
Encompass 10-12

Vanier Center, 1600 King Albert Ave. Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 1Y5
September 2021

WELCOME... BACK!

On behalf of the staff at Encompass we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready to return to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

*Please note that this email is the second attachment. **Details on all Covid Protocols and Health and Safety management is also included as a separate attachment also attached to this email.***

Teachers will return to school on September 7th and will begin SLP/IEP meetings from Wed. Sept 8- Friday, Sept 10. All meetings will be done on Microsoft Teams or by phone. Our counselor Heng-Zi will send out an email to each family on Thursday, Sept 2 that provides you with a booking LINK and information on your child's schedule and case manager.

The first meeting is an opportunity to reflect on previous progress, set goals for the upcoming year and develop a SLP (Student Learning Plan) or an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) as required.

Due to changes in enrolment and staffing we have adjusted some case management loads. Some students will have new case managers this year but all students will continue to work with an exceptional team of teachers.

The case manager monitors course progress and works with the team to provide ongoing support and feedback as needed.

Over the summer we experienced some staff changes. Sara Corra moved to a different position and wishes all her families a fond farewell. We are excited and happy to welcome and introduce Chloe Kim!

We are also fortunate to have many of our teachers returning for another year; welcome back Mary Halfar, Scott Romano, Kurtis Stangl, our counselor Heng-Zi Berezcki and our Youth Worker Karin Leathwood.

Teachers are ready and excited to continue to work with you.

Our new student orientation is on Tuesday, September 14th at 11:00 a.m. and welcome back for all students will be at 11:30 a.m. We invite all students to attend brief 'meet and greet' with the staff, overview the health and safety protocols required and provide a great time to meet old friends and make new ones with all safety protocols in place.

The regular class schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 15th after all students and families complete their initial planning appointments with staff.

Our school goal is to support students to successfully complete courses in a safe, caring, encouraging and flexible environment through an individualized approach that builds a pathway to graduation.

We are excited to work on this goal together with each student and family for another successful school year!

Lisa Dubé
Principal

Daily Schedules and Routines

Teachers work with students in Rooms 108 and 109 from 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and from 12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily. Students are scheduled for three ½ day sessions and your personal schedules will be shared with you tomorrow - Thursday, Sept 2 in an email you will receive from our counselor.

Please feel free to bring healthy snacks and water to class.

Staying Connected – Communication

Consistent communication is vital for student success. Most students experience the greatest success when they work in partnership with parents and teachers to support their learning.

This is especially true in an individualized setting where students work at their own pace and have a high degree of flexibility.

On the last Friday of each month, our teachers set aside time to collaborate and connect with parents via email or by phone to provide an update on their child's progress for the month.

Please ensure we have correct email addresses for both student and parent as well as updated phone numbers. While most of your communication will be with your case manager, you are also welcome to contact the subject specific teachers if you have specific questions.

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to connect with staff. If you would like to speak to a teacher at school, please contact the teacher outside of instructional class time and set up a time to meet that avoids disruptions to the daily learning of students in the classrooms. **At this time, because of continued Covid protocols, all meetings are online or via a phone call.**

Individualized Instruction

At the beginning of the school year, each student develops a SLP (Student Learning Plan) in collaboration with their case manager. The plan outlines both short and long term plans for course completion with target dates and potential exam schedules.

The hallmark of this program is flexibility. This means each student works towards their goals at their own pace and can complete courses at any time in the school year to receive credits. It also means that we provide many curricular and instructional options to students that reflect their individual strengths and needs.

Most of the curriculum in the program is delivered on a one-to-one basis with a teacher but there are also opportunities for small group instruction and learning.

Support Services

Heng-Zi Berezcki is the counsellor for the Encompass 10-12 program at Vanier. Her office is located in Room 112 at the top of the ramp.

Heng-Zi conducts intake meetings, provides counselling to students, acts as a liaison with community organizations and agencies as well as with all the high schools in the district. If you are thinking of taking an elective at another school, check with Heng-Zi first. She will connect with that school and arrange courses with the school counsellor.

We are happy to be welcoming back Karin Leathwood, our Youth Worker in September who will work with our program Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Karin is excited to be offering alongside our teacher team, **a Garden and Habitat Club that will run Tuesdays at lunch beginning early October.**

Our team is looking forward to supporting students, parents and teachers in a welcoming and nurturing environment.

Electives

In order to graduate with a Dogwood Diploma, each student must still take a minimum of 7 elective courses – and attain 28 credits.

There are a number of options for taking electives, including cross enrolling to any of the high schools in our district or taking electives at Vanier.

If students choose to cross enroll to a high school to take an elective class, they will work with Heng-Zi, who will make arrangements with the counselor at the high school of choice. Heng-Zi will make every effort to accommodate student schedules with Encompass courses. Please note that many schools are full this coming year and spaces are very limited, so if you are looking to take an elective elsewhere, connect with Heng-Zi early in the fall to make arrangements for semester 2.

Some electives offered at Encompass this year include:

Foods and Nutrition 11	Media Design 12
Active Living (formerly Physical Education) 11	Tourism 12
Textiles: Arts and Crafts 11	Film and Television 12
Media Design 11	Child Development and Caregiving 12
Active Living (formerly Physical Education) 12	Foods 12
Comparative Cultures 12	WEX 12A (Work Experience)
Arts Studio 12 2D	WEX 12B (Work Experience)
Business Computer Applications 12	

Graduation and Transitions Beyond

Students graduate from Encompass as they would any other high school in the province. We hold a graduation ceremony each June and invite all graduating and non graduating students and parents in the program to attend.

At the ceremony, students receive an Encompass Certificate and their Dogwood Diploma is mailed to them in the summer from the Ministry of Education. This is the same practice for graduates at other high schools.

The teachers and counsellor will work with each graduate during the year to review their program and to help them prepare for the transition to post secondary or to the world of work. Please reach out to them to clarify any questions you may have.

Code of Conduct

Early in the year teachers will review with students, the Encompass Code of Conduct.

The document is consistent with all others in the district and serves as a good reminder to be respectful to ourselves, to others, to property and to be safe. It provides examples and follows Ministry of Education guidelines.. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to discuss them with any of the teachers or the principal.

Program Overview

Students who attend Encompass are seeking alternative ways of engaging with the educational process as they work towards graduation. Our goal is to build connections as we provide flexible structures, pacing, and individualized and small group instruction in a quiet, safe setting. There are additional opportunities for socialization throughout the week through academic and activity based programs.

Meet Our Staff

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Special Note from me,

On the following page are important calendar dates for the year. Try as I might – it is inevitable whether because of Covid or more likely my own eyesight (jokes about aging deserved!) I sometimes make mistakes. My clerical team or I will send updates as soon as possible without wanting to inundate your inbox. Sincerely, Lisa

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday, September 7, 2021	Schools open – Intake and SLP Meetings Begin
Tuesday, September 14, 2021	New Student Orientation Assembly Welcome Back intros
Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Classes begin
Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Photo day. (Details to follow) Covid protocols dependent – ‘Rain or Shine -School Wide Terry Fox Run outside on our property’ 12:30 pm.
Friday, September 24, 2021	District Pro-D Day – Schools Closed
Monday, September 30, 2021	Truth and Reconciliation Day - Schools Closed
Monday, October 11, 2021	Thanksgiving – Schools Closed
Friday, October 22, 2021	District Pro-D Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, November 3, 2021	Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
Thursday November 11, 2021	Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
Friday, December 10, 2021	School Based Pro-D – Schools Closed
Tuesday, December 14, 2021	Term One Report Cards available on SD43 Family Portal
December 18, 2021 – January 3, 2022	School Closed for Winter Break
Tuesday, January 6, 2022	Schools Re-open
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
Monday, January 31, 2022	School Based Pro-D Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, February 3, 2022	Formal SLP review meetings scheduled 1.pm. →
Monday, February 21, 2022	BC Family Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 25, 2022	District Pro-D Day– Schools Closed
March 12, 2022 – March 27, 2022	Schools Closed for Spring Break
Monday, March 28, 2022	Schools Re-open
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Term Two Report Cards available on SD43 Family Portal
Friday, April 15, 2022	Good Friday – Schools Closed
Monday, April 18, 2022	Easter Monday – Schools Closed
Wednesday April 27, 2022	Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
Friday, April 22, 2022	District Pro-D Day – Schools Closed
Monday, May 23, 2022	Victoria Day – Schools Closed
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Last day of classes
Wednesday , June 22, 2022	Graduation/ Awards Ceremony
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	Term Three Report Cards available on SD43 Family Portal
Thursday, June 30, 2022	Administrative Day