include:

- ✳ A cultural trip to the thriving multi-cultural city of Vancouver
- ✳ Skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and tubing at our very own premier ski resort – Mt. Washington
- ✳ Kayaking on the ocean and/ or our local lakes
- ✳ Going on a Wildlife tour that includes seeing Whales, eagles, seals, bears, dolphins...
- ✳ Staying at our Outdoor Education School at Tribune Bay on Hornby Island
- ✳ A cultural trip to Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia
- ✳ A ski trip to the world famous ski resort – Whistler/Blackcomb
- ✳ Surfing at world famous Long Beach in Tofino
- ✳ Student activity nights – dances, bowling, movies, ice skating, swimming
- ✳ A hike through the spectacular Paradise Meadows of Strathcona Park



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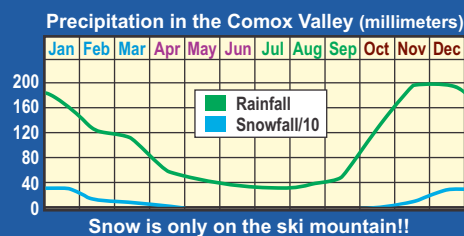
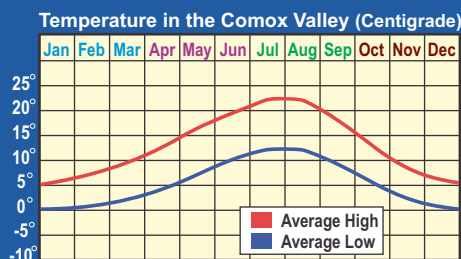
## Join us in the Comox Valley

The Comox Valley is serviced by major airlines via Vancouver International Airport. Students may transfer for a short, thirty minute flight to the Comox International Airport. Highway travel is available via Vancouver to Nanaimo on BC Ferries. Airport pickup and drop-off is provided for all students.



## Where?

Comox Valley is situated on the east coast of Vancouver Island, approximately 200 km north of Victoria. This region offers an average of 130 different recreational programs each quarter and some 40 special events each year, featuring art programs, sports, recreation and culture.



We also maintain a web-based social network on **FACEBOOK** that permits you to go online with international students of the past, present and future. Get connected... stay connected!  
*Memories to cherish! That's a promise!*

For more information and for customized programs, contact: Rob Moore, District Principal

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