# VILLANOVA COLLEGE



SCHOOL GUIDE
Toronto, Canada



## Your path into a top, global university is our priority

## Dear Students and Families,

We are thrilled that you are interested in learning more about Villanova College, an Independent Catholic High School located just outside of the heart of Toronto. Here we offer international students incredible academics, extracurriculars, support services and more to ensure that students have a positive, engaging and enriching educational experience.

International students are immediately embraced as part of our school community from the moment they arrive on campus. Our caring faculty and small class sizes give each student the individual attention they need to grow, learn and reach their full potential.

Villanova College's nurturing and caring approach allows for international students to easily get involved, form new friendships and discover new interests and opportunities.

Villanova College offers international students access to a full range of services, including:

- A rigorous academic program that includes Ministry of Education and AP courses
- ESL classes and After School tutorials personalized to each student's proficiency level
- University guidance and counseling tailored to fit the needs of international students seeking entrance to preferred universities and elite programs
- Homestay placement, transportation and student support services

We hope to see you on campus soon!

Best wishes,

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Paul Paradiso Villanova College President



## LIVING IN TORONTO, CANADA

Canada's largest city, with a population of 2.8 million people

Located on the shore of Lake Ontario and one of the world's

most multicultural cities (140+ languages and dialects spoken)

Home to prestigious universities, including The University of Toronto, York University, and Ryerson University









## Villanova College at a Glance

342

Total Students (for Grades 9-12) **80**%

of the Class of 2021 were accepted into their top choice university *and* major 1:10

Proportion of international students to domestic students



Exclusive, application-only four-year STEM program led by professional engineers and available to students with a passion for math and science



Four-year Teacher Advisor Program, where students are paired with a teacher who guides the group in both academic and social matters



Integrated curriculum with Math, Business, Design, Computer Science and Communications Technology departments



University-level AP courses, typically not offered at Canadian high schools



Incredible athletic facilities, including a 17,000 square foot state-of-the-art triple gymnasium and 200m indoor running track



1:8 staff-to-student ratio, giving students opportunities for highly personalized learning



## Why attend an Independent Canadian High School?

Indendent Canadian High Schools offer students rigorous academics and a supportive environment, with an emphasis on achieving Top 50 acceptances at both Canadian and U.S. universities. International students in Canada are set up for success from the moment they arrive, with affordable tuition prices, a comprehensive visa system, world-renowned universities, safe and diverse communities and incredible natural beauty.

## **Student Achievements**



## **Pathway to Universities**

Canadian universities are some of the most highly ranked and well-funded in the world. Through attending an independent Canadian high school, students are prepared to meet these universities' rigorous academic requirements for acceptance. At the same time, students are also on a clear pathway for entrance into top U.S. universities. Villanova College offers students guidance and support, whether they are applying to Canadian or U.S. universities.

of students are accepted to college or university

earned by VC Class of 2021 for merit scholarships

Average GPA earned by VC Class of 2021

## **UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES**

## **CANADA**

Acadia University Brescia College at Western University University of British Columbia **Brock University** 

Carleton University

Dalhousie University

George Brown College

University of Guelph

University of Guelph Humber

Humber College

Huron College at Western University King's College at Western University

Lakehead University

McGill University

McMaster University

Nipissing University

OCAD University

University of Ontario Institute

of Technology

University of Ottowa

Queen's University

Royal Military College

Ryerson University

St. Francis Xavier University Thompson Rivers University University of Toronto

Rotman School of Management

*Trent University* 

University of Victoria

University of Waterloo

Western University

University of Western Ontario

Ivey School of Business

Willfred Laurier University

University of Windsor York University

• Schulich School of Business

#### USA

Aquinas College Brown University

University of California, Riverside Cleveland State University

Columbia University

Cornell University

Fashion Institute of New York Loyola Marymount University Massachusetts College of Pharmacy

and Health Sciences

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Notre Dame

Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

St. Thomas University

Villanova University Yale University

#### INTERNATIONAL

*University of Edinburgh* James Cook University

University of Leeds

University of Sheffield

Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

St. Andrews University

St. George's University















## Villanova College Academics



### **Teacher Advisor Program**

Beginning in Grade 9, students are assigned to a Teacher Advisor with a small group of other students in the same grade. This group meets weekly and stays together until graduation. The purpose of the group is to support students as they transition into high school and help students set and achieve educational goals. The Teacher Advisor also meets with students one-on-one throughout the year.

90+

College Prep Courses offered

9

AP Courses offered

AP Courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Literature & Composition, Physics 1, Physics 2, Statistics, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics

## Sample Schedule

08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16	:00 1	8:00	20:00
Breakfast & Bus to School	School Curriculum (e.g. AP English, Computer Science)	Lunch	School Curriculum (e.g. AP Physics, Intro to Business)	Tutor Session	Extracurricular Activities	Dinner	Independent Study and Personal Time

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## RIGOROUS, INTEGRATED CURRICULUM

At Villanova College, the Mathematics, Business, Computer Science and Communications
Technology Departments work together to prepare students to succeed in a rapidly changing
world by providing them with hands-on experience and in-depth knowledge in a variety of
subjects that will enable them to succeed in high school, university and beyond.

## **Business Studies**

Information and
Communication
Technology in Business
Introduction to Business
Financial Accounting
Fundamentals
Financial Accounting
International Business
Fundamentals
Business Leadership:
Management
Fundamentals

# Computer Science and Communications Technology

Introduction to
Computer Science
Computer Science
Technological Design I
Technological Design II
Communications
Technology I
Communications
Technology II

## Mathematics

Principles of Mathematics
Grade 9
Principles of Mathematics
Grade 10
Functions and Applications
Functions
Calculus and Vectors
Advanced Functions
Mathematics of Data
Management

## **School Facilities**



## **Program Highlight: STEM Program**

Students with a strong interest in STEM fields can apply for the exclusive, four-year academic STEM enrichment program. In this program, students take enriched courses and take part in a challenging, hands-on curriculum that will help them understand advanced concepts and prepare them to study STEM in university.



Brand-new advanced engineering lab



Student performances take place at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts



Guided Learning Center where students receive academic support



Fully-equipped science laboratories



Mac Computer Lab



Sprawling 53-acre, Wi-Fi enabled campus

## Elite athletic facilities, including:



17,000 square foot state-of-theart triple gymnasium



Advanced fitness center and team locker rooms



200m indoor running track and scenic lakeside running trails



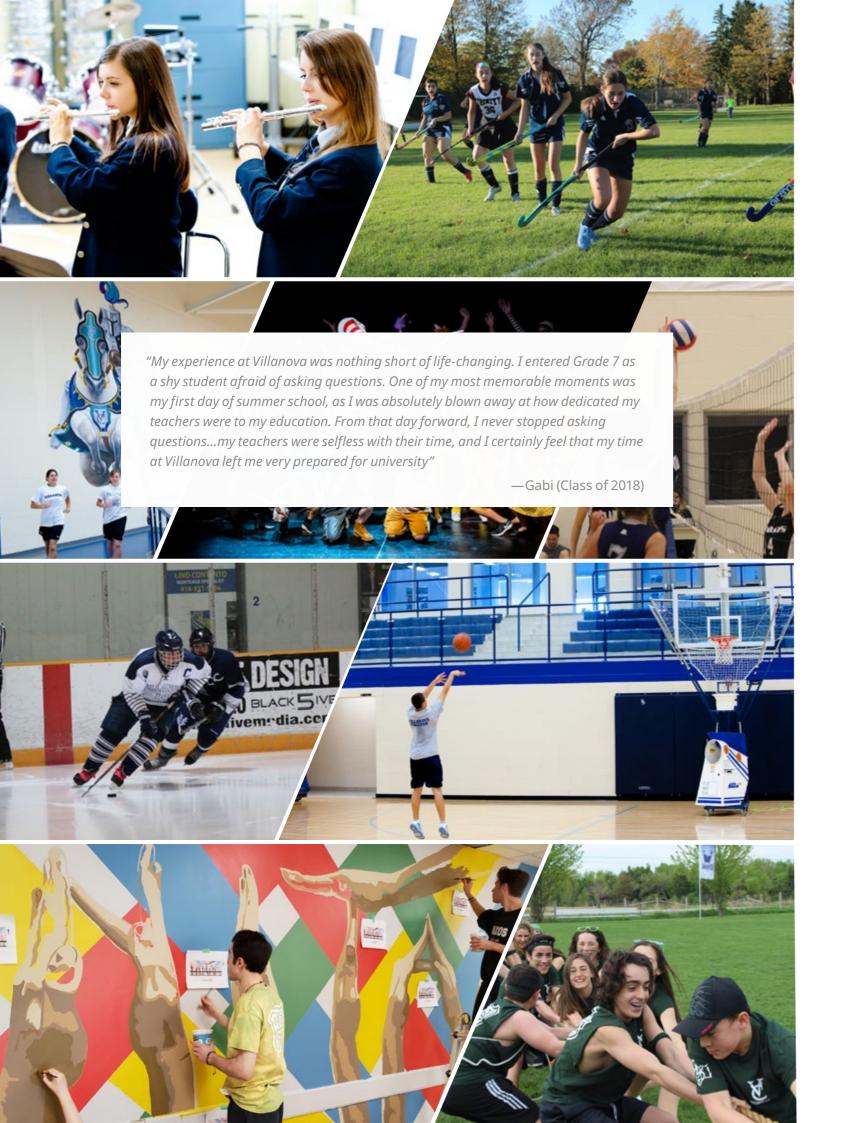
## Program Highlight: House System

Villanova College's House System, based off the model used in Britain, gives students a supportive, inclusive environment where they can make friends and form a community—while engaging in a friendly competition with other houses. Students are divided into four Houses, and earn points for their Houses throughout the year. The school year cumulates in a much-anticipated annual House Olympics each May.









## Athletics







Baseball
2016 League Champions



Basketball
2019, 2018, & 2017
Boys League Champions
2019 Girls League Champions
2015 Girls Provincial Champion



Cross Country



eSports



**Field Hockey**2019 Conference Champions



**Football** 2017 & 2016 League Champions



Golf



Hockey



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2017, 2016, & 2015 Girls League Champions



2020 League Champions
2015 Provincial Champion Bronze



Track and Field
2015 Provincial Champion Silver



Volleyball 2019 League Champions



Ambassadors / Art Club / Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program / Choir / Chess Club / Concert Band
Debate Society / Environment and Nature Society / Jazz Band / Hockey Fridays / Mock Trial
Musical Theater Production / Peer Mentor Program / Peer Tutor / Strategic Board Games Club
Student Government / Tech and Stage Crew / Yearbook / And Many More

## Comprehensive Homestay with Villanova College

Villanova College has partnered with one of Canada's top homestay providers to ensure students have a top-tier living experience. The Provider offers students round-the-clock staff to assist with any questions or issues that students have.



International students live in comfortable, safe homestays that are located in proximity to the school. Transportation to and from the high school every day is provided



Students take monthly field trips with other international students to explore local attractions, such as the Toronto Zoo, Art Gallery of Ontario, Niagara Falls and more



Students will have a bedroom, including a dresser, desk and closet. Host families will provide breakfast and dinner on school days, and three meals per day on weekends



Through the University Advantage, students attend global advising seminars and receive individual university consultations



Host families and international students are paired through a methodical matching process to ensure they are a good fit



Students benefit from additional tutoring in supervised study sessions that are held four days per week after school

### STUDENT ADVISING & SUPPORT STAFF

#### **Provincial Director**

The Provincial Director oversees each international student's time at the school. The Director works closely with the student's teachers and host family to help ensure the student is healthy, happy and thriving. They will also oversee a monthly field trip.

## International Student Support Counselor

The counselor works closely with students to ensure that they are thriving academically and emotionally. They also support all facets of the student's life, such as helping the student with problems at school.

## **University Guidance Advisor**

International students work closely with University Guidance Advisors who help students through every aspect of the university admissions process—including exclusive webinars, university selection and application assistance.

#### **ESL Teacher**

International students they receive ESL lessons specially tailored to their abilities.
Students can also use the ESL Teacher as a resource to receive additional homework help in their other classes.

## International Staff Members

Dedicated staff members are stationed in 10 countries around the world who will accommodate any language barriers students may face.



## Sample School Lunch Menu

Main Dishes consisting of a meat, pasta, potato or rice and vegetables

Fresh fruit cups, salads and veggies

#### Pastas

Pastas include homemade lasagna, meat or cheese cannelloni, and spaghetti with meatballs

Homemade pasta sauces are made fresh every day

## **Sandwiches**

Rustic sandwiches (cold & hot) are made fresh every day





## Canada's Comprehensive Visa System

Canada offers international students a straightforward visa application system, with a shorter time frame to receive Canada permanent residency and the ability to work full time after the age of 19. Roughly 60% of students who study in a Canadian high school end up staying in Canada post-graduation.

