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Why Vernon?

- Leading tourist area with a great climate from summer through winter
- Safe, completely English-speaking city
- Academies – soccer, golf, hockey, snow sports and more
- World class ski hill
- Personalized attention for students – in home and at school
- Great homestay program
- September, February, Summer entry



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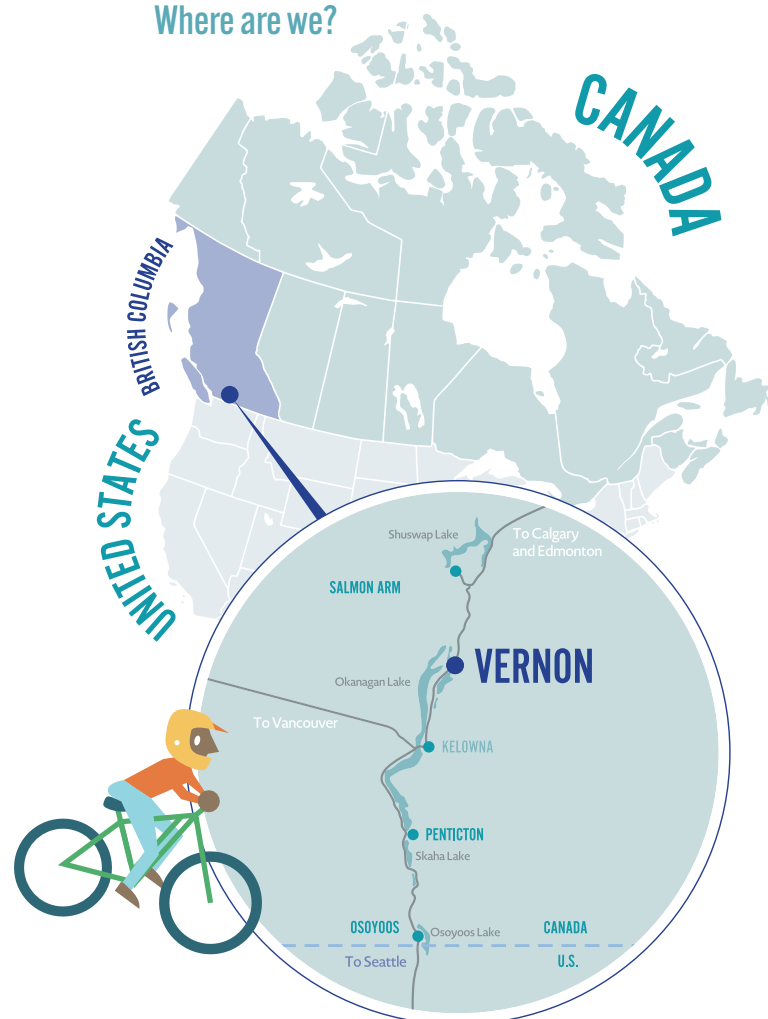
“One of Canada’s most desirable places to live.”

Welcome to Vernon, British Columbia!
The perfect balance of natural beauty and thrilling experiences.

Vernon is a medium-sized, thriving city nestled amongst mountain resorts, wineries, ski hills and hiking trails, along with downtown shops, restaurants, and unmatched lakes and beaches. All these amazing amenities and experiences compliment one of the best education experiences anywhere in the world.

Vancouver is just 4.5 hours away by car, or a 45 minute flight from nearby Kelowna International Airport. In fact, each student’s first experience of our area will be unforgettable. Our host families welcome new students at the airport, then drive them to their home in Vernon along one of the most scenic roadways anywhere in Canada.

Where are we?



Important to know:

- City of Vernon population: 58,000
- Greater Okanagan Valley population: 450,000
- One of Canada’s most desirable places to live
- Safe and accessible English-speaking city
- 5 high schools, 14 elementary schools
- 30 minutes from international airport
- 4.5 hour drive to Vancouver
- 6 hour drive to Calgary

How’s the weather? Just right!

Vernon has a wonderful, four-season climate offering year-round, world-class activities and recreational opportunities. Summers are hot and sunny, and winters are very mild by Canadian standards.

- Summer 30° to 35° C
(perfect for enjoying our stunning lakes)
- Winter 0° to -5° C
(perfect for enjoying our world-class skiing)



Surrounded by World Class Resorts:

- Predator Ridge Golf Resort
- Silver Star Mountain Ski Resort
- Sparkling Hill Resort & Spa



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Magical



Your Experience of a Lifetime

Along with amazing learning opportunities, you'll love living in Vernon for all the experiences it provides.

Inside and Outside School Adventures!

Just outside your door are recreational activities that will bring a smile to your face, including:

- Silver Star Mountain Resort (winter skiing and tubing, and summer mountain biking)
- Limitless mountain biking and hiking trails in the valley and on the mountains
- Stunning lakes and beaches



In our schools:

Each school has many arts, sports, trades, science programs, clubs and other great opportunities to learn new skills alongside new friends.

International students participate in all kinds of other fun activities, including:

- Barbecues
- International Soccer League and Championship
- Hiking and Beach Days
- Ski and Tubing Days
- Ziplining and Aerial Park
- Pumpkin Patch Visit
- Halloween Corn Maze
- Laser Bowling
- Trips to Vancouver, Edmonton, Rocky Mountains, and Victoria
- Movie Days, and more...



“Personalized Learning”

British Columbia has one of the world’s finest education systems. But there’s more to learning than the numbers. Our people make the difference!

Success through individual support

You will be supported personally throughout your experience in Vernon. Whether it is finding your classrooms, finding new friends, or learning English... our staff will be there to help you succeed.

World-leading education

You’ll learn in one of the best places anywhere. With 100% participation, inclusive education, and top results in reading and literacy, graduation rates, and post-secondary transition, Canadian education is ranked as one of the top education systems in the world for reading, math, and science on PISA (Program for International Student Assessment).

About our district and our schools

- Our international student population includes over 300 students from 20 countries
- There are over 3,875 students to interact with across our 5 high schools
- The entire SD22 student population is approximately 8,600 students



International Student Programs

- Students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 are welcomed from around the world. Programs include:
- Short-term
- Semesters (5 months)
- Full-year (Sept-June)
- British Columbia Graduation



Enriching



Academies

These specialty programs provide personalized learning opportunities in unique settings focused on sports, arts, culture, and the environment:

- Soccer
- Snow Sports (Alpine, Freestyle, Nordic)
- Volleyball
- Dance
- EarthQuest
- High Performance Golf
- On the Edge Hockey
- Baseball



Your Home Away from Home

“The Friendliest Homestay Experience”

We are deeply committed to the best homestay experience for our international students. From the moment you arrive at the airport, you will see the smiling faces of your host family. Throughout your stay, you will find that they are welcoming, involved, and supportive of the students they open their homes to.



“Supporting you every day”

The best support from our dedicated team

Vernon has a high staff to student ratio, so you will receive the support that you need. Our schools are staffed with certified International/ELL teachers providing English language instruction as well as regular support for all subjects. We provide 24-hour per day availability of homestay staff.

It's the details that matter:

- 24-hour per day availability of staff
- Careful placement of students
- Safety
- Home inspections
- Well-balanced meals and snacks
- Transportation
- Personal support
- Close connections with our schools
- Regular check-ins by staff with each student

Our Schools

“The best places to learn”

W.L. Seaton Secondary

A dual-track school offering both English language programming and the city's only secondary French Immersion program. Seaton has a strong Arts and Culture program with award-winning Concert and Jazz bands, as well as Choir, Drama, Musical Theatre, and Visual Arts programs. Its diversity makes it a welcoming environment for international students. **Population: 1000, grades 8-12**



Charles Bloom Secondary

Situated in the rural community of Lumby, the Gateway to the Monashee Mountains. The school is located in the centre of the village near the park, swimming pool, curling rink, skating rink, regional library, and skateboard park. A culture of mutual respect promotes a positive small-town atmosphere for students and staff. **Population: 375, grades 7-12**



Vernon Secondary

One of Vernon's most comprehensive schools offering courses and opportunities across all disciplines and areas, VSS has a proud tradition of achievement in athletics, fine arts, and academics. VSS is the District's largest school with a beautiful building and state-of-the-art technology in every room. **Population: 1075, grades 8-12**



Clarence Fulton Secondary

Offers a wide range of academic courses, interesting electives, and beautiful facilities. This school has outstanding athletics programs, great arts and trades electives, and is a welcoming community school. **Population: 775, grades 8-12**



Kalamalka Secondary

Offers strong academic, athletic and extra-curricular programs for all grades. KAL prides itself on maintaining high academic standards. Students can enjoy a variety of athletics, clubs, arts and interesting electives such as outdoor education, musical theatre, woodworking, and band. **Population: 650, grades 8-12**



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