

2022-23



# St. Michaels University School **At A Glance**

St. Michaels University School (SMUS) is an independent, not-for-profit day (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12) and boarding (Grades 8 to 12) school. The school is located in Victoria, Canada and has a global reputation for academic excellence, character education and university preparation. You will join local Canadian students and students from 28 countries in one of Canada's top academic programs. You will also have exceptional opportunities in athletics, arts, leadership, service and outdoor education.

## Our Mission

*Our school seeks the excellence in all of us, with passion and compassion. We are a community shaped by the pursuit of truth and goodness, providing outstanding preparation for life.*

## Our Vision

*To learn, to lead, to serve.*

## Our Values

*Respect | Courage | Honesty | Service*

*We acknowledge that our school rests in the heart of Straits Salish territory, a living culture with its own rites, ceremonies and unfolding history. We honour the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ peoples, whose homelands we share and whom we recognize as our neighbours.*



St. Michaels  
University School

Independent school founded in 1906



Member of HMC,  
SSAT, NAIS, TABS,  
WBSA, ISABC

CA<sup>+</sup>IS Canadian  
Accredited  
Independent  
Schools

School  
population

**1,023**

**214**

Junior School

**211**

Middle School

**598**

Senior School

**1:7**

Faculty to  
student ratio

Average  
class size  
**17**

**43**

Nationalities at  
the school

**13**

Competitive  
Sports

**125**

Clubs and  
Councils (K-12)

**\$2.8M**

Amount of tuition assistance  
provided to students

**20%**

Percentage of student body  
benefiting from tuition  
assistance programs



## Junior School (Junior Kindergarten - Grade 5)

- An academic program inspired by a Reggio Emilia approach where students are given time and space to be curious, to explore and to be fully engaged in their learning.
- A safe, welcoming campus environment in Oak Bay that promotes joyful learning and community-building for students and families.
- Learning prioritizes developing a breadth of reading, writing and mathematics skills to help give children the best possible foundations at school.
- Supportive and nurturing teachers, including French, choir, strings, visual art and outdoor education specialists.
- State-of-the-art and fully stocked Imagination Lab design studio where students tinker, build and create.
- Included after-school and weekend sports and clubs offer a full complement of opportunities for students – all under one roof.
- An annual musical or opera for Grade 5 students that's performed at the McPherson Playhouse in downtown Victoria.
- Academic and social supports to ensure students succeed, including a Junior School counsellor, learning resource teachers and reading specialists.



## Middle School (Grades 6 to 8)

- Project-based learning approach that connects in-depth classroom learning to immersive real-world scenarios.
- Broad program with a variety of choices for students in languages, music, athletics and visual art alongside humanities, math and science courses.
- Innovative Exploratory program lets students explore their interests and curiosities, and take safe risks in a supportive environment.
- Intentionally small community with daily check-ins provides students with connections to adults who know them on an academic and personal level.
- Emphasis on character education during key years helps students develop independence, leadership skills, confidence and an increased sense of self.
- Self-reflection is embedded in learning so students better know their strengths and areas of improvement as learners to help prepare them for high school.
- Designated Middle School building on a campus shared with the Senior School to allow for cross-school connections.
- SMUS offers an advanced boarding program for Grade 8 students who are academically and emotionally prepared to interact within an older environment. Grade 8 boarders live on campus alongside their Grade 9 to 12 housemates and are fully integrated into the boarding program.



## Senior School (Grades 9 to 12)

- An academic program recognized internationally for its exceptional university preparation focus and for offering more than 120 courses.
- One of Canada's largest Advanced Placement programs, with 24 university-level courses.
- Opportunities in arts, athletics, leadership, service and outdoor education, which allows students to tailor their classroom and extracurricular experiences to their future ambitions.
- Full range of academic support, including Academic Advisors and University Counsellors who help students towards achieving their post-secondary goals.
- More than 65 clubs and councils and 25 sports teams to help students discover more about themselves and their passions.
- An international day and boarding school where students learn alongside students and teachers from 25 countries.
- Access to resources to support each student's mental health and wellbeing, including a four-person counselling team, an on-site Health Centre, and regular homeroom.
- State-of-the-art facilities including modern classrooms, science labs, art studios, sports fields, squash courts, a rowing centre, and dining hall.
- A supportive community in which students can fully be themselves as they build lifelong connections with classmates and teachers.





## Advanced Placement

Students enjoy the challenge of taking university-level courses (and even earning first-year university credits) while still in high school. We offer the choice of 25 Advanced Placement (AP) courses in a variety of subject areas – from calculus and psychology to art history and physics.

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Computer Science A
- Computer Science Principles
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- French Language and Culture
- Human Geography
- Macroeconomics
- Physics 1
- Physics 2
- Physics C – Mechanics
- Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism
- Psychology
- Research
- Seminar
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art (Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design)
- World History

## AP Capstone

SMUS offers the PhD-style AP Capstone program, which helps students develop specific academic skills for university. Through the AP Seminar and Research courses, students get in-depth experience researching, writing and presenting their findings. It's an incredible opportunity for students to learn the key skills and then experience writing and defending a thesis while in high school.

**619** Total number of AP exams written in 2022

Number of students writing at least 1 AP exam **261**

**49** Number of SMUS students earning an AP Scholar with Distinction award

Percentage of SMUS AP students with scores of 3, 4 or 5 **95.8%**

**91%** Percentage of SMUS exams with scores of 3, 4 or 5



# Grad Class of 2022

With the guidance of our five-person University Counselling team, every Grade 9-12 student gets individual support to help them achieve their post-secondary goals, including research, university applications, scholarships, and program and course selections.

Number of graduates **158**

**577** Total university acceptances

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships **43%**

**\$3,643,197**

Total amount of scholarships offered to 2022 graduates

Canada	No. of Acceptances	No. of Students Attending
<b>Alberta</b>		
University of Alberta	15	4
University of Calgary	13	4
<b>British Columbia</b>		
Camosun College	2	2
Capilano University	1	-
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	2	1
Simon Fraser University	11	1
The University of British Columbia	46	22
The University of British Columbia - Okanagan	2	2
Thompson Rivers University	2	1
University of Victoria	49	15
Vancouver Island University	1	-
<b>New Brunswick</b>		
Mount Allison University	3	-
<b>Nova Scotia</b>		
Dalhousie University	12	4
St. Francis Xavier University	1	-
University of King's College	6	5
<b>Ontario</b>		
Carleton University	8	-
Huron University College at Western University	2	-
King's University College at Western University	2	-
McMaster University	11	2
Queen's University	44	14
Toronto Metropolitan University (Ryerson University)	8	-
Trent University	1	-
University of Guelph	7	2
University of Ottawa	10	2
University of Toronto	58	14
University of Waterloo	11	2
University of Western Ontario	12	2
Western University	25	2
Wilfrid Laurier University	3	-
York University	4	-
<b>Quebec</b>		
Bishop's University	2	-
Concordia University	9	2
McGill University	31	10
<b>Saskatchewan</b>		
University of Saskatchewan	2	1

United States	No. of Acceptances	No. of Students Attending
Amherst College	1	1
Barnard College	1	1
Baylor University	1	-
Boston College	2	1
Boston University	6	1
Brown University	1	-
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo	1	-
Carnegie Mellon University	1	-
Champlain College	1	-
Colgate University	1	-
Cornell University	2	1
Denison University	1	-
Drexel University	1	-
Duquesne University	1	-
Duke University	2	-
Florida Memorial University	1	-
George Washington University	1	-
Hampshire College	1	-
Hawaii Pacific University	1	-
Hobart William Smith Colleges	1	-
Illinois Institute of Technology	1	-
Keiser University-Ft Lauderdale	1	-
Lafayette College	1	1
Loyola Marymount University	1	-
Middlebury College	1	1
New York Institute of Technology	1	-
New York University	3	2
Northeastern University	3	1
Occidental College	1	-
Parsons School of Design	1	-
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	2	-
Pomona College	1	-
Pratt Institute-Main	2	2
Purdue University-Main Campus	2	-

United States	No. of Acceptances	No. of Students Attending
Reed College	1	-
Rochester Institute of Technology	1	-
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	2	-
Skidmore College	1	-
Southern California Institute of Architecture	1	-
St Lawrence University	1	-
Stanford University	1	1
The New School	3	1
The University of Texas At Austin	1	-
University of California-Berkeley	2	-
University of California-Davis	5	-
University of California-Irvine	4	1
University of California-Los Angeles	1	-
University of California-Riverside	3	1
University of California-San Diego	6	-
University of California-Santa Barbara	4	1
University of California-Santa Cruz	2	-
University of Florida	1	-
University of Hawaii At Manoa	1	1
University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign	1	-
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	1	-
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	1	-
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1	1
University of Oregon	1	-
University of Rochester	1	1
University of San Diego	1	1
University of San Francisco	1	-
University of Southern California	4	2
University of the Pacific	1	-
University of Virginia-Main Campus	2	-
University of Washington-Seattle Campus	6	1
University of Wisconsin-Madison	1	1
Wesleyan University	1	-
Whitman College	1	-

International	No. of Acceptances	No. of Students Attending
American College Dublin	1	-
American University In Bulgaria	1	-
Anáhuac University South Mexico	1	-
Bond University	1	-
Esmod France	1	-
Griffith University	1	1
Ibero-American University, Mexico City	1	1
Tec de Monterrey	1	1
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	1	-
University of Melbourne	1	-
University of New South Wales	1	-
<b>United Kingdom</b>		
Aberystwyth University	1	-
Cardiff University	3	-
City, University of London	1	-
Durham University	1	-
Imperial College London	1	-
King's College London, University of London	3	-
Queen Mary University of London	2	-
The University of Edinburgh	2	1
UCL (University College London)	1	-
University of Bath	1	1
University of Bristol	2	1
University of Cambridge	1	1
University of Exeter	1	-
University of Glasgow	3	-
University of Leeds	1	-
University of Leicester	1	1
University of Manchester	3	-
University of Nottingham	3	-
University of St Andrews	2	1
University of Stirling	1	-
University of Sussex	1	-
University of the Arts London	1	-

## University Acceptances (Grad Class of 2022)





# Map of Victoria

Map Scale  
1 cm = Approx. 1 km/0.6 mi

## Boarding (Grades 8 to 12)

- 258 students in six houses on campus.
- An urban boarding experience in the safe and friendly city of Victoria, BC.
- International school community with students from more than 25 countries.
- Each room has a private washroom and shower, and is occupied by only two students.
- Three hot meals per day (plus salad bar, soups, cereals and snacks) in the beautiful, modern Graves Hall.
- Shared common rooms have a kitchen, pool tables, TVs and more.
- 6-8 houseparents in each residence to support and care for boarding students.

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## Examples of Weekend Boarding Activities

- Watch an ice hockey game downtown
- Spend a couple of hours at the nearby board game café
- Go for a beautiful walk along the beach
- Watch a movie and eat at a downtown Victoria restaurant
- Go on a guided nature hike
- Visit one of the many museums or art galleries
- Zipline through a nearby rainforest
- Take a trip to a cultural event in nearby Vancouver

## Fees (2022-23)

Fees at St. Michaels University School include tuition, textbooks and transportation costs for our clubs and teams. Boarding fees also include accommodation and care in residence, meals, laundry and access to 24-hour nursing.

Place of Residence	Senior School	
	Day	Boarding
British Columbia	\$27,510	\$60,480
North America	\$33,660	\$66,640
International	\$46,200	\$79,130

*There is an additional Language Learning Supplement fee for students receiving specialist English Language Learning (ELL) support. Fees for the 2023-24 year will be available in January 2023. Historically, annual fee increases have been around 5%.*

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