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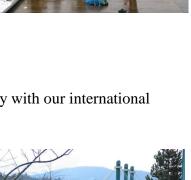
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## 10 Reasons to study in Saanich, Greater Victoria:

- 1] Safe School District
  - Small personal school district
  - Not urban and not rural
  - Low crime rate
  - In house home stay program with 3 dedicated home stay coordinator "moms"
- 2] Weather & Location
  - Mildest weather in Canada
  - much less rainfall that Vancouver experiences
  - BC ferries land in Saanich and Victoria International Airport located in Saanich
  - California of Canada
- 3] Curriculum Choice & Academic Focus
  - Advanced Placement Courses
  - Focus Courses in Global Education, Marine Studies, Outdoor Education, Performing Arts
  - An abundance of elective courses
  - 8 Sport Academies in Rowing, Lacrosse, Golf, Swimming, Sailing, Judo, Ice Hockey, & Rock Climbing
  - After school Tutorials & Academic Support
  - University and College pathways and partnerships
- 4] SISP Staff
  - There are 23 adult staff members working directly and/or indirectly with our international students not including home stay parents or school teachers
- 5] Modern Facilities
  - All schools renovated or rebuilt in past 1-15 years
  - All schools equipped with 1-2 gyms, fitness training centres and multiple outdoor fields and tracks
  - A technology focus in all schools
  - All schools recently seismically upgraded















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- 6] Excellent Communication Lines
  - Almost without exception our staff are back in touch within 24 hours on any question or concern
- 7] English and Academic Support
  - All schools offer ELL classes and the high schools offer an English immersion program
  - Assistance with IELTS and TOEFL prep and testing
- 8] Monthly Activities
  - A yearly schedule of activities is organized for the international students including whale watching, ski-ing, Vancouver city tours, and a fall camp
- 9] Network of Support
  - Saanich offers more dedicated student support than other school districts.
- 10] Online Learning Canada
  - The District owns a Business Company which sells pre arrival online courses for international students including 3 levels of ESL and an orientation course called "Going to Canada"
  - OLC offers a Dual graduation opportunity for students



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