



# At A Glance 2018–2019

## St. Michaels University School

St. Michaels University School is an independent, not for profit, co-educational day (*Grades K–12*) and boarding (*Grades 8–12*) school. The school is located in Victoria, Canada and has a global reputation for university preparation and character education. You will join local Canadian students and students from more than 25 countries in one of Canada's top academic programs. You will also have exceptional opportunities in athletics, arts, leadership, service and outdoor education.

## The SMUS Vision

*To learn, to lead, to serve; discovering the promise in our selves and the world.*

## The SMUS 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 higher learning and for life.*



St. Michaels  
University School

Independent school  
founded in 1906


Member of  
SSAT, NAIS,  
TABSA, WBSA,  
NWAIS, ISABC

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

School  
population **998**

**212** Junior School  
**198** Middle School  
**588** Senior School

Average  
class size  
**17**

Gender ratio  
  
**50%** **50%**

**52**  
Nationalities at  
the school

**1:6**  
Faculty to  
student ratio

**20%**  
Percentage of student  
body benefiting from  
financial aid

**43%**  
North America  
**57%**  
Outside North  
America  
Boarding population

**\$2.5 million**  
Amount of financial aid awarded to students  
(2018–19)

## Academic and Extracurricular Opportunities

### Junior School (Kindergarten–Grade 5)

library, French, digital skills, Imagination Lab, outdoor learning space, outdoor education, athletics, recreational sports, gymnasium, art studio with kiln, strings, choir, musical or opera, leadership, clubs, LEGO robotics

### Middle School (Grade 6–8)

library, French, Mandarin, computer science, Innovation Lab, exploratory, outdoor education, athletics, recreational sports, art studio with kiln, strings, choir, band, jazz band, honours band, musical, leadership, clubs, LEGO robotics

### Senior School (Grade 9–12)

library, languages, robotics, Innovation Lab, marine studies, AP program, experiential learning, outdoor education, athletics, recreational sports, rowing centre, art studio with kiln, orchestra, choir, band, jazz band, honours band, vocal jazz, musical, leadership, service trips, 65 clubs and councils

### English Language Learners (Grades 9–10)

ELL students take English and Social Studies in a small group taught by a dedicated English-language specialist. For the rest of their courses, ELL students are fully integrated in classes alongside their non-ELL classmates.

## Advanced Placement

**559** Total number of AP  
exams written in 2018

Number of students  
writing at least 1 AP exam **229**

**33** National AP Scholars

Students achieving mark of 3, 4 or 5

**87%** SMUS  
**61%** Global Average

You'll be able to choose from 27 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. You can earn first-year course credits at many universities for passing AP exams.

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

## University Counselling

Four university counsellors work one-on-one with each Grade 10–12 student to help guide them through the university application process. Students work closely with their university counsellor to find the best schools and programs to meet their goals.

### University Destinations

Recent graduates are currently studying at some of the top universities around the world including:

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|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| CANADIAN                               | • McGill University                 | • University of British Columbia                 |                           |
|  | • Queen's University                | • University of Toronto                          |                           |
|  | • Quest University                  | • University of Victoria                         |                           |
|  | • University of Alberta             |  |                           |
| AMERICAN                               | • American Academy of Dramatic Arts | • Northwestern University                        |                           |
|  | • Brown University                  | • Pomona College                                 |                           |
|  | • Caltech                           | • Stanford University                            |                           |
|  | • Carnegie Mellon University        | • University of California, Berkeley             |                           |
|  | • Cornell University                | • USC Thornton School of Music                   |                           |
|  | • Harvard University                |  |                           |
|  | • New York University               |  |                           |
|  | INTERNATIONAL                       | • ETH Zurich                                     | • University of Cambridge |
|  |                                     | • Hong Kong University of Science and Technology | • University of Edinburgh |
| • London School of Economics           |                                     | • University of Oxford                           |                           |
| • Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |                                     | • University of New South Wales                  |                           |
| • Technische Universiteit Delft        |                                     | • University of Tokyo                            |                           |
| • Tecnológico de Monterrey             |                                     | • University of the Arts, London                 |                           |
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## Arts

Artistic options at the Senior School include:

- 3D Applied Design and Installation
- Art and Sculpture
- Art History
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Digital Art
- Drama and Musical Theatre
- Jazz, Concert and Swing Bands
- Strings
- Video and Photography Production

## Outdoor Education

Going to school on Vancouver Island gives you the chance to try many activities as part of the Outdoor Education Program, including kayaking, sailing, surfing, hiking and camping.

## Clubs and Councils

65 Senior School clubs and councils including the Business Club, Pride Alliance, the Robotics Club and the Intercultural Club.

## Athletics

Competitive sports offered at the Senior School:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cross country
- Field hockey (girls only)
- Golf
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Squash
- Tennis
- Track and field
- Volleyball

SMUS also offers recreational (non-competitive) sports and athletic activities including dance and yoga.

### Athletic Facilities

- Four full-size playing fields
- Two gymnasiums, including three full-size basketball courts
- Fitness centre
- Squash courts
- Rowing centre on a 3.5 km course
- Erg machines
- Athletic therapy centre

## Grad Class of 2018

University Acceptances

**668**

Percentage of graduates who earned scholarships

**61%**

Number of 2018 graduates

**152**

Total scholarships offered

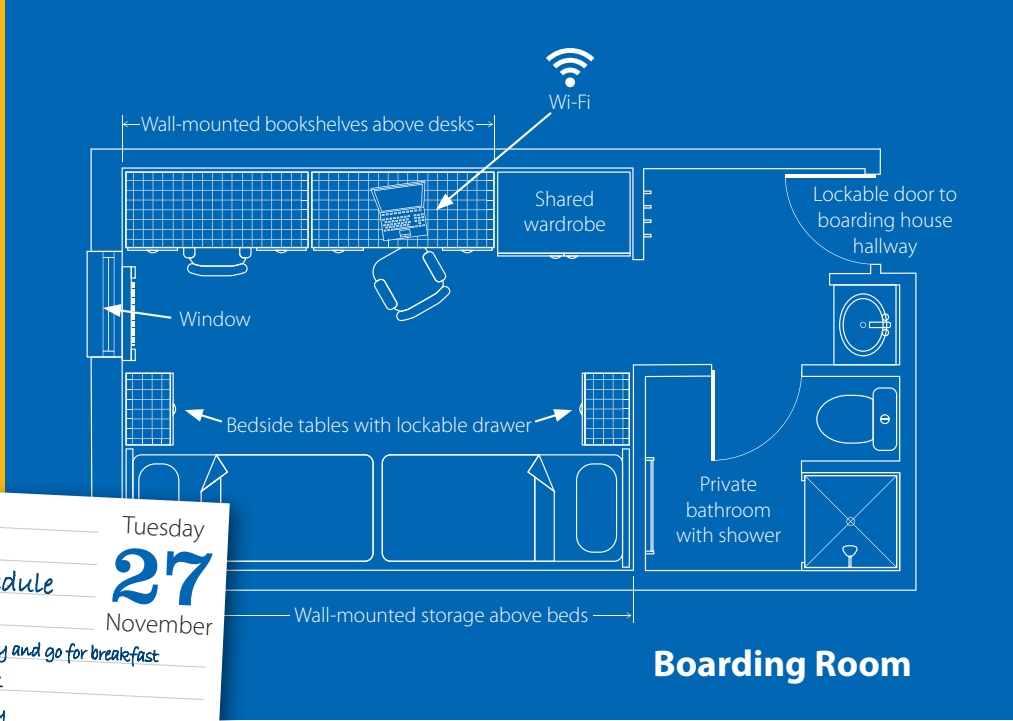
**\$2.9 million**



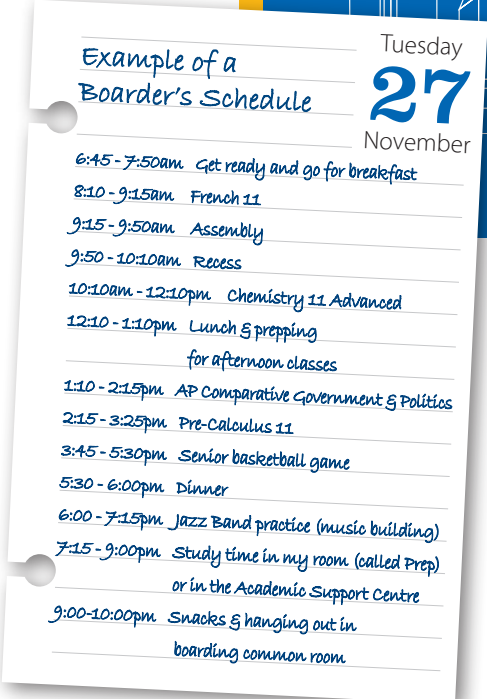


## Map of Victoria

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



## Boarding Room



## Boarding (Grades 8–12)

- 258 students with an even number of boys and girls
- 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 brand new Sun Centre dining hall and student commons
- Three co-ed residence buildings, each with a separate boys and girls wing (called a house)
- Shared common rooms feature a kitchen, games, TVs, computers and more
- 6–8 houseparents in each residence

## Examples of Weekend Boarding Activities

- Watch an ice hockey game downtown
- Relax and play games on the beach
- Watch a movie and eat at a restaurant downtown
- Go on a guided nature hike
- Zipline through a rainforest
- Take a trip to Seattle for a baseball game

## Fees (2018–19)

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	Program		
	Day	Boarding	Boarding ELL
British Columbia	\$18,500–\$22,980	\$50,520	\$77,490
North America	\$23,640–\$28,120	\$55,670	\$77,490
International	\$38,590	\$66,100	\$77,490

### Contact the SMUS Admissions Team



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