



# WELCOME TO BOARDING AT Glenlyon Norfolk School



*A unique opportunity to study and live in Victoria, British Columbia,  
at one of Canada's top IB World Schools*

GNS



Glenlyon  
Norfolk  
School



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## Victoria, British Columbia

Glenlyon Norfolk School is located on the West Coast of Canada in Victoria, BC. GNS is a co-ed independent school founded in 1913 with students from over 20 countries.

GNS is favoured by its location; the city of Victoria, on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. The temperate climate, spectacular scenery and safeness make a perfect atmosphere ideal for study, personal growth, recreation and social exchange.



## Our Mission

To challenge and support each of our students to do their best through truth and courage in learning and in life.



**\$1.6M+  
in Scholarships**

was earned by the 63  
grads in the Class of 2021



**100% of our grads  
are accepted**

into 1 of their top 3  
post secondary choices



**Over 100  
co-curricular options**

are available for students  
to choose from



**15% of our  
student population**

is composed of globally-minded  
international students



**8,500+  
service hours**

were completed by our  
students last year



**Students from  
JK to Grade 12**

have access to activities at the only  
oceanfront Junior School  
campus in Canada



# Academic Program

All students in Grade 9 to 12 are required to choose a combination of courses that qualifies them for university entry. GNS is a linear school and our courses run from September to June following an ten-day block schedule. The school year is divided into three academic terms.

In Grades 9 and 10, students cover the BC provincial curriculum within the framework of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. The culmination of this program is the Personal Project, an independent study in an area of particular interest.

There are two paths of study at GNS for students in Grades 11 and 12: the full IB Diploma or the IB Diploma course candidate route. Both routes are academically enriched and recognized by post-secondary institutions. All students graduate with the BC Dogwood Diploma.



Average  
class size:

18

Faculty to  
student ratio:

1:8

School  
population:

~750



GNS is comprised of  
**3 schools, 2 locations  
and 1 shared philosophy**  
from Junior Kindergarten  
to Grade 12

## IB Diploma

GNS has been an authorized IB Diploma Programme School since 1996. In that time, our students have consistently scored above the world average on their IB exams.

### 5 YR AVERAGE IB DIPLOMA SCORE

GNS

33.8/45

WORLD

29.9/45

### IB Learner Profile:

Inquirers

Knowledgeable

Thinkers

Communicators

Principled

Open-minded

Caring

Risk-takers

Balanced

Reflective

Persevering



### With 32 options

GNS offers more IB Diploma courses  
than any other school  
in Western Canada



### An average of 94%

of our IB Diploma Candidates  
earn their full IB Diploma with  
a score of 24 or higher



### For 25 years

GNS has been offering the  
IB Diploma Programme to  
local and international students



## Co-curricular Activities:

**Athletics:** GNS teams compete against public and other independent schools from across the province. Our senior sports include basketball, rowing, rugby, soccer, swimming, badminton, golf, tennis, and track and field for both girls and boys, as well as field hockey and volleyball for girls.

**Debate and Public Speaking:** GNS has a long tradition and outstanding record of accomplishment in Debate and Public Speaking, regularly placing in the top tier of provincial, national and even international competition.

**Fine Arts:** Visual Arts, Band, Choir, and Theatre are available to students through IB and provincial courses, and co-curricular activities.

**Leadership:** Students are always encouraged to develop their leadership skills, be it as elected school prefects, as organizers of student events like Model UN, or as representatives of GNS at Round Square service projects.

## University Preparation:

Our academic advisors begin working with students in Grade 9 to help students determine appropriate choices for university and college based on interests, courses, school records, location and costs.

Recognizing that post-secondary planning is a collective process involving the school, the individual student and their family, our advisors strive to keep all parties informed about opportunities and application deadlines as they arise. Throughout the year, they schedule visits by university representatives from around the world to meet with Senior School students to answer questions or provide information about specific programs.

Partial list of universities recent grads are attending:

- **Canadian:** University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Carleton, Concordia, Dalhousie, Ryerson, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario, Queen's, University of Toronto, McGill, McMaster
- **USA:** University of California (Berkeley), Stanford, University of Washington
- **International:** Queen Mary University, University College of London





# International Programs:

For over 25 years, Glenlyon Norfolk School has been proud to welcome international students from around the world. Our international students are an integral part of the GNS experience and valuable members of our community.

We welcome students from countries around the world including Germany, Mexico, Spain, Japan, Switzerland, France, Italy, Korea, Nigeria, Thailand, Taiwan, Korea, India and China. International students enjoy small class sizes, academic curricula enriched by the International Baccalaureate, English Acquisition support, numerous co-curricular opportunities, and a welcoming community.

International students have the option of taking part in our unique Family Boarding Program where they live with members of the GNS community or apply for a space in our new Gryphon House boarding program.



## Gryphon House Boarding:

### The Experience

- Located in a historic guesthouse just minutes from both campuses, Gryphon House will be the home-away-from-home for approximately 24 students from around the world.
- All rooms are double occupancy, each with a private ensuite bathroom. Students have their own bed, desk and dresser, and roommates are carefully matched by our boarding team staff.
- There are two common areas—one on each floor—that students can use to visit, work on homework together, and build community.
- Teacher-houseparents live in Gryphon House to care for and support the students.
- Food services are provided by the GNS catering team, with three meals per day (+snacks) served at Gryphon House (breakfast/dinner) and the school Dining Hall (lunch).
- WiFi is accessible throughout the property.





## Activities

- Countless opportunities for weekend activities exist in the local community as well as other parts of Vancouver Island and BC.
- Weekend schedules are posted well in advance so that students can plan which activities they will choose. Options could include sports, trips to the mall for necessities, excursions around Vancouver Island and to Vancouver, hiking, beach visits, museums, karaoke, cooking classes, etc.
- There will be opportunities for Gryphon House students to integrate and engage with the broader community, including other international students, local students, and the local neighbourhood. With Community listed as a core value of GNS, providing opportunities for students to build strong connections with peers and friends is an essential part of their experience in Gryphon House.

SAMPLE WEEKEND SCHEDULE	
10 a.m. to noon	Brunch
Daytime	A dorm trip – opportunities to explore the local area, participate in sports teams, and connect with other classmates. Or free time to visit with classmates or local day students.
1 to 3 p.m.	Lunch/salad bar available
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
Evening	Open gym time, evening activities (movie nights, etc.), extra prep time for older students.

Sample Week Schedule	
Thursday – Week 1	
6:30 a.m.	Wake-up, breakfast service
7:55 a.m.	Shuttle bus to GNS Campus
Homeform (8:10)	
Block 1 (8:20):	
Block 2 (9:25):	
Recess (10:25):	
Block 3 (10:35):	
Lunch (12:15): Lunch provided on campus	
Block 4 (1:00):	
Block 5 (2:05):	
After school:	
3:15 p.m.	Classes finish, after school activities
3:30 p.m.	Shuttle bus to Gryphon House
5:00 p.m.	Check-in
6:00 p.m.	Dinner service
7:00 p.m.	Homework prep time
9:00 p.m.	Free time
10:30 p.m.	Lights out

## Fees

Boarding fees at Glenlyon Norfolk School include tuition, accommodation and care in residence, meals and access to nursing and counselling support. Additional fees will apply for English Acquisition, uniform, weekend activities, etc.

2022/2023	
Canadian In-province	\$57,260
Canadian Out-of-province	\$60,090
International	\$73,145





# Family Boarding:

The goal of the Family Boarding Program is to provide a welcoming, safe, supportive, English-speaking, family environment for students from other countries by arranging for them to live with GNS families; either current parents or staff.

## The Experience

- The program aims to provide a welcoming, safe, supportive, English-speaking family environment for students from other countries by arranging for them to live with GNS families; either current parents, alumni, or staff.
- A great Family Boarding environment is a home away from home for the student. Living far away from your family and friends can be difficult and lonely. Family Boarding host families are expected to care and nurture their student, much like they would their own children, thus contributing to the his/her success improving their English language skills, understanding of other cultures, and the overall experience studying at GNS and living in Canada.

## Fees

Family Boarding fees at Glenlyon Norfolk School include tuition and accommodation. Additional fees will apply for English Acquisition and uniforms.

2022/2023	
Canadian In-province	\$43,930
Canadian Out-of-province	\$48,680
International	\$56,545

*“Being different could be a hindrance, but being different is exactly the kind of thing that is celebrated at GNS.”*

– Francis (Student from Egypt)



*“My favorite thing about GNS is that I got to know people from different countries and to learn about them.”*

– Maria (Student from Mexico)

*“If you honestly consider hosting a student from abroad, I fully encourage you to do so. It’s definitely worthwhile, and it’s a great program, the school is an amazing support network, and it really will honestly be a positive experience for your family.”*

– Brent Wray (Host Family)



# Application Process

GNS welcomes students from a diverse range of backgrounds to its student community each year, including both domestic and international students. We aim to ensure each student selected to attend GNS is academically prepared, socially engaged, and excited to participate in all that our school has to offer. Our academic program is strong and our co-curricular offerings are extensive, and we look for students who show commitment to these areas.

There are a number of steps to complete an application for GNS:

- 1. Inquire:** Complete the Inquiry Form available at [www.mygns.ca](http://www.mygns.ca). This will create a record in our system and allow our team to follow up with detailed application instructions. If you are working with a consultant, please list their information on this form.
- 2. Visit:** Tour our campus—virtually or in person! It's important to 'see' the school and facilities, and to learn more about our wonderful teachers and students.
- 3. Apply:** Complete the Application Form and upload the required documentation on your Application Checklist.
- 4. Assessment:** Once we receive all the necessary documentation, the admissions team will ask you to book a Virtual Assessment and Interview, which will take approximately 2 hours to complete. No preparation is necessary. Just come with a positive attitude and be ready to share more about who you are and why GNS could be a great fit for you.
- 5. Decision:** After we complete the Virtual Assessment and Interview, our team will review your application and all related documentation, and will then finalize a decision regarding your admission to GNS. For students who are accepted to GNS, families are required to complete the Enrolment Contract along with payment of the registration fee and deposit.

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