

QUEEN MARGARET'S SCHOOL



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CANADA'S EQUESTRIAN UNIVERSITY-PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA



RIDE DURING YOUR SCHOOL DAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Founded in 1921, Queen Margaret's School has a 90 year history of inspiring young women to excel.

It's a winning combination. Earn high school credits riding during your school day, bring your horse (or ride one of ours), chase your competitive dreams or explore equine sciences while attending classes in a friendly university-preparatory high school.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Queen Margaret's School is a boarding and day high school for girls, a co-ed Junior School and the only school in Canada with an integrated equestrian riding program.

At Queen Margaret's School, young riders' aspirations are encouraged and their efforts are celebrated by certified coaches and academic faculty. Our 27-acre campus in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island is home to about 300 students and more than 40 horses. Through our equine programs, enthusiasm, responsibility, independence and sportsmanship are fostered.

Students in Grades 4 through 12 may choose to ride for fun, or compete, in our optional Train to Ride (TTR) Program. Lessons are scheduled within the school day and on-campus competitive shows are scheduled on weekends throughout the school year. Students also get their hands dirty in the barns while they learn stable management and equine health.

Queen Margaret's School's Train to Compete Program (TTC) offers riders with a higher commitment and skill level to board or lease a horse. Through classroom studies and training, TTC students continue to hone their skills. Optional competitions are scheduled in BC, Alberta, Washington, California and Mexico.

On riding lesson days, students arrive at school in their breeches prepared for a full day of university-preparatory classes. With on-campus riding facilities, there's time to balance equestrian and academic goals and pursue other interests. Each busy school week will include arts, sports, service and a selection of social activities on and off-campus.

We offer a welcoming community where riders share a common bond and make friends quickly. Our small class sizes and structured school day create a learning culture that encourages participation and leadership.

At the completion of Grade 12, all Queen Margaret's School graduates are accepted to post-secondary institutions. Connect riding and learning at Queen Margaret's School.



Young riders train to compete or ride for fun in Hunter/Jumper, Dressage or Eventing disciplines.

Queen Margaret's School develops solid equitation skills, confidence and a strong sense of belonging within a supportive community of students and staff.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

TRAIN TO RIDE (GRADES 4 TO 12)

This riding program is for students who wish to ride for fun or compete. Students are grouped by skill level in lessons offered on a school horse, once or twice a week. The curriculum includes stable management and equine care. Community competitions are offered to those who are interested.

TRAIN TO COMPETE (GRADES 8 TO 12)

Train to Compete riders board their horse or lease a competition level horse. Riders develop their skills through lessons, clinics, show and classroom theory. In partnership with their staff Equine Advisor, TTC students create and implement a personalized equestrian plan which serves to blend their riding and academic goals. Program content prepares students for Equine Canada Rider Level Program exams.

EQUINE SCIENCES 11

This course is designed to promote a scientific approach to equine anatomy, physiology and husbandry and introduces basic veterinarian principles to students. Through the introduction of guest speakers students explore careers in veterinary sciences as well as stable and equine business management. *Open to students in Grades 10 and 12 with approval from the Equestrian Director.*



FACILITIES

The Shirley Burr Equestrian Centre features an Olympic-sized indoor riding arena, stabling and paddocks for more than 40 horses, and a classroom dedicated to riders. Our riding facilities wrap themselves around a 130' x 240' all-weather competition sand ring with a sound system and lighting for night riding. Our gentle winter months make riding a comfortable sport at virtually any time of the year for both horse and rider.

STAFF

Our certified coaches have a track-record of competitive accomplishments as riders and trainers. The quality of our coaching can be measured in our long history of successes in the ring, and the passion for the sport that continues in our students after graduation. While maintaining an expectation of safety, our coaching professionals balance desire for achievement with the joy of riding.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Leadership skills are developed through student-to-student mentoring, Riding Captain positions and an Equestrian Student Council.

A SCHOOL DAY TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN ACADEMICS AND RIDING

Queen Margaret’s School is the only high school in Canada where young riders can take lessons within their school day, as well as during evening and weekend hours. Our timetable allows students to be well-rounded athletically, artistically and socially. Our riders can pursue their riding goals while still participating in the many team sports, performing and visual arts and other social activities within our busy school day.

Riders earn credits as part of their physical education program or as course electives. These unique programs were developed by Queen Margaret’s School to provide students with enhanced skill development and are recognized by the BC Ministry of Education.

Student riders also have a stable management routine that contributes to their knowledge of equine care. Students help with the planning and coordination of numerous on-campus Hunter/Jumper and Dressage shows for beginners and advanced riders.

Train to Compete riders may travel to local, provincial and regional shows in BC, Alberta and the Pacific Northwest. Optional shows are also scheduled for California and Mexico. Academic and equestrian staff support each rider’s academic commitments as they prepare for, and participate in, off-campus events.

SAMPLE SCHOOL TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Saturday	Sunday
6:45am	Wake up and personal morning routine					8:30am-11:00am	Cold Breakfast	Cold Breakfast
7:00am-7:50am	Breakfast in the Violet Café and prepare for the school day					11:00am-1:00pm	Hot Brunch	Hot Brunch
8:00am-8:08am	Home Room and Faculty Advisor					11:00am	Boarders may sign out	Boarders may sign out
PERIOD 1 8:08am-9:15am	Math 11	Physics 11	Chemistry 11	Math 11	English 11	8:00am-5:00pm	Practice Riding	
PERIOD 2 9:15am-10:20am	Social Studies 11	French 11	English 11	Chemistry 11	Media Art 11			
BREAK 10:25am-10:40am								
PERIOD 3 10:40am-11:45am	Chemistry 11	Math 11	Social Studies 11	Social Studies 11	French 11			
LUNCH 11:45am-12:45pm		Equine Science	Equine Science	Equine Science				
PERIOD 4 12:45pm-1:50pm	Media Art 11	Train to Compete Riding Lesson	Train to Compete Stable Management	Physics 11	Train to Compete Riding Lesson			
PERIOD 5 1:50pm-3:00pm	Physics 11	English 11	French 11	Media Art 11	Faculty Advisor / Equestrian Council			
3:00pm-5:00pm	Practice Riding/Sports/Free Time					5:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner	Dinner
5:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner					6:30pm	Free Time	Boarders Return to Campus
7:00pm-8:30pm	Evening Study	Evening Study	Evening Study	Evening Study		7:00pm-8:30pm	Free Time	Evening Study
8:30pm-9:30pm	Snack and Free Time					8:30pm-9:30pm	Practice Riding	
9:30pm-11:00pm	Free Time, lights out at 11:00pm							

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