



STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATIONAL PACKAGE

KCS is committed to ensuring that your child has everything they need to fulfill the Ministry of Education requirements for graduation. We strive to build a High School program that meets the needs of our students and prepares them for future studies in a post secondary institution. We understand that it can be overwhelming for parents and students to navigate the in's and out's of High School credits, Ministry requirements and post secondary institution admission requirements. We are sending this package home in an effort to assist you and your child as you work through some of these topics. We hope it is a helpful tool as you consider your child's current schooling and their future plans as well.

Graduation – A Shared Responsibility

Each individual post-secondary institution has its own requirements for admittance and each program has even more specific requirements. It's important that you look at all the options for further education. The choices that students make in these High School years will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Often students will graduate from High School with the BC Ministry of Education requirements and not have the requirements to get into a post secondary institution of their choosing simply because the Ministry requirements differ from the institution's requirements.

The role of the Student Services Counselor is to ensure that all KCS students graduate our school with Ministry requirements met. KCS is not responsible for researching and planning your child's post-secondary education. The Student Services Counselor is eager to partner with you as you look into future education, but it is the responsibility of students and parents to research institution admission requirements individually. If you have questions regarding admittance requirements for a post-secondary institution, please contact that specific institution for clarification.

Graduation Requirements

One of the Ministry of Education requirements for graduation is Daily Physical Activity (DPA). Each student in Grades 10-12 must complete 150 minutes of physical activity per week and must keep a log of their activity, have it signed by their parents and hand it in to their Bible teacher at the end of each term. Students will receive a log book from their teacher at the beginning of the year. Please note, students who do not hand in their signed DPA log will receive a "Not Meeting Expectations" note on their report card. Students who do not meet DPA expectations do not meet the Ministry of Education requirements and will not graduate! Because KCS is required to adhere to Ministry requirements, we must enforce DPA with all our students.

The graduation requirements at KCS of 86 credits exceeds the Ministry of Education standards. You can be assured that your son/daughter will graduate from KCS with more than enough credits to receive an official Dogwood diploma from the Ministry of Education. The chart on the next page outlines what the Ministry of Education requires for graduation and how KCS fulfills and even exceeds those requirements.

Credits	Ministry Requirements	KCS Fulfillment of Requirements	Credits	Additional KCS Required Courses
4	A Language Arts 10 →	English 10	4	Bible 11
4	A Social Studies 10 →	Social Studies 10	4	Bible 12
4	A Math 10 →	Math 10 or Math 10 AW	4	World Religions 12
4	A Science 10 →	Science 10	4	WEX 12A
4	Physical Education 10 →	Physical Education 10	4	Gr. 12 Course of your choice
4	Planning 10 →	Career Life 10	4	Gr. 12 Course of your choice
4	Fine Arts or Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12 →	Several courses to choose from		
4	A Language Arts 11 →	English 11		
4	A Social Studies 11 →	Civics 11		
4	A Math 11 or 12 →	Math 11 AW, Math 11 PC, Math 12 PC		
4	A Science 11 or 12 →	Chemistry 11 & 12, Biology 11 & 12, Physics 11		
4	A Language Arts 12 →	English 12		
4	Grad Transitions →	Career Life 12		
28	Gr. 10, 11 & 12 Electives →	Several courses to choose from		

If you are unsure what courses your child has previously completed or what he/she is currently registered for, please contact Ben Baker at the school.

Post-Secondary Education

Many graduates move onto a post-secondary institution after completing their education at KCS. Some students choose to move out of BC or even out of Canada to further their education, most students stay within BC.

As you begin your search for a post-secondary institution, check out this website:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>. This website is like a “one stop shopping” experience where you can search for institutions that have the program you are looking for, learn about admission requirements, deadlines and even apply for admission. This is a great starting point for parents and students who are looking into future education.

In an effort to assist you as you research institutions, we have provided a list of universities, colleges and technical schools that many of our Alumni have attended. This is not an exhaustive list, but it is a starting point for your research:

OKANAGAN AREA

Okanagan College - Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna

- <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/>
- sacampus@okanagan.bc.ca
- vernonadmissions@okanagan.bc.ca
- admissions@okanagan.bc.ca

UBCO (University of British Columbia Okanagan) - Kelowna

- <http://ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html>
- recruitment.ok@ubc.ca

Thompson Rivers University – Kamloops

- <http://www.tru.ca/index.html>
- recruitment@tru.ca

LOWER MAINLAND

UBC (University of British Columbia) – Vancouver

- <https://www.ubc.ca/>
- Emails can be sent through the “Contact Us” page on their website with a “Ask Me at UBC Form”

Trinity Western University – Langley

- <https://www.twu.ca/>
- Chett.Fitchett@twu.ca

Capilano University – North Vancouver

- <https://www.capilanou.ca/>
- admissions@capilanou.ca

Simon Fraser University – Burnaby, Surrey, Vancouver

- <http://www.sfu.ca/>
- Student Services help desk: 778-782-6930

Columbia Bible College – Abbotsford

- <https://www.columbiabc.edu/>
- ashley.funk@columbiabc.edu

Scholarships

As you research institutions, notice that several of them offer campus tours or even the opportunity for your child to participate in classes for the day. Take advantage of those opportunities so your child can get a feel for the school and begin to picture themselves there. It is our recommendation that you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor from the institution(s) that you are interested to go over course options, requirements and planning. Bursaries and Scholarships are available for KCS students via three avenues:

1. **KCS** offers a small number of scholarships and bursaries for Grade 12 students. Students can apply through the school and will be informed by the Student Services Counselor when application forms are available and when they are due (usually in late April or May).
2. All **post-secondary institutions** have entrance scholarships and bursaries. The deadlines for these awards are usually before the Christmas break. You will need to connect with the institution that your child will be attending for more information about the scholarships and bursaries available.
3. The **Ministry of Education** also offers scholarships and bursaries and the deadlines for those awards are near the end of January. To learn more about Ministry of Education awards and how to apply, please go to: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships>.

It is important that you get your applications done and submitted at least a week before they are due. However, it is our recommendation that you send them three weeks before they are due. Many scholarships and bursaries are awarded to students with good grades, but even more importantly, community service. Having a productive and well-rounded High School life will help you both with personal growth and financial security.

Have More Questions?

While this is an exciting time for your son/daughter, it will most certainly be filled with uncharted waters for students and parents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding KCS academic courses, graduation requirements, scholarships or post-secondary education, contact Mr. Baker at bbaker@kingschristianschool.com to set up a time to come in and talk through your questions. Students are always welcome to approach Mr. Baker at school and arrange a time to sit down and discuss their education as well. We are blessed with the opportunity to work together with you to set your child up for success!