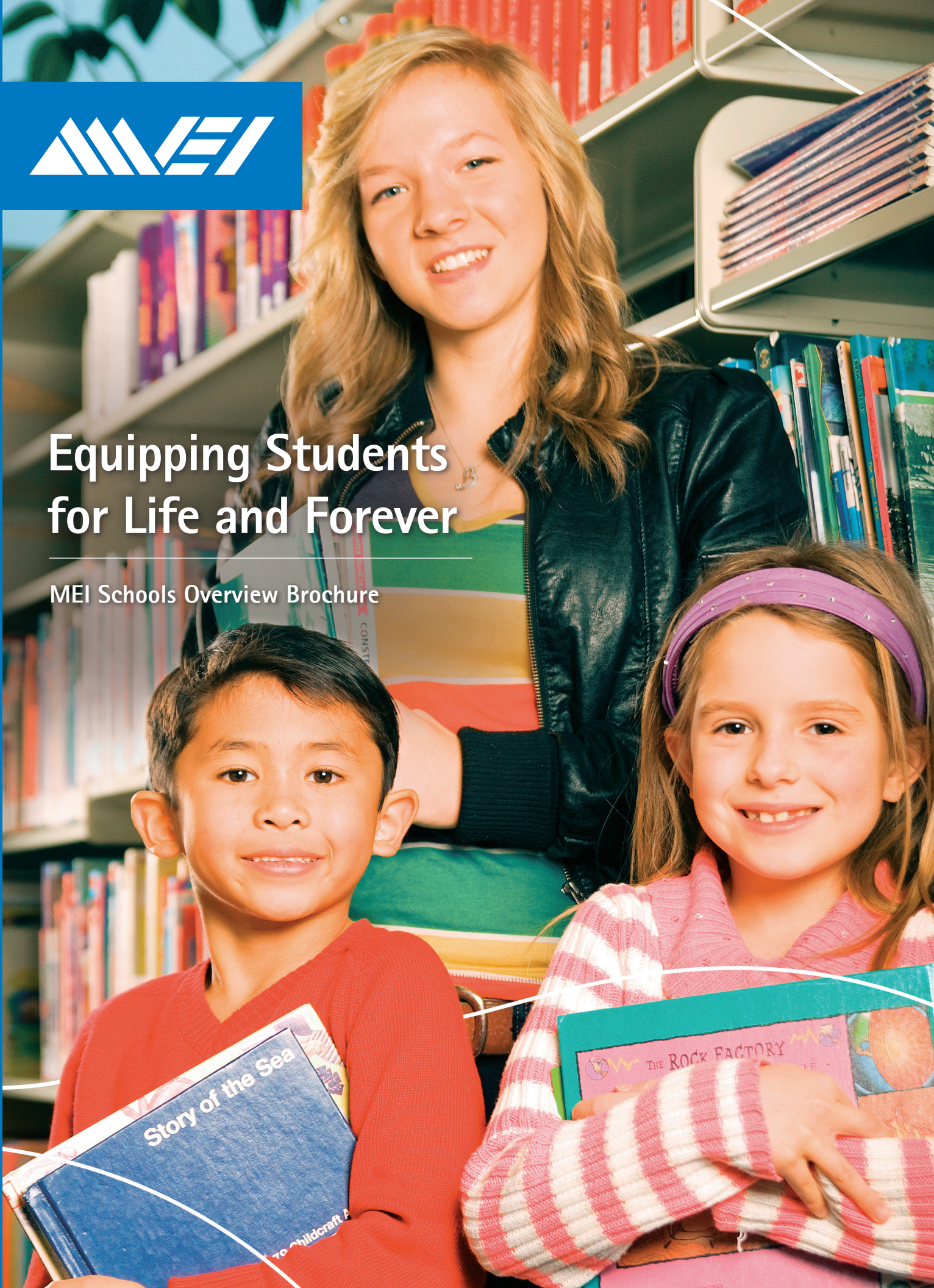
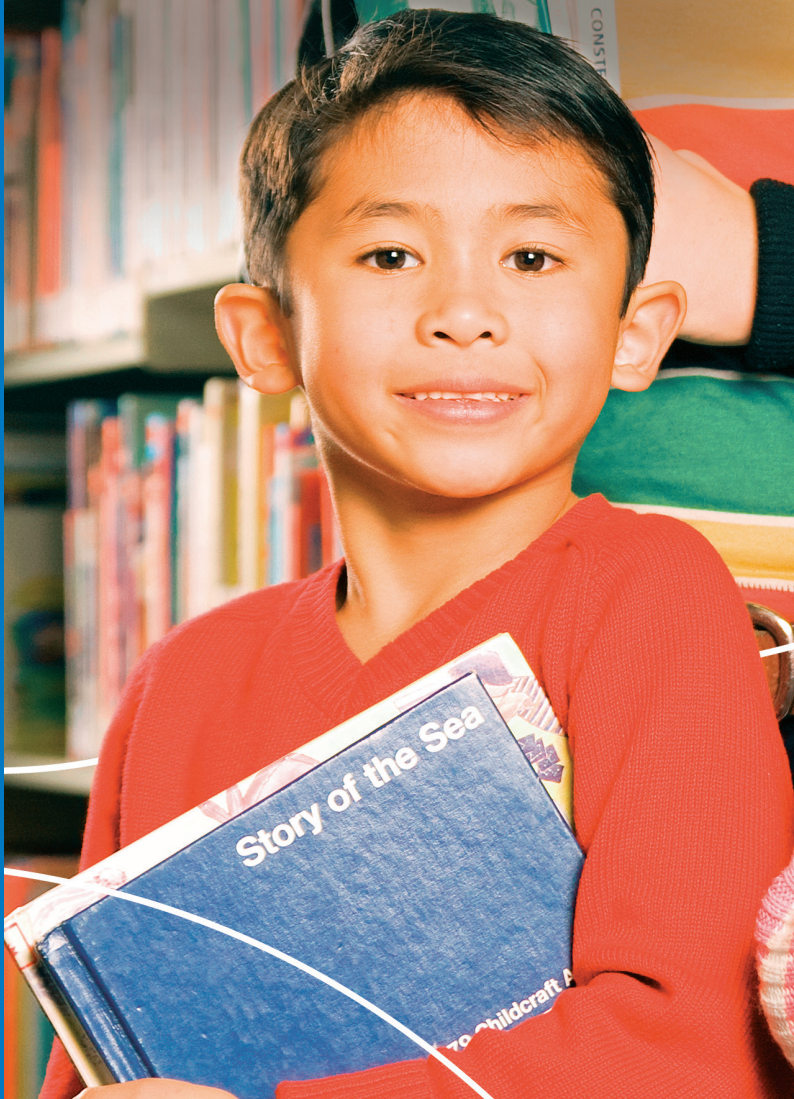




# Equipping Students for Life and Forever

MEI Schools Overview Brochure





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# Overview

*MEI Schools prepare young people to live a life of excellence through service to God's kingdom and society as faithful disciples of Christ. Our mission serves as the focal point for everything we do, ensuring that MEI provides an enriching and life-shaping experience.*

From preschool through grade 12, MEI provides students with a holistic education that focuses on developing the whole person – socially, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Our unique academic structure integrates the BC curriculum with a Christian perspective. This equips students with practical skills and knowledge, as well as essential character traits and values for a well-rounded foundation in preparation for post-high school life.

MEI's exemplary curriculum is complemented by caring and qualified professionals who are committed to creating a nurturing and supportive environment that is conducive to student learning and growth. Service learning is an integral component of the MEI experience and is fostered through a variety of outreach initiatives in which students discover what it means to humbly and effectively serve others. Sports, drama, fine arts and other extracurricular activities round out the MEI offering, giving students a variety of opportunities to discover who they are while making lifelong friendships in a diverse community.

We invite you to explore all that the MEI experience has to offer students in preparation for a life of impact and influence.

## A Look Back

MEI's history is one that is characterized by tradition, perseverance and resilience. In May 1944, representatives of 14 Mennonite churches in Abbotsford met to discuss the idea of starting a Mennonite high school. The mission was to establish a school that would focus on evangelical Anabaptist values while providing strong academics. Limited resources and wartime restrictions created several challenging obstacles in pursuit of this mission but the committee persisted. In the fall of 1944, MEI Secondary School saw its first class of students walk through its doors – 44 individuals ranging from grades 9 to 12.

In 1997, MEI expanded to include an elementary school, completing MEI's offering of education for students from kindergarten through grade 12. MEI Middle School opened its doors in 2004 in accordance with the BC Ministry of Education's movement to create a distinct educational experience for students in grades 6 through 8.

Today MEI schools stands on a foundation of tradition and excellence – maintaining a commitment to their founding mission of delivering high quality education encompassing distinct Christian values.



# Why MEI?

*MEI is committed to providing students from kindergarten to grade 12 with a holistic educational experience, which is why MEI is an excellent choice for elementary, middle and high school education.*

## Tradition of Academic Excellence

Since 1944, MEI has been providing students with a high quality, faith-based education, establishing a tradition of excellence that is manifested in MEI students consistently scoring above the provincial average on all academic assessments. We remain committed to offering a premiere educational program and to creating a rich supportive environment by keeping our facilities current, by staying on the cutting edge of technology and by continuously developing a vibrant curriculum.

## Christian Foundation

Bible classes, chapel services, small group studies and daily devotional and prayer times help students gain a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and learn what it means to be in relationship with Christ. Service excursions open students' eyes to relevant social issues, elicit compassion and empathy and help shape their vision to serve and influence others. The insights drawn from these enriching experiences are essential in building a foundation for an impactful life of ministry and service.

## Safe Environment

We strive to create a supportive and nurturing environment where students feel safe and comfortable to explore questions about faith and society's issues. At MEI, each student is valued, and our goal is to ensure that the unique needs of each child are met as they are challenged to reach their God-given potential. Part of the MEI experience involves belonging to an authentic and vibrant community where students from all races, cultures and backgrounds are welcomed and encouraged to get involved.

*“As a third generation MEI graduate, the knowledge and skills I gained at MEI were instrumental in paving the pathway to a successful career; but more importantly, at MEI I learned the importance of effectively representing Christ in all facets of my life. So when it came time to decide what school I would send my daughters to, the decision was easy. With MEI, I'm confident my children will receive a quality and enriching educational experience that will prepare them for life.”*

— Jason Born, 1997 Graduate, MEI Board President, Certified Management Accountant

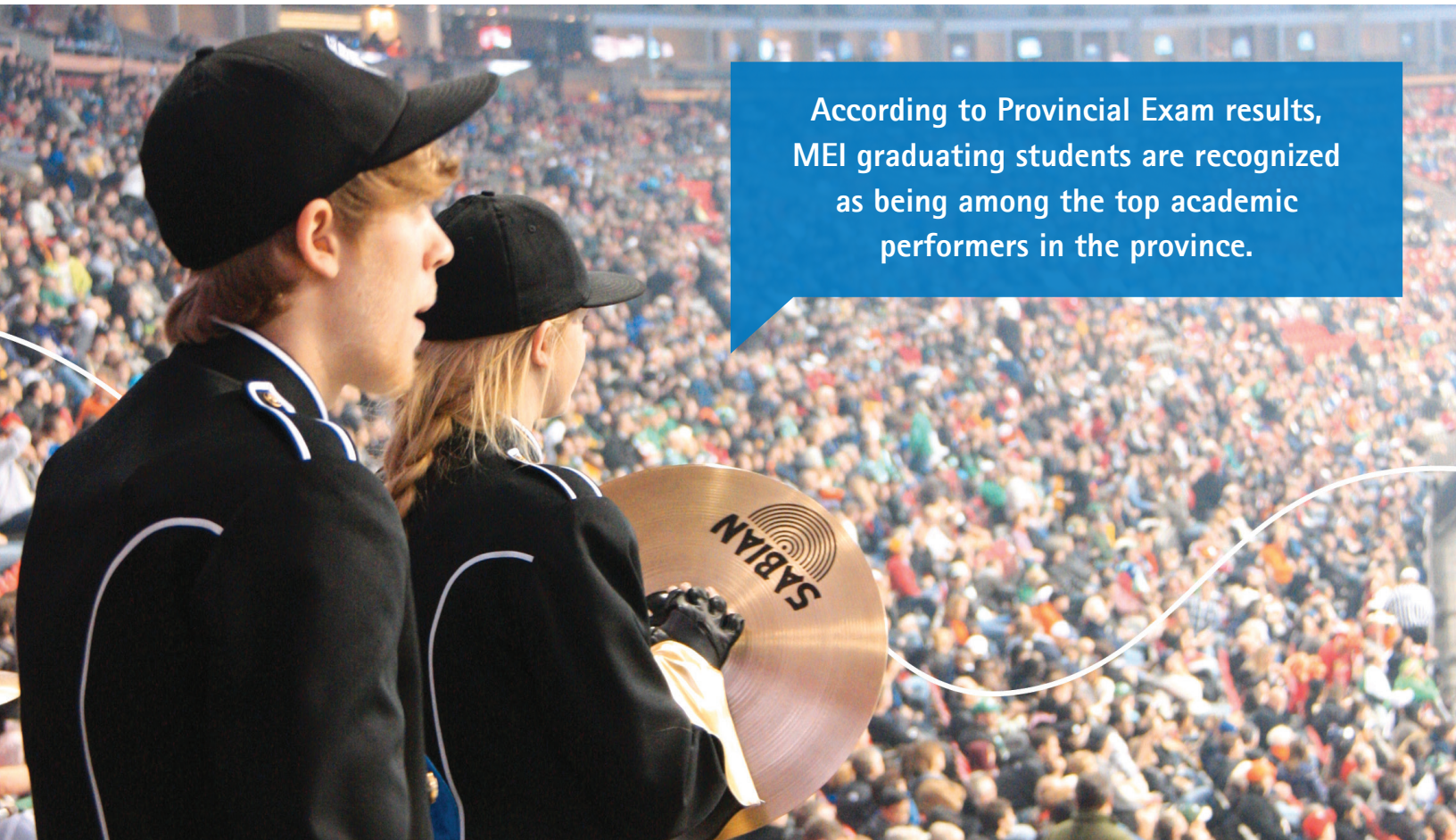


## Character and Values

At MEI, Christ-centred values form the foundation of everything we do. In both curricular and extracurricular settings, students are not only taught the importance of upholding high standards of character and behaviour, they're also held accountable for them. It's through this approach that students learn to take responsibility for their behaviour and develop the integrity and principles that will guide them to success in all facets of life.

## Post-Secondary Preparation

MEI strives to prepare students for the transition into university and post-high school life. Core academic disciplines and a diverse selection of electives are taught through the lens of Christian principles with a focus on real world issues and themes. MEI follows an education model which remains consistent from elementary through high school to foster an enhanced and holistic continuum of learning. Through this approach, students develop the essential skills, knowledge and character to become influential leaders and compassionate members of society.



According to Provincial Exam results, MEI graduating students are recognized as being among the top academic performers in the province.

# Preschool

*Play. Learn. Grow.*

*MEI Preschool was designed with the youngest children in mind with a playground and separate facility tailored specifically to children aged 3 and 4. Because a 3-year-old's needs are different from that of a 4-year-old's, our school offers separate programs for each of the two age groups. These are programs taught by preschool teachers who are specially trained in Early Childhood Education and who genuinely care about these young learners.*

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## What We Offer

*Our preschool provides a loving and caring environment in which early-stage academics, socialization, Christian education and fun are all components. Central to our programming is the understanding that children learn best through play.*

*The 3-year-olds' class is held Tuesday and Thursday mornings, while the 4-year-olds' classes are offered in either a two or three-day format during morning or afternoon timeslots. Our program's foundation is based on well-established learning centres, guided activities and weekly themes.*

*MEI Preschool is a place of wonder that provides the opportunity to explore, celebrate and succeed in God's world.*

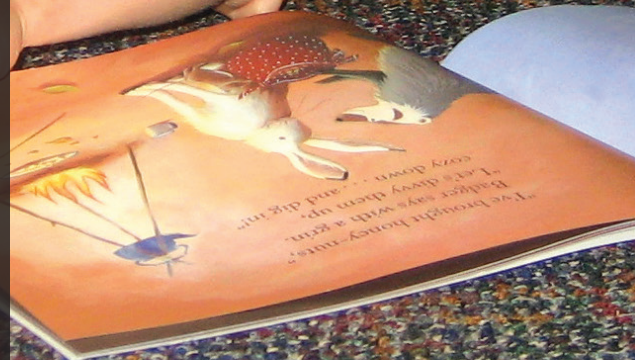
Find out more [www.meischools.com/preschool](http://www.meischools.com/preschool)





“ MEI Preschool provided an excellent learning environment for our children, not to mention an important stepping stone into elementary school. We highly recommend this preschool program. ”

— Kelly and Monica Skeels, Parents



# Elementary School

*Kindergarten - Grade 5*

*MEI Elementary offers an exceptional learning experience for students in kindergarten through grade 5 and is regarded as one of the finest elementary schools in the region. We recognize that the hearts and minds of children are impressionable so we strive to create an inclusive and respectful culture where students feel safe and secure as they learn fundamental academic principles, essential Christian values and appropriate social skills.*

MEI's qualified team of committed and nurturing teachers utilizes a variety of activities and assessments to meet the individual learning styles and intelligences of each student. A thriving learning environment is facilitated through exceptional facilities which meet the

learning needs of all our students. A double gymnasium, music room, extensive library and computer lab enhance our educational offering and provide opportunities for students to learn relevant skills in a positive, nurturing environment.

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## What We Offer

*In accordance with the MEI Schools model, MEI Elementary integrates teachings of the Christian faith with the BC Ministry of Education curriculum. Special instruction is offered in Music and Physical Education.*

*Learning Assistance is also available for students who require extra help. MEI Elementary offers students:*

- Christian Foundation and Service Learning
- Academics
- Physical Education
- Performing Arts



# Christian Foundation and Service Learning

## *Learning to Love Christ and Others*

At MEI Elementary, we believe that teaching children the importance of serving others is an integral component to providing a holistic educational experience and developing young servant leaders. As an extension of this belief, elementary students are taught how to use their unique gifts and personalities to serve others in both the classroom and community.

Simple principles of sharing, communication and respect are integrated into daily activities to create an authentic community and to teach students how to love others like Christ does. A variety

of initiatives including recycling and visiting seniors' homes allow students to gain real world insights and begin to shape their understanding of what it means to humbly serve others.

*“ We are so thankful to MEI for supporting the moral and Christian values that we teach and practice at home. Wonderful conversations around the dinner table arise from experiences at school, including discussions about what's being taught in class or spiritual conversations regarding Bible memory verses, Bible class or chapel. MEI provides an environment that allows students to develop mentally and spiritually to their full potential through academics, sports and the arts. ”*

— **Andoret Barnard, Parent**

Each year, MEI Elementary students raise in excess of \$30,000 for Heart to Heart Children's Home in Haiti.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/elementary/servicelearning](http://www.meischools.com/elementary/servicelearning)



Our commitment to serving others begins within the classroom where students learn how to treat others the way they want to be treated – with compassion, patience and acceptance.





By creating a positive, safe and enjoyable learning environment, MEI Elementary provides a foundational elementary education that optimizes the growth and development of each child.



# Academics

## *Shaping Young Hearts and Minds*

MEI Elementary is committed to upholding the same standard of academic excellence that MEI Secondary was founded on years ago. We recognize that the early years of a child's education are critical in shaping their young hearts and minds, and laying the foundation for long-term growth and development.

Core disciplines of Math, Language, Science and Social Studies are taught from a Christian perspective, teaching students fundamental academic principles while expanding their Biblical knowledge. Through a variety of individual and

group learning activities, students gain valuable problem solving, teamwork, literacy and writing skills. A focus on discipline, work ethic and character encourages students to strive for excellence in the pursuit of becoming lifelong learners.

**“** *I love Math, Reading, Science and Writing. In grade 3 I went to math challenge classes that had tricky problems that made me think really hard. I am learning to write good paragraphs by using COPS (capitals, organization, punctuation and spelling). We do lots of field trips. MEI is a great school!* **”**

– Elisabeth Klassen, Grade 4 Student

MEI Elementary conducts yearly surveys and reviews the progress of our students on a regular basis to ensure that our educational programs remain cutting edge and meet the needs of all our students.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/elementary/academics](http://www.meischools.com/elementary/academics)

# Physical Education

## *Developing Active Hearts, Minds and Bodies*

MEI Elementary recognizes the integral role physical education plays in whole-student development. Through physical education, we strive to create a vibrant learning environment where children reap the social, mental and physical benefits of activity, while learning the importance of taking care of the body that God has given them.

Our physical education curriculum includes a variety of team sports, games, dance and gymnastics that are taught to create a learning experience that is both enriching and enjoyable. With the guidance of qualified instructors,

children develop essential movement skills, physical fitness, leadership qualities and learn concepts that foster lifelong healthy living. As well, children begin to establish positive work habits and cooperative problem solving competencies.

*“With physical education, our goal is to build students' basic movement skills providing a foundation for life-long involvement in a variety of physical activities. The PE classroom provides a unique environment where students are active while having fun and learning the importance of sportsmanship, leadership, determination and cooperation. We strive to help students develop a positive attitude towards active living, to increase their sense of pride and accomplishment and to instill confidence into each individual.”*

— Dana Currie, Kindergarten – Grade 5 PE Teacher, MEI Elementary School

**MEI's skilled PE teachers keep students engaged through a varied curriculum that includes team and individual sports, minor games, movement activities and leadership development.**

Find out more [www.meischools.com/elementary/physicaleducation](http://www.meischools.com/elementary/physicaleducation)



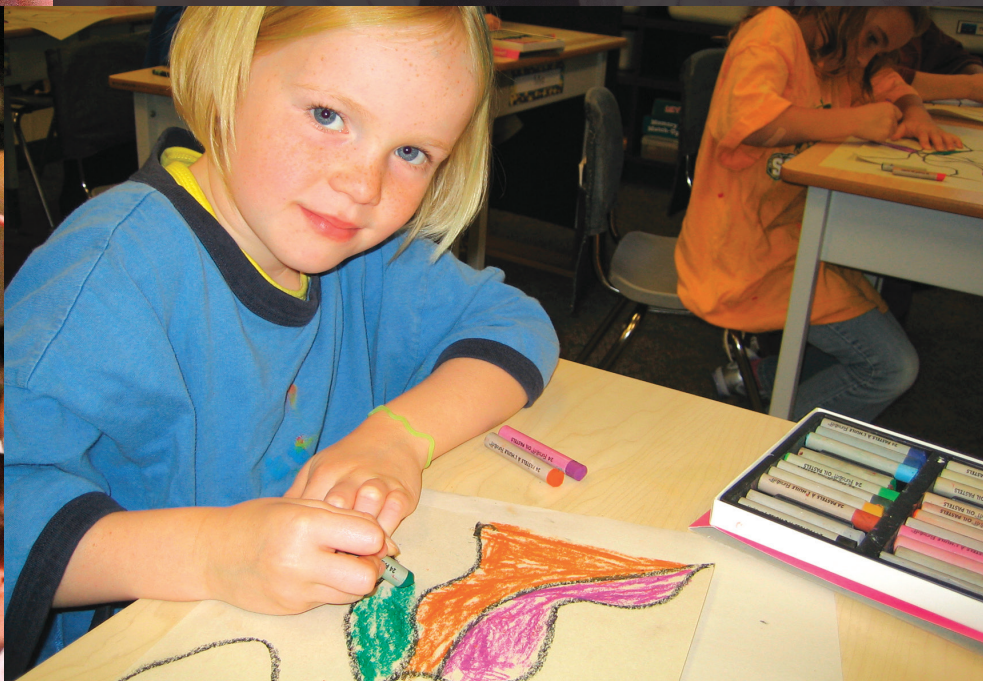


Through physical education, MEI strives to equip children with the attitude, knowledge, skills and abilities required to live an active and healthy lifestyle into adulthood.





Each child is unique and through Performing and Visual Arts, all students are given the opportunity to develop artistic skills with their community of peers.



# Performing Arts

*Nurturing, Inspiring, Guiding*

For children, learning how to express themselves through various creative outlets is essential to their growth and development. To enhance our exemplary academic curriculum, MEI Elementary offers learning through Fine Arts and Music as a means to inspire deeper thinking and nurture the creative gifts in all children.

MEI specializes in music instruction that allows for a varied approach to creative learning. From vocal and instrumental music to visual expressions of

painting and drawing, elementary students study many artistic forms as they cultivate their creativity and gain essential tactile, social and imaginative skills.

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*“ Music is an essential thread of the cultural fabric at MEI Elementary. All students learn to create, listen, move, sing, play and improvise music through sequentially planned lessons. School celebrations, chapels and concerts include varied music styles where all children are actively engaged. There is a sense of community, where children are even inspired to write about their learning. ”*

– Michelle Bredenholler, Music Teacher, MEI Elementary School

MEI Elementary has a full-time music teacher dedicated to providing our students with an active and experiential approach to music.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/elementary/performingarts](http://www.meischools.com/elementary/performingarts)

# Middle School

*Grades 6 – 8*

*MEI Middle School provides a high quality Christian education to support and nurture the characteristics, interests, needs and abilities unique to students 10 to 14 years of age. Collaboration is a significant component of the MEI Middle experience and our structure is built on a team-based model in which each grade forms a team that is led by a teacher who serves as the Team Leader.*

Within this structure, students meet with a home-based teacher each morning for advisory. Teachers provide specialized instruction in select curricular areas. By creating a more intimate, less fragmented learning environment, we help satisfy the need of middle school students for close relationships with their peers and teachers while we gradually prepare them to transition into high school.

Our 60,000 square-foot building features a large central multi-purpose room that serves as a Fine Arts facility, as well as a location for grade teams to gather and develop meaningful friendships. A double gymnasium and Art, Science, Home-Ec, Tech-Ed and Computer Labs foster a diverse learning environment and give students many opportunities to try new activities and learn through hands-on experience.

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## What We Offer

*MEI Middle offers students an outstanding selection of course options. In addition to regular courses, qualified instruction is provided for accelerated courses in our Science, English and Math Challenge Programs. Student support is provided for students who require assistance with their academic program and a Special Needs Program is offered for students with learning difficulties. MEI Middle offers students:*

- Christian Foundation and Service Learning
- Academics
- Athletics
- Performing and Visual Arts
- Applied Skills and Technology



# Christian Foundation and Service Learning

## *Developing Student Leaders*

In support of our greater mission, MEI Middle School is committed to developing and equipping Christian servant leaders who are active and compassionate participants in the communities they serve. In the classroom, we emphasize the importance of accepting and serving fellow students, while community-based outreach initiatives help students develop essential discipleship characteristics.

Grade 7 students participate in a course in which they serve the community by working with organizations such as the Salvation Army, Tabor Home, MCC, Real Canadian Super Store and SPCA. Grade 8 students have the option of taking a Leadership Class that has been

designed to refine and develop practical competencies in this area. Students are also given the opportunity to apply what they've learned and gain valuable leadership experience through coordinating school-based events and serving as school ambassadors.

*“ MEI does an amazing job of upholding a good, appropriate set of standards for students and provides excellent support and guidance throughout this time of decision-making. The environment this school has created for its students is spectacular. I believe that the students at MEI are brought to a place where they can think for themselves in a state of maturity, so that when they leave they will remember a community where fellowship is rewarding, wisdom is encouraged and loving others brings well-being. ”*

— Kyle Tydeman, Grade 12 Student (attended MEI since Kindergarten)

Every year, each student at MEI Middle participates in both community and international outreach initiatives.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/middle/servicelearning](http://www.meischools.com/middle/servicelearning)



“ ...So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God... ”

– Colossians 1:10 (NIV)





MEI Middle School sustains the fine balance of nurturing the growth and development of students entering adolescence, while preparing them for high school.





# Academics

## *Providing an Essential Foundation*

In the tradition of MEI Schools, MEI Middle upholds a strong academic focus that integrates with faith-based teaching to create an enriching curriculum that provides students with essential knowledge, skills and character development during the formative middle school years.

In the core subjects of English, Social Studies, Science and Math, students are taught the BC curriculum and then challenged to examine relevant topics and issues from both a secular and Christian worldview. This academic model encourages students to own their

faith and learning, and fosters strategic thinking and in-depth analytical skills in preparation for high school. Students also have a myriad of opportunities to engage in learning outside the classroom by participating in district spelling bees, public speaking and Math and Science contests and competitions.

*“ I really appreciate the education MEI is giving our children. They put a strong emphasis on developing godly character. The teachers encourage kids to ask hard questions and to find good answers. Secondly, I see kids being encouraged to look beyond themselves by loving their neighbours. I see this being played out within the school community, and in the larger community through service opportunities. ”*

— Sharon Mathews, Parent

Since the school's opening, an average of 50% of our students have achieved either Honours or High Honours. The school also monitors and celebrates student effort and improvement with a performance honour roll which awards the ten most improved students each term.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/middle/academics](http://www.meischools.com/middle/academics)

# Athletics

## *Encouraging Participation, Developing Skills*

In the spirit of staying fit, fostering teamwork and developing the whole student, MEI Middle School is committed to offering a strong Athletics Program that is built on a philosophy of participation. Through competitive sport, physical education and recreational activities, students are encouraged to participate and challenge themselves as they refine and expand essential physical and social competencies.

Qualified teacher-coaches provide skilled instruction while demonstrating fundamental values of integrity, sportsmanship and hard work as we strive to teach students how to be representatives of Christ in the context of sport and recreation. At the grade

6 level, students are encouraged to participate in the variety of sports we offer. At the grade 7 and 8 levels, we implement try-outs to identify the natural athletic gifts of students and nurture these abilities for further advancement in their sport.

*“ For students who wish to pursue advanced opportunities in sport, the middle school years are crucial to their athletic development. However, we also recognize that the gifts of each student are unique and may not include athletics. For these students, regular physical activity is important for their growth and for developing an overall lifestyle of health. ”*

— Reg Wiebe, Athletics Director, MEI Middle School

In preparation for high school sport, MEI Middle School competes in soccer, cross-country, volleyball, basketball, tennis, badminton, rugby, swimming and track and field.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/middle/athletics](http://www.meischools.com/middle/athletics)



At MEI, excellence in sport is about more than winning – it's about becoming more like Christ and modeling that on, and off, the court.



The MEI Middle School Marching Band offers students the chance to nurture their musical gifts, gain valuable performing experience and make great friends.



# Performing and Visual Arts

## *Helping Students Discover Their Individuality*

The arts and music curriculum at MEI Middle School has been designed to nurture the God-given gifts of students and expand on the skills, insights and creativity developed at the elementary level. Through a variety of visual, musical and written media, we seek to teach students how to analyze and interpret different forms of art from a Christian worldview as they begin to discover the creative outlet that best expresses their individual creativity and relationship with Christ.

We are one of the few middle schools in the region in which every grade 6 student participates in a music and drama program, along with having the option to play in band. Grade 7 students then choose either Band or Music. All grade 6 and 7 students also receive art instruction at MEI Middle.

Grade 8 students are given the option of Band, Music, Art or and Drama. In addition, Jazz Band, Choir, Drumline, Marching Band, Worship Teams, weekly chapel services and a number of other musical outlets offer students many opportunities to interact with others and worship God.

*“ The performing and visual arts program is a vital part of the Middle School community and allows all students the opportunity to give expression to the creative giftings that God has placed in all of us. To watch students discover their gifts and to help them develop their skills is a privilege. ”*

– Betty Lieuwen, Music Teacher, MEI Middle School

Every two years MEI Middle produces a musical involving many staff and students – attended by over a thousand guests at eight performances.

Find out more

[www.meischools.com/middle/performingarts](http://www.meischools.com/middle/performingarts)

[www.meischools.com/middle/visualarts](http://www.meischools.com/middle/visualarts)

# Applied Skills and Technology

*Practical, Relevant, Engaging*

The middle school years mark a significant formational time in students' lives. Along with transitioning into adolescence and adjusting to the new responsibilities that this brings, students are seeking to become their own person. To support their development, MEI Middle School provides a variety of applied skills and elective courses allowing students to engage their hands and minds, discover areas of interest and aptitude and develop valuable life skills.

Our innovative Tech-Ed Program allows students to explore technology through robotics, designing carbon dioxide cars, bridge building and jewelry making. Students develop their critical thinking ability, relevant problem solving capabilities and

essential tactile skills. Additional course electives include Drama, Graphic Arts, Home Economics, Woodworking, Information Technology and Video Production, giving students diverse opportunities to expand and refine skills in an applied learning setting.

*“ I love teaching Applied Technology. My students get to demonstrate their understanding of advanced engineering concepts such as aerodynamics, friction, design envelopes and the impact of mass on vehicle performance. Gifts that might have remained dormant are realized through the hands-on application of academic concepts in Applied Technology. ”*

— Matt Bacon, Applied Technology Teacher, MEI Middle School

Each year, MEI Middle students compete and are consistently top performers in the district Science Olympics.

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Technology is also integrated into the classroom to enhance the learning process and to equip students with relevant skills to thrive in a technology-driven world.



# Secondary School

*Grades 9 - 12*

*MEI Secondary has a rich history of graduating students who have gone on to be successful and influential members of society. To this day, our focus remains the same – prepare students for a successful transition into post-secondary education and adulthood, while creating a vibrant and enjoyable high school experience.*

Career-oriented instruction and experiential learning equip students with foundational knowledge, skills and experience that will help guide them to success in the vocation of their choosing. Both Christian and secular perspectives are integrated into the classroom to offer an enhanced worldview and challenge students to critically examine their beliefs.

Class sizes are managed to ensure that students receive focused attention from their teachers and to create an environment that fosters intellectual growth and character development within a relational context. In addition to the core curriculum, MEI Secondary School offers a variety of extracurricular activities, elective courses and athletics programs to ensure students receive a well-rounded high school experience and have ample opportunity to explore their interests.

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## What We Offer

*MEI Secondary offers students an outstanding selection of course options as well as a diverse range of opportunities to get involved and connect with other students. MEI Secondary offers students:*

- Christian Foundation and Service Learning
- Academics
- Athletics
- Performing and Visual Arts
- Applied Skills and Technology





# Christian Foundation and Service Learning

## *Building Community by Serving Others*

As part of our core values, MEI upholds a Christ-centred model of love and service to others – a commitment we strive to instill in our students through experiential learning. From service-focused classes to community and international outreach programs, MEI students gain a deeper understanding of what it means to serve and love others as Christ does and to apply this knowledge to all aspects of their lives.

At the secondary level, theory and experience combine to teach students how to articulate their faith while equipping them with the character and skills required to effectively serve others. Students develop valuable leadership skills as they coordinate and oversee a variety of local and campus-based initiatives.

Our life-changing International Missions Trips are an annual highlight for students as the experiences they share demonstrate to them the significance of a lifestyle characterized by serving others. The hope is that these trips will influence them to adopt lives of service.

*“ At MEI, we learned about the way the world works. Through various missions trips, we actually saw the way people suffered in an AIDS hospice or lived in garbage dumps, but then also witnessed the joy that they still had. That kind of experience is life changing. My ideas about the world, happiness and who I am were challenged. My eyes were opened through my time at MEI and I feel compelled to make a positive difference in the world. ”*

– Brayden Koslowsky, MEI Grad 2009

Each year, approximately  
70 – 100 students participate  
in MEI Missions opportunities  
around the world.

Find out more [www.meischools.com/secondary/servicelearning](http://www.meischools.com/secondary/servicelearning)



“ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ”

– 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)





MEI students' academic achievement is exceptional, particularly in light of their broad participation in one of BC's most successful Fine Arts and Athletics Programs.



# Academics

## *A Tradition of Academic Excellence*

Since 1944, MEI Secondary has maintained a tradition of academic excellence, consistently ranking in the top 10% of secondary schools in BC for student performance on Provincial Exams. We remain committed to providing a premier academic experience within a distinctively Christian, supportive community. Our goal is to equip students with the foundational education, skills and character required to smoothly transition into post-secondary school, and to thrive in the vocation of their calling.

MEI's courses examine relevant themes and issues from both a Biblical and secular perspective to enhance students' worldview and understanding of the Christian faith. Students are challenged to develop and support their position on various topics in pursuit of becoming critical thinkers and skilled communicators. A variety of electives, including Business, Marketing, Leadership and Law offer career-oriented instruction and give students

the opportunity to improve their skills and knowledge in areas of interest and aptitude. Classroom learning is enhanced by integrating technology with practical, hands-on training to stimulate strategic thinking, expand understanding of a topic and provide relevant skills in a technology-driven world. Successful MEI graduates are qualified for admission into a broad range of universities, colleges, technical institutes and Bible schools.

**“ My experience at MEI was an important step in reaching the place I am today – a PhD Candidate in physics at the University of California in Riverside, where I have found that the Christian faith is not only able to provide answers to life's most difficult questions in the person of Christ, but also to stand firm in the face of modern science and skepticism. ”**

– Graham Krahn, MEI Grad 2005

**MEI Secondary students consistently rank in the top 10% of high schools in BC for student performance on provincial exams.**

Find out more [www.meischools.com/secondary/academics](http://www.meischools.com/secondary/academics)

# Athletics

## *Character, Competition, Community*

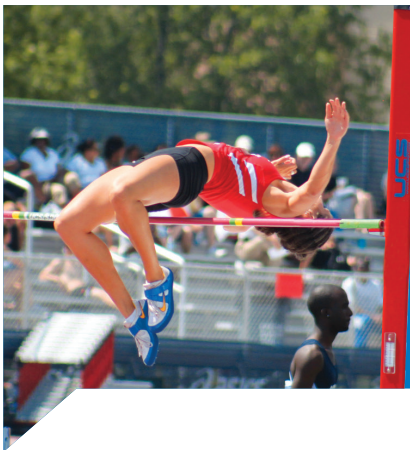
Since adding a basketball team to the school's program back in 1946, MEI has added numerous sports and has gone on to win countless local, regional and provincial titles. While we strive to maintain a strong tradition of athletic achievement, developing Christian character in our student athletes is a central focus of our athletics program.

At MEI, we believe sport is an opportunity for students to glorify God through the gifts and talents that they've been given and to develop in them the characteristics of Christ. MEI athletes are challenged to uphold high standards of work ethic, commitment and sportsmanship

on and off the court as they strive to perform at their highest level and to live out their faith within the context of competition. MEI Secondary competes in basketball, volleyball, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and field, golf, cross country and cheerleading.

### Student Athlete Success Story

Upon graduating in 2007, former MEI student athlete Natasha Miller accepted a scholarship to Biola University in Los Angeles to compete for the school in track and field. While there, she was awarded the Most Valuable Performer at both the NAIA indoor and outdoor championships in 2009 and 2010. In August 2011, Natasha participated as a heptathlete in the World Universiade Games in Shenzhen, China. During the two-day competition, Natasha scored three personal bests and finished 10th out of a field of 21 of the world's best university heptathlon athletes.



*"The coaching and training I received at MEI have helped me become the athlete I am today. It was at MEI where I was taught the importance of integrating faith in my sport. I feel blessed to be able to use sport as a platform to share the love of Christ with others and honour Him through the gifts I have been given."*

— Natasha Miller, MEI Grad 2007, Varsity Heptathlete

Find out more [www.meischools.com/secondary/athletics](http://www.meischools.com/secondary/athletics)



MEI's sports teams consistently rank among the top programs in the province and have earned many BC championship titles throughout our history.





The MEI Screaming Eagles Marching Band has won many awards at band competitions across BC and Canada and is in constant demand at sporting events in the community.





# Performing and Visual Arts

## *Cultivating Creativity, Compassion and Community*

Music and Performing Arts are integral components of MEI's vibrant culture, community and curriculum. Our Fine Arts and Music Programs are built on a strong tradition of creativity and performance which we uphold and develop.

Through Drama, Concert Choir, Band, Spring Musical Productions, Visual Arts and Contemporary Digital Design offerings, students have the opportunity to express their individuality and creativity, to cultivate their God-given gifts and to learn how to effectively serve and influence

others through the Arts. Expert instruction and enriching curriculum help students develop their skills, discover new passions and gain valuable experience in the areas of Music, Visual Arts and Drama in preparation for further involvement at the post-secondary level.

### Alumni Success Story

Brian Doerksen began establishing himself in the Christian music industry shortly after graduating from MEI in 1983. Today, Brian is a highly successful Christian songwriter and recording artist as well as author, conference speaker and pastor. Many of his songs, including "Come, Now Is The Time To Worship," "Hope Of The Nations" and "The River," have garnered international recognition and are sung in churches around the world. In April 2008, Brian won the JUNO award for Contemporary Christian/Gospel Album of the Year with his album, Holy God. A native of Abbotsford, Brian lives with his family in the same home in which he spent his childhood.



*"As a graduate and parent of three MEI students, I've experienced that the music foundation that MEI offers is incredible. MEI's commitment to excellence in the performing arts is outstanding and I would recommend MEI to any parent who wants to support the development of their child's artistic nature and gifts."*

— Brian Doerksen, Professional Worship Leader and Musician

### Find out more

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[www.meischools.com/secondary/visualarts](http://www.meischools.com/secondary/visualarts)

# Applied Skills and Technology

## *Equipping Students with Valuable Life Skills*

MEI Secondary provides a well-rounded education by embracing applied technology and by continuously expanding our curriculum in this ever-changing field. Our diverse program gives students the opportunity to acquire valuable life skills and leadership capabilities as they learn to work both independently and collaboratively in a wide range of career related offerings.

Courses in Computer Technology, Woodworking, Home Economics, Family Studies and Drafting allow students to hone their skills and expand their knowledge in areas of interest. Expert instruction

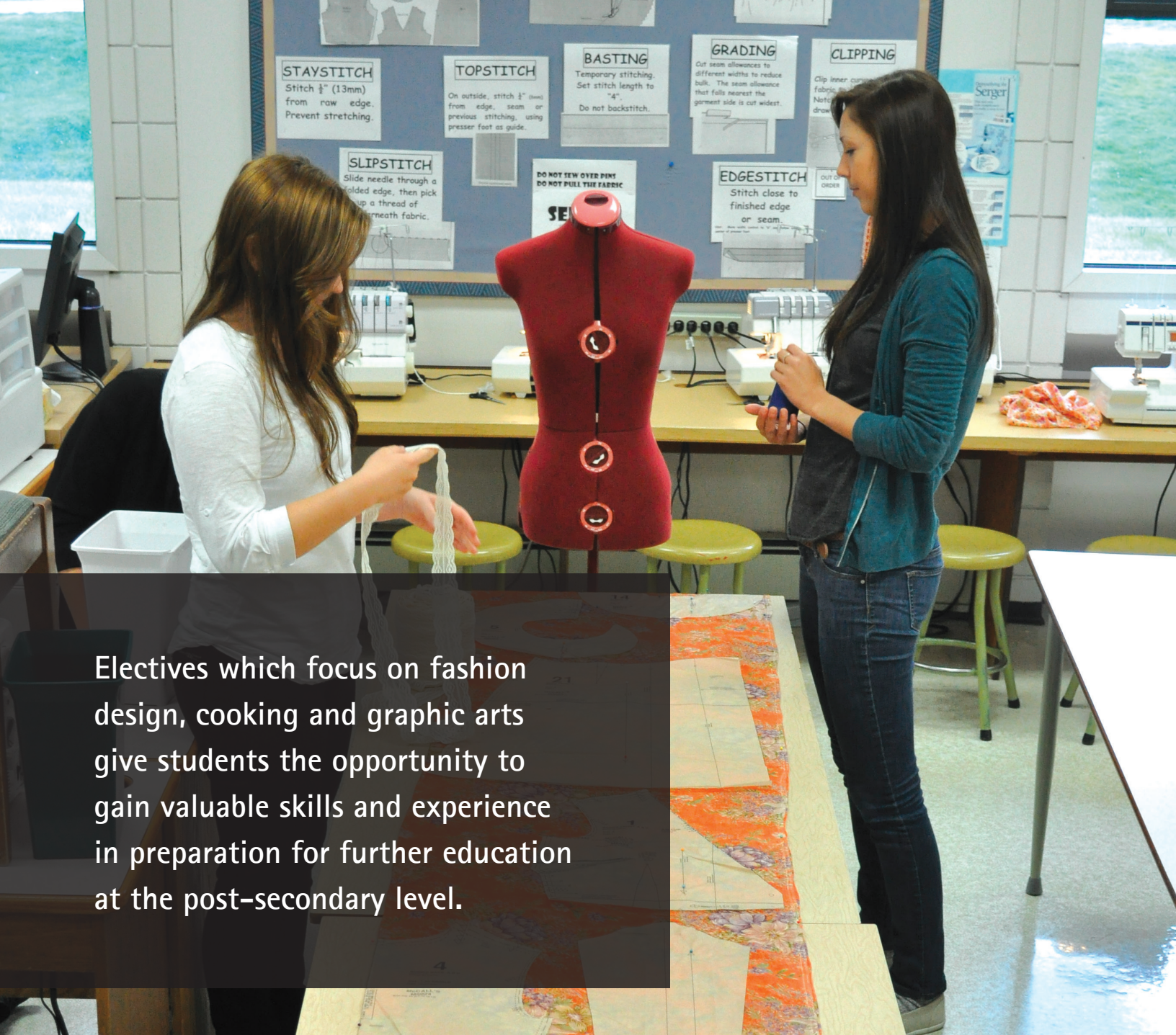
and hands-on training challenge students to engage their minds and hands in the development of vocational competencies, problem solving capabilities and individual creativity.

*“ Helping students expand their knowledge and skills with practical, hands-on training in the classroom is one of the primary reasons I work at MEI. Combined with a freedom to share my faith from the front of the class and nurture students in their walk with Christ, MEI truly is a unique academic experience. ”*

— Byron Fast, Woodworking and Drafting Teacher, MEI Secondary School

MEI's courses in Applied Skills and Technology take students outside the classroom to connect with the community in ways that provide real life experiences for students.

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Electives which focus on fashion design, cooking and graphic arts give students the opportunity to gain valuable skills and experience in preparation for further education at the post-secondary level.



# International Program

*Education Today – Success Tomorrow*

*MEI's International Program gives students from around the world the opportunity to learn in a renowned institution while being immersed in Canadian culture and community. The safe, academic environment provides students with top-quality education in government-approved programs where they will grow in every aspect of their lives. We believe that we can learn from the world by bringing the world to us. MEI's International Program offers possibilities and new opportunities to students from all backgrounds and cultures.*

## What We Offer

*MEI's International Program offers short and long-term programs. The short-term program hosts groups throughout the year for various lengths of time. All programs are agent-sponsored. Applications for individual students to study for a few months up to a year can also be made. These are accepted based on recommendations, length of study, level of English and space availability. The long-term program is a Certified BC Government Dogwood Diploma program and upon completion, students are able to access universities/colleges in Canada, the US and Great Britain. The matriculation rate of International students at MEI is 95%.*

### MEI's International students have matriculated to the following universities:

Queen's University

University of Toronto

University of British Columbia

University of Victoria

McGill University

University of Waterloo

Washington State University

London School of Economics

Michigan State University

Georgetown University

Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan)

Columbia University

Penn State University

Int. Christian University (Tokyo, Japan)

Find out more [www.meischools.com/international](http://www.meischools.com/international)



“ MEI really helped me in making life-changing decisions that I will always be thankful for. It was such a great time and I remember those years at MEI every day. ”

— Conrad Schwarzenbach, Switzerland (UBC)



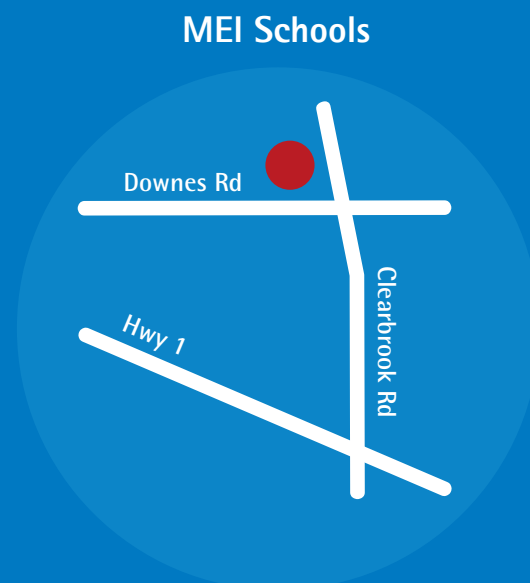
# What Now?

*Thank you for taking the time to learn about MEI Schools and the holistic, faith-based educational experience we offer students at the Elementary, Middle and High School levels. For parents, we recognize that making a decision about your child's education can be difficult, but our goal is to ensure that you feel connected and informed every step of the way. Our commitment to excellence extends beyond the classroom and we welcome the opportunity to assist you in any way we can.*

## Registration Info

*To take the next step in pursuing enrollment at MEI Schools, we invite you to do one or more of the following:*

- 1** Meet us in person on a campus tour
- 2** Visit us at [meischools.com](https://meischools.com) to learn more
- 3** Complete an application for enrollment
- 4** Contact us for more information  
**604.870.6058**  
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