



WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY IN OUR VANCOUVER SCHOOL?

5 reasons to study here

- Consistently rated in the top 3 most liveable cities in the world
- Offers TOEFL iBT®, Cambridge and IELTS exam preparation courses
- School is an IELTS exam center
- Explore the vibrant neighborhoods of Granville Island, Gastown, and Commercial Drive
- Enjoy weekend trips to Seattle, Whistler, the Rocky Mountains, and Vancouver Island

Location and contact information

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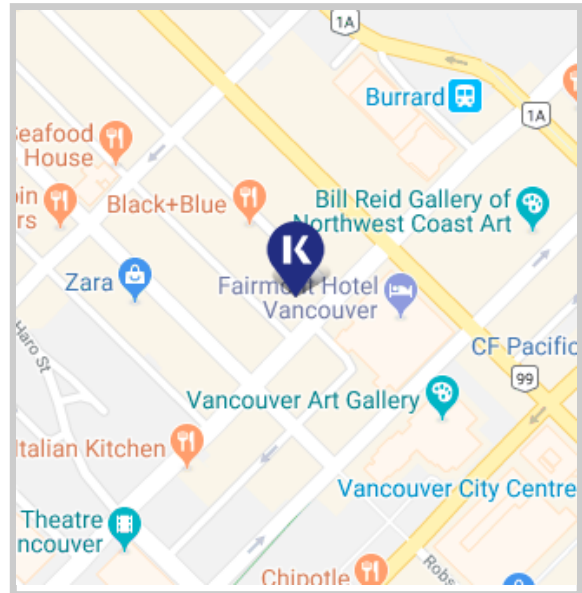
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AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE: 1993

PROVIDING ENGLISH COURSES SINCE: 1988



School information

SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Lynne Gladstone

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS: 25 (Full-time teachers 14)

LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY STAFF: Arabic, Japanese, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS: All teachers have a level of education normally represented by a degree and they also have a CELTA or equivalent qualification. Some also hold the higher level DELTA qualification, PGCE, or MA in applied linguistics

Accreditations and memberships



Is this school an exam center?

Yes, it is an IELTS exam center.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS:	1
NUMBER OF FLOORS:	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS:	14
SCHOOL FACILITIES:	Elevator, air conditioning, heating, Wi-Fi, computer lab/ multimedia center, vending machine, sun terrace/ patio, student lounge/ common room
WHEELCHAIR / DISABLED ACCESS:	Yes
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No
OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED:	Accommodation, Airport transfer, University Placement Service, Medical Insurance
EXTRA COST OF OTHER SERVICES:	See our price list
NUMBER OF COMPUTERS AVAILABLE:	47
LEVELS OF ENGLISH OFFERED:	All levels
FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL:	Orientation starts every Monday at 09:00. This includes a placement test, information about the school and city, and a walking tour of the local area. Classes start on Tuesdays. On their first day, students are expected to bring their passport, visa, and proof of medical insurance.



SAMPLE CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning

CLASS:	08:10 - 09:40
BREAK:	09:40 - 09:50
CLASS:	09:50 - 11:20

Afternoon

CLASS:	14:40 - 16:10
BREAK:	16:10 - 16:20
CLASS:	16:20 - 17:50

SAMPLE SPECIFIC SKILLS CLASS TIMETABLE

Morning class (Monday to Friday)

11:30 - 12:40

Afternoon class (Monday to Friday)

13:20 - 14:30

SCHOOL MATERIALS

MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS:

K+ Course Books, K+ Learning Clubs, K+ Learning Space, K+ Extra, Interactive whiteboards

IS THERE A BOOK DEPOSIT?

No

IS THERE A MATERIALS FEE?

Yes (Price: \$10/week)



Courses and students

COURSES PROVIDED AT THIS SCHOOL:	General English, Semi-Intensive English, Intensive English, Academic Year, Academic Semester, Business Supplementary, TOEFL IBT & Academic English Exam Preparation, IELTS Exam Preparation (test center), Cambridge Preparation, English for Academic Pathways, Tailored Group Programs
SPECIAL / EXTRA COURSES PROVIDED:	None
AVERAGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS:	11-15
MINIMUM AGE OF STUDENTS:	16
AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS:	20-25
STUDENTS PER AGE GROUP:	Under 18: 3% / 18-21: 30% / 22-25: 28% / 26-30: 17% / Over 30: 22%
TOP 10 STUDENT NATIONALITIES:	S.Korea, Japan, Switzerland, Mexico, Brazil, Columbia, Chile, France, Turkey

School location and transport

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	5 minutes	5 minutes	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	10 minutes	10 minutes	20 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	10 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	10 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	5 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A



AIRPORT TRANSPORT

CLOSEST AIRPORT: **Vancouver International Airport**

	Line or Number	Cost	Duration
Airport to city center by bus:	N/A	N/A	N/A
Airport to city center by train:	Canada Line	\$9.50	25 minutes
International train station to city center:	VIA	\$3.25	15 minutes

ABOUT VANCOUVER

NAME OF LOCATION:	Vancouver
FAMOUS LANDMARKS:	Stanley Park, Grouse Mountain, Olympic Cauldron, Granville Island
CUISINES WITHIN A 20-MINUTE WALK:	American, British, Chinese, European, French, Greek, Indian, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Seafood, Spanish, Thai, Turkish, Vegetarian, Vegan
TRANSPORT WITHIN A 10-MINUTE WALK:	Buses, Skytrain, Canada line
TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE THIS CITY:	1) Surrounded by incredible nature and landscape , 2) A thriving multicultural city easy to find their own community including amazing restaurants with cuisines from all over the world, 3) One of the most transit friendly cities in North America , 4) A welcoming and safe city no matter your race, gender, sexual orientation , 5) An abundance of outdoor activities to do in summer (hiking, camping) & winter (skiing, snow-sports)
WHAT MAKES THIS CITY UNIQUE?	Many beautiful parks and museums close to the school. The City of Vancouver is on the traditional territories of three Local First Nations: The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh. Enjoy the stunning ocean and mountain views from beautiful beaches or from a world famous park right in the heart of a vibrant city.
ALTERNATIVE THINGS TO DO:	Explore the local art galleries, see a different side of the city on a harbor cruise, climb The Grouse Grind (Grouse Mountain), brave the 2 suspension bridges, go whale watching
CITY PERSONALITY:	Active nightlife, bike-friendly, coffee haven, creative, cultural, eco-friendly, friendly, hiking, iconic, laid-back, natural landscape, picturesque, professional, snowboarding or skiing, sports scene, unique, vibrant, youthful

Examples of nearby cities to visit

SEATTLE	Travel time: 3 hours, price of round ticket: \$120, may need a US visa
WHISTLER	Travel time: 2 hours, price of return ticket: \$70

Regular social activities

HIKING	Free
CANUCKS HOCKEY GAME	\$70
INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK	\$20
BOWLING	\$20
PAINTBALL	\$25
BIKE RIDE AROUND STANLEY PARK	\$15



Typical 2-week social schedule

Days	First week	Second week
MON	New student orientation and city walking tour	New student orientation and city walking tour
TUE	Bike around Stanley Park	Vancouver Art Gallery
WED	Paintball	Burger and beer night
THU	Indoor trampoline	Zumba
FRI	Hike Deep Cove	Capilano Suspension Bridge
SAT	Club ESL: Whistler	Club ESL: Victoria

Number of Social activities per week: 6



LIVING COST (SAMPLE PRICES FOR ITEMS IN THIS CITY)

- Bottle of water: \$2
- Coffee: \$2
- Can of coke: \$2
- Meal out for two: \$40
- Takeaway pizza: \$15-20
- Sandwich: \$12
- Local one zone bus ticket: \$3.15
- Local one zone train ticket: \$3.10
- Bike rental around Stanley Park: \$15
- Cinema ticket: \$15

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Kaplan International Languages

VIVA TOWER APARTMENTS



ADDRESS:	1311 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2P3, Canada
WEBSITE:	N/A
ACCOMMODATION TYPE:	Multi-bedroom apartments, (apartments are mixed gender but bedrooms are not), some twin rooms have bunkbeds, shared and mixed male and female bathroom(s) in the apartment, shower, bath, private kitchen, lounge/common area and dining area.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Laundry, Wi-Fi, linen and towels, bi-weekly cleaning of common areas, students are responsible for tidying up after themselves
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	No
BEDROOM:	Wardrobe/ closet, desk, lamp, chair
KITCHEN:	Pots & pans, cooking utensils, cutlery & crockery, microwave, oven, stovetop, toaster, coffee maker, kettle, blender, fridge, dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer, iron and ironing board
FACILITIES:	Gym
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Granville Island, Yaletown, Robson St. shopping area, Alberni St shopping area, beaches
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Yes - until 23:00
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes (From 23:00 - 9:00)
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	Yes
ROOM CLEANING:	Cleaned on arrival, students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms, common areas of suites cleaned weekly
LINEN CHANGING:	Linen cleaned on arrival, students are responsible for cleaning their own linen
AVAILABILITY:	For students 18+
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	No
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES:	Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00
ROOM DEPOSIT?	Yes; Price: \$300 to be paid before arrival

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school (Vancouver):	12 minutes	5 minutes	15 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	10 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	10 minutes	N/A	15 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the main airport:	N/A	N/A	45 minutes	25 minutes

KING EDWARD TOWNHOUSES



ADDRESS:	431 - 443 W King Edward Avenue, Vancouver
WEBSITE:	N/A
ACCOMMODATION TYPE:	Multi-bedroom apartments, (apartments are mixed gender but bedrooms are not), some twin rooms have bunkbeds, shared and mixed male and female bathroom(s) in the apartment, shower, bath, private kitchen, lounge/common area and dining area.
SERVICES AVAILABLE:	Laundry, Wi-Fi, bi-weekly cleaning of common areas, students are responsible for tidying up after themselves
EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:	Cleaning available at extra cost
BEDROOM:	Wardrobe/ closet, desk, lamp, chair
KITCHEN:	Pots & pans, cooking utensils, cutlery & crockery, microwave, oven, stovetop, fridge, dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer,
FACILITIES:	Multifunctional social lounge
EXTRA COST OF FACILITIES:	No
FAMOUS LANDMARKS NEARBY:	Queen Elizabeth Park, VanDusen Botanical Garden, Nat Bailey Stadium
VISITORS OR GUESTS ALLOWED?	Yes - until 23:00
NOISE RESTRICTIONS?	Yes (From 23:00 - 9:00)
SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE RESIDENCE?	No
24-HOUR SECURITY?	Yes; 24-hour centrally monitored security services
ROOM CLEANING:	Cleaned on arrival, students are responsible for cleaning their own rooms, common areas of suites cleaned bi-weekly
LINEN CHANGING:	Linen cleaned on arrival, students are responsible for cleaning their own linen
AVAILABILITY:	For students 18+
MINIMUM NUMBER OF WEEKS?	No
CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES:	Check-in: Saturday & Sunday 16:00 - 21:00 / Check-out: Saturday 10:00
ROOM DEPOSIT?	Yes; Price: \$300 to be paid before arrival

	By foot	By bike	By bus	By subway/train
Time to the school (Vancouver):	N/A	30 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
Time to the nearest café / restaurant:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest supermarket:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest post office:	10 minutes	5 minutes	10 minutes	N/A
Time to the nearest ATM / bank:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest sports center:	5 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time to the nearest hospital:	10 minutes	N/A	15 minutes	N/A
Time to the city center:	N/A	30 minutes	20 minutes	20 minutes
Time to the main airport:	N/A	N/A	45 minutes	25 minutes

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION



THINGS STUDENTS NEED TO BRING:

Toiletries, personal items to make their room feel like home, prescription medication, a small gift for your host family (not required), phone card, cell/ mobile phone

SERVICES INCLUDED:

Bed linen, towels, laundry once a week, telephone use for emergencies

EXTRA COST OF SERVICES:

No

MEALS PROVIDED:

Yes (depends on booking type)

- **BREAKFAST:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.
- **LUNCH:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.
- **DINNER:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

WILL THE HOMESTAY ARRANGE TO PICK UP THE STUDENT FROM THE AIRPORT?

No

TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL:

Your host will help you plan your way to and from school on your first day and explain how to use public transport.

WHERE ARE THE HOST FAMILIES LOCATED?

North Shore, Burnaby, New Westminister, West, South or East Vancouver, Coquitlam, Surrey, Richmond

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Homestays are 45-75 minutes of commute time to the school; students can expect very diverse families, including single parent and single individuals, male and female hosts; Vancouver has many different ethnic neighborhoods.