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ELMWOOD AT A GLANCE

TOP 25

Rated as one of top 25 elite private schools in Canada and recognized as one of the most innovative girls' schools in North America.

ALL GIRLS (K-GR.12)

A safe and caring environment for girls to learn, create and grow; and for parents to have peace of mind.

ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY IN CANADA'S NATIONAL CAPITAL

Founded in 1915 in Ottawa, Elmwood is one of the most respected institutions in Canada's national capital.

IB WORLD SCHOOL

The only school in Ottawa offering the International Baccalaureate Continuum Programmes: PYP, MYP, and Diploma Programme, the gold standard in international education and university acceptance.

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

100% of Elmwood graduates are accepted to world-class universities. 50% of Elmwood girls choose STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) programs (compared to 6% in co-ed schools).

INNOVATIVE TEACHING

Model the best practice in educating girls; strike a balance between traditional academic goals and innovative approaches to achieving those goals. Design-thinking is infused across all subject areas.

TECHNOLOGY-EMPOWERED

Recognized as an Apple Distinguished School in Canada, Elmwood enhances the learning with sophisticated laptop and iPad programs supported by a highly integrated advanced information technology system.

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- ESL (English as Second Language) and high-level ELS (English Literacy Skills) programs for international students to boost their learning capacity in academic subjects including Academic English;
- Monitored homestay program for international students in Gr. 9-12;
- Dedicated guidance and support for international students and their families.

WHOLE GIRL, WHOLE WORLD

Create inquiring lifelong learners, compassionate and engaged global citizens, and confident caring leaders. Elmwood girls are not just prepared for entering universities; but for achieving success in university and beyond. Elmwood opens doors of opportunities for girls.

ELMWOOD'S MISSION

Inspiring each girl to reach her full potential.

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Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAMME AT ELMWOOD

The International Baccalaureate Programme is undoubtedly the best educational programme available today to help prepare our students to face the challenges of the 21st century. It is the gold standard in international education and has been shown to provide the best preparation for the most competitive universities. It is through an IB education that we equip our students to become true global citizens, ready to take on the challenges of tomorrow. Cultural, scientific and technological literacy are embedded in a continuous curriculum, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Elmwood is proud to be the first girls' school in North America to be accredited at all three levels of the IB Programme. Additionally, Elmwood is the only school in Ottawa and one of only nineteen schools in Canada that offers all three levels of the IB Continuum Programme.

PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (AGES 3 - 11, K - GR.5)

- The Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the IB is an internationally recognized, inquiry-based approach to curriculum that fosters the innate curiosity and love of learning in every child.
- The PYP is transdisciplinary and holistic, focusing on the total growth of the developing child, touching hearts as well as minds, and encompassing social, physical, emotional and cultural needs in addition to academic development.
- This curricular framework guide students to more conceptual learning through an inquiry-based model in addition to covering Ontario Curriculum.
- Every academic year, Students in Grades One to Five learns six Units of Inquiry that are taught through a number of academic disciplines, including language arts, science, social studies, math, physical education and the arts.
- Students participate in problem solving, asking questions, as well as actively seeking explanations and forming hypotheses and generalizations. The concept-driven units lead to a better understanding of the subject matter beyond the basic facts.
- The philosophy of the PYP is a commitment to structured, purposeful inquiry as the leading vehicle for learning to create a relevant, engaging, challenging and significant educational framework for all children.

MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (AGES 11 - 16, GR.6 - 10)

- Compulsory for students in Gr. 6 - 10, emphasizing the consolidation of learning strategies and critical-thinking skills to prepare students for their final years of high school, and ultimately, university.

- The aim of the program is to ensure that students not only have knowledge, but also develop transdisciplinary skills. The critical thinking, communication and learning skills of the MYP provides a rich framework for the traditional subject areas of English, French, Mandarin, Spanish, Latin, mathematics, science, humanities, technology, the arts, and physical and health education.
- The MYP culminates in a Personal Project, which students complete in Gr. 10. The project allows students to explore a topic of personal interest and passion in a manner that reinforces the interconnectedness of knowledge, and the discipline of the research process.
- The MYP provides an excellent framework for the preparation for the Diploma Programme (DP), which students can pursue in their final two years of Senior School.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (AGES 16 - 19, GR.11 - 12, OPTIONAL)

- Offered to students in the final two years of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) programme.
- The IBDP is recognized by universities throughout Canada and the world for this excellent level of university preparation.
- It aims to foster critical and compassionate thinking, respect for the diversity and richness of other cultures and attitudes, international understanding and responsible citizenship as well as providing an academically and intellectually stimulating programme.
- In an increasingly international and competitive market, this programme serves students well, regardless of where and what they study.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Elmwood girls are actively involved in a rich variety of clubs, activities and leadership opportunities. There are over 100 clubs and teams offered at the entire school.

- **ATHLETICS:** Elmwood has a wide array of athletic activities for our students. Elmwood girls train and compete at local, regional, and provincial levels in sports such as rowing, alpine ski, field hockey, golf, rugby, track and field, basketball, volleyball and soccer. 78% of Elmwood Senior School students play on at least one school team.
- **ARTISTIC:** Elmwood girls actively participate in arts clubs including visual arts, performing arts, and music, such as: the award-winning Elmwood Theatre, Jazz and concert bands, local visual arts exhibitions, etc.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Elmwood girls hone their leadership skills by participating in a wide variety of leadership opportunities at school, including: student councils, the House system, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, which consists of Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels.
- **STEM:** Provincial/national math competitions; science fairs, robotics, coding, etc.
- **SKILLS:** Debate, equestrian, Model UN, French, photography, stock market, costumes, and more.

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO):

SSAT (ssat.org) | Report cards from the past two years | Interview via video conference