

An Adventure in Canada is waiting for you



Maple Ridge Christian School
International Program 

Welcome to Maple Ridge British Columbia

Maple Ridge is a family-oriented community that provides an environment to learn, grow, and thrive. The city offers a diverse blend of established neighbourhoods, new residential developments, farmland, and green spaces, creating a safe and balanced setting for family life.

Maple Ridge offers convenient access to parks, recreation, shopping, dining, healthcare, and public transit. It is located one hour by car from Vancouver International Airport.



Our Programs

Maple Ridge Christian School is ranked within the top 10% of schools in British Columbia, according to the Fraser Institute school rankings. The school was built in 1956 and expanded with a new building and gym completed in April 2025.

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students learn on the same campus and positive cross-grade interactions are witnessed each day. Students in all grades spend time weekly in our school library. There are opportunities to experience fine arts (music, drama, and art) and physical activities all year round. Being a smaller school means teachers walk alongside students, giving individual support and mentorship.

Elementary (Kindergarten to Grade 5)

Early learning includes a mix of creativity, coaching, and connection. Students in our elementary program thrive academically and grow

in their faith while developing healthy social skills and a joy of learning.

Middle School (Grade 6-8)

These are years when youth discover and develop their strengths and passions. Students in our middle school program experience community as they learn through projects, collaboration, and exploration. Instruction in music and athletics are offered all year round.

High School (Grade 9-12)

Our graduates are proven to be problem solvers and critical thinkers who know how to work in teams and to relate to people of all ages. Teachers mentor students to dive deeper into academics, athletics, and the arts while engaging safely with technology. High school students have the opportunity to attend various educational field trips with their classmates.



This is MRCS

Music Sports Community

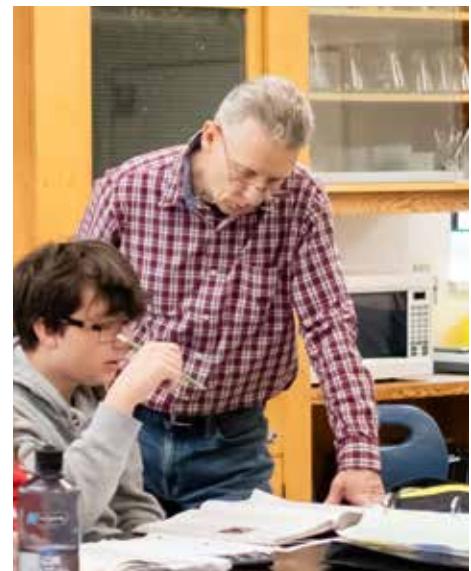


Drama

Academics

Technology

University preparation



Grade 9 and older Homestay

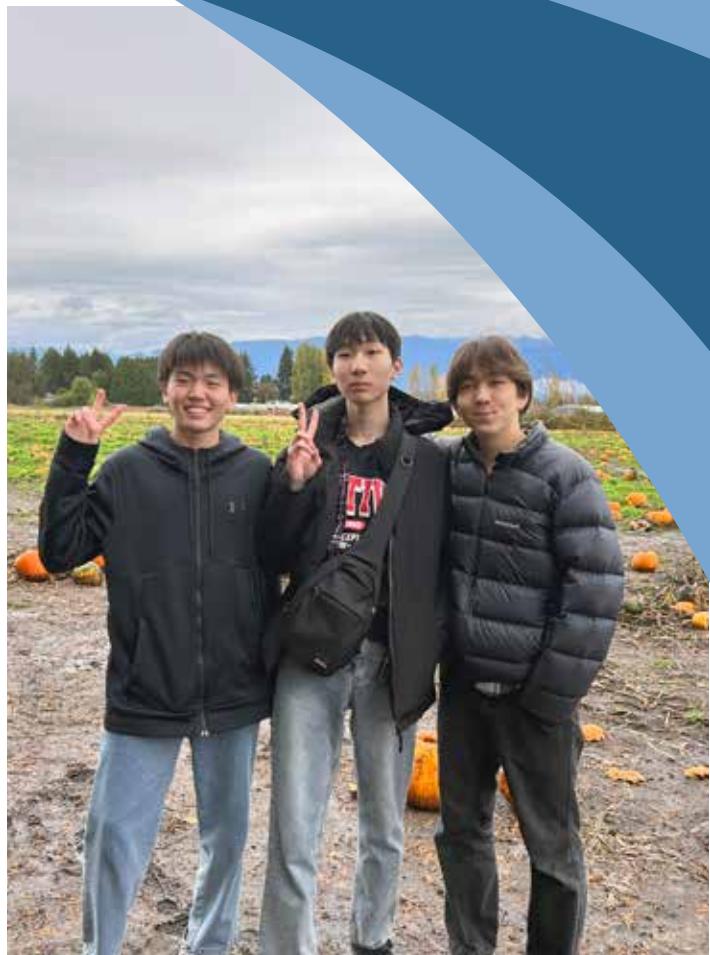
Our host families are an important component in the success of our international education program. Students grade 9 and older who are not living with their own family are placed with a host family. A host family provides a safe, secure, Christian environment for the student, ensuring consistency between the home and school. The student will attend a local church and participate in family activities and outings with their host family.

At the host home, the student will have a private room which includes a bed with bed linens, a desk, a place to store clothing, and access to laundry and bathroom facilities. Students are expected to contribute to keeping the home clean and tidy and grow in independence with life skills such as cooking and caring for oneself. Host families ensure limits are put on tech use, especially during the evening hours.

The host family provides the student with three nourishing, well-balanced meals each day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) plus snacks.

Daily transportation to and from school is provided for homes that are not within easy walking distance. If possible, transportation is provided to and from extracurricular activities.





Student Testimonials

From Newcomer to Belonging

When I first came to MRCS, I was in grade 6. I could only speak some basic English. I was very frustrated and nervous because I couldn't understand the lessons. My English got better in every aspect —understanding my classmates' small talk and the teachers' teaching. I made friends who always cheered me up when I was upset. One of my favourite memories from MRCS was helping organize the school dance as part of Student Council. Seeing everyone come together, laughing and dancing, made me realize how special our school community really is. It wasn't just about the event itself, but about creating a space where everyone felt included and connected. — Amy (China), MRCS Grad Class of 2025

A Caring Place to Grow and Learn

In the beginning, I had a tough time building up my courage to talk with people with my poor English, but everyone at MRCS helped me adapt into the community. Teachers always had time to respond to my questions. They always listened to us and helped me find an answer. I had never felt such a caring environment in any school I had ever been to!

— Coco (China), MRCS Grad Class of 2023





My Life Was Changed

Maple Ridge Christian School was and will always be a family for me. I attended from Grade 10-12, and it was one of the most life-changing journeys as I learned more about myself, my identity, and my purpose in this world. I was fully involved in this community and I was loved by everyone. After MRCS, I was invited to study at the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia, a program that is extremely prestigious. My experiences have constantly reminded me that I made the right choice to study Maple Ridge Christian School!

— Kylie (Hong Kong), MRCS Grad Class of 2019

A Memorable Year

When I came to Canada, I was anxious whether I would make friends and understand the classes. Studying abroad was challenging, but MRCS is the best school for international students. Everyone was so sweet. My classmates talked to me. When I was depressed, my friends encouraged me. When I made mistakes they always correct me. If I could go back to the past, I would study English so hard before coming. I think broadening vocabulary is the crucial skill of learning English and that talking is the best way to improve English skills.

— Ai (Japan), one-year student 2024-2025

From Challenge to Connection

One of the biggest challenges was adjusting to the English academic environment. Even though I had studied English before, understanding lessons, participating in discussions, and expressing my opinion took time. When I hung out with Canadian students for the first time it was a great experience. After that it became easier to be close to them so that I started to speak in English more than before. This helped my English skills. The greatest thing about MRCS is that most people at MRCS are kind and welcoming to brand-new students. When you try to mingle, they accept you. Also, ELL classes are very helpful for international students. ELL teachers understand the difficulties that we face and sometimes give us extra time for assignments, which really helps to lower the pressure of using English.

— Luke (South Korea)

International Student Group Outings

Students enhance their experience by seeing local and seasonal sights. These outings give students the opportunity to explore the surrounding community, experience Canadian culture firsthand, and connect classroom learning to real-world settings.



Come Join Our Community

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Alumni Success



Our recent international student graduates were accepted at several Canadian universities including:

- BC Institute of Technology
- Emily Carr University
- McGill University
- Simon Fraser University
- Trinity Western University
- McMaster University
- Ontario College of Art & Design University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Alberta
- University of Toronto