

Encompass 10-12

September 2018

Important Dates:

- Sept 4 Schools Open
- Sept 4-7 Intake Meetings
- Sept 10 Welcome Back BBQ
- Sept 11 Classes begin
- Sept 21 Pro- D Day
- Sept. 26 School Photos
- Oct 8 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 9 Curriculum
Implementation Day
- Dec 14 Reports Sent Home
- Dec 15 Schools Close for
Winter Break

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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready to return to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Teachers return to school on Sept. 4th and will begin calling each family to book appointments to plan courses and schedules. This first meeting is an opportunity to reflect on previous progress, set goals for the upcoming year, and develop a Student Learning Plan (SLP) or an Individual Educational Plan (IEP), as required. New students will be assigned to one teacher who will be the primary contact throughout the year, monitor course progress, and work with the team to provide ongoing support and feedback as needed.

We are very fortunate to have all our teachers back from last year and they are ready and excited to continue working

with you.

As last year, we are also happy to have Tanya Walton, working from Tuesday to Friday and Nina De Lucca will be back every Monday!

Our Annual Welcome Back BBQ will be on Monday, Sept. 10 at 11:30 am. We invite all students to attend both the BBQ and the brief 'meet and greet' with the staff just before the BBQ. It's also a great time to meet old friends and make new ones. Some fun activities are being organized for the event.

The regular class schedule will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 11th 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 is appropriate to each student... and of course, to graduate!

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

Lisa Dubé
Principal

Daily Schedules & Routines

Teachers are available in Rms. 108 & 109 from 9:00-11:30 am and from 12:30-3:00 pm daily. Students have the option of choosing either a morning or afternoon session daily, but not both. Please note we do not have a cafeteria or student lounge, so if they would like to stay for an elective at a time

other than their scheduled tutorial, they need to make plans to leave the building for lunch and return for the program.

In the first intake meeting, students will sign up for 3 or 4 blocks of time to attend during the week to optimize their suc-

cess in course completion and to meet specific learning needs. This schedule also allows for more individual time with teachers to support learning. Students will sign in & out for their scheduled tutorial time.

Please feel free to bring snacks and water to class.

Communication

Consistent communication is vital to 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.

Each Friday afternoon our teachers set aside time to collaborate and connect with parents via email or phone to provide an update on their child's progress for the week.

Please ensure teachers 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 any of the teachers if you have specific subject area questions or concerns.

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 and set up a time to meet in order to avoid disruptions to the daily learning of students in the classrooms.

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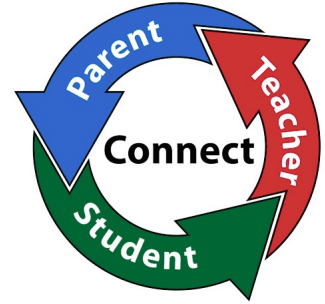
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Individualized Instruction

At the beginning of the school year, each student develops an 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 the program is flexibility. This means each stu-

dent 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. There may also be opportunities for small group instruction and learning.

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

Support Services

Tanya Walton is the counsellor for the Encompass 10-12 program at Vanier. Her office is located in Rm. 112 at the top of the ramp.

This year we also welcome Nina DeLucca back every Monday as our counsellor.

Tanya conducts intake meetings, provides counselling to students, runs a variety of student groups, 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 Tanya or Nina first. They will connect with that school and arrange courses with the school counsellor.

We will also be welcoming a new Youth Worker in September who

will work with our program part-time.

Tanya, Nina and our new Youth Worker are 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—28 credits in the new curriculum.

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 Tanya Walton, or Nina DeLucca, our counsellors, and they will make arrangements with the counsellor of the high school of choice.

Many students take elective classes at high schools across the district as well as at Encompass. Tanya and Nina work with all schools to help find courses and 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, connect with Tanya and Nina early in the fall to make arrangements for Semester 2.

Some electives offered at Vanier include:

- ◆ Keyboarding 11
- ◆ Drama/Film/Television 12
- ◆ PE 10/11/12
- ◆ Art 11/12
- ◆ Foods 11/12

New BC Curriculum

In Sept. 2018, the Gr 9 & 10 section of the Secondary Curriculum will be used in all Secondary schools across the province. When you meet with your Case Manager, they will alert you to any of the changes that will apply to you both this year, and throughout the grad program.

This year will be the last time that students will be required to write English & Communications 12

Provincial Exams. Students will be required to write a Numeracy Assessment. The Literacy Assessment for the 2018/2019 school year is still in the development stages and may be ready in Sept. Neither of these two assessments are attached to a specific course. They are skills based and can be written any time from Gr 10-12.

Teachers will continue to be busy on Pro-D Days and on the Nov. 9 Pro-

vincial Curriculum Implementation Day to learn more about the new curriculum, and for our staff, work on implementing it into our individualized approach.

If you would like more information about the new curriculum from K-12, the Ministry of Education has an excellent website at:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>

Graduation and Transitions Beyond



Students graduate from Encompass as they would from any other high school in the province. We hold a graduation ceremony in 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 will be mailed to them in the summer from the Ministry of Education. This is the same process for graduates at other high schools.

The teachers and counsellors will work with each grad 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 contact them to clarify any questions you may have.

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The Encompass 10-12 program has been at Vanier Centre since September 2012. Our goal is to provide flexibility for students and families as they work towards graduation.

Students who attend Encompass are seeking alternative ways of engaging with the educational process. They are looking for flexible structures, pacing, and individualized and small group instruction in a quiet, safe setting.

Each student works on an individualized program based on their needs, abilities and interests. They also have opportunities for socialization throughout the week through academic and activity based programs. The smaller setting helps students develop a strong sense of belonging to the school, staff and their peers.

