



KINGSWAY COLLEGE SCHOOL

CO-ED | JK- GRADE 12

# Junior School



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When students arrive at KCS, they begin to see the world around them differently. Boundaries disappear and horizons widen. While each student's experience is unique, one thing remains constant. Their time at KCS will help them to think bigger, dream larger, and expand their own individual 'possible' into something more than when they first arrived.

## MISSION

To be the defining force in developing lifelong learners by stewarding a learning environment that inspires us to reach our *ultimate potential*.

**Expand possible.**



## Habits

The **KCS Habits of Mind, Body, and Action** help students build confidence to face the challenges of tomorrow. Students learn to identify and exercise the Habits from the youngest ages, helping them better articulate and understand how to approach and respond to new learning and experiences.

Students demonstrate the Habits through activities such as our Wall of Service, Compliment Friday, whole school assemblies, and leadership initiatives that are based on student interest and the needs of the local community.

## Well-Being

Well-being is integral to our daily interactions with our students and their education. Just as we focus on teaching core academic skills, we are proactive and intentional in helping our students develop social-emotional skills, understanding, and empathy for others.

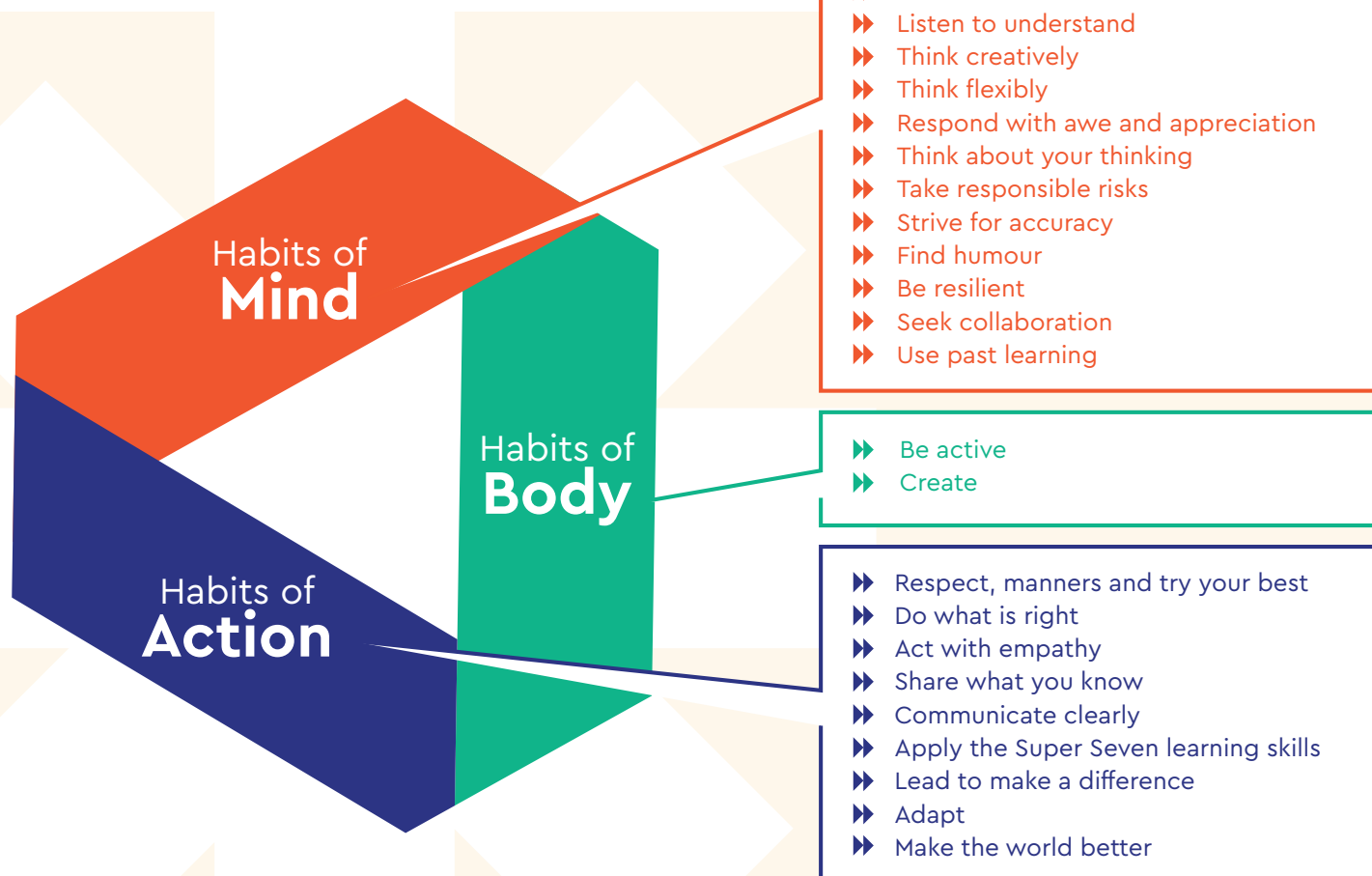
Teachers incorporate mindfulness and reflection time as a way to further support students in this area. Our classrooms are equipped with calming tools, and flexible and kinesthetic furniture. Breakout spaces throughout the school allow students to have choice in a working environment that best suits their learning needs.

**Social-emotional learning** is fostered by thoughtful teaching both in the classroom and during physical activity.



## Three School Rules

From JK to Grade 12, Our Three School Rules, **Respect**, **Manners**, and **Try Your Best** help students aspire to be good people.



# Four Doors To Learning Program

Outstanding faculty provide a nurturing environment in which each student belongs, is appreciated, and supported. Our **Four Doors to Learning Program – Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Citizenship** – inspires students to learn, grow, and thrive at KCS. By participating in activities and curriculum across the Four Doors, students develop the skills required for lifelong learning.







# Expand learning.



Our faculty are experts in teaching and learning. All teachers spend time getting to know their students on an individual basis. They know their strengths, can identify next steps, and know their interests and passions. In addition to following an enriched curriculum and mastering **core skills**, students are guided and supported to pursue areas of study they are interested in through **project-based learning** and **inquiry**. Teachers help students make connections between their project work and curriculum, resulting in learning that is meaningful, impactful, and memorable.

Students also learn the **organizational strategies** and **study skills** necessary to ensure success in school and beyond. Specialist teachers, flexible learning spaces, and whole-group and small-group opportunities, further enhance the student experience.







# Expand creativity.



Our arts program is taught by specialist teachers and includes **music**, **visual arts**, and **drama**.

Younger students engage in **music** and movement classes where they learn music theory, sing, use Orff instruments, play the recorder and the ukulele, and compose their own music. Building on their theory and composition foundation, students in Grade 5 begin an instrumental band program. Students showcase their learning by performing in concerts, participating in the annual school **musical**, and volunteering for **Wake-Up With the Arts**, where families gather at the beginning of the school day to enjoy individual and group performances.

**Visual arts** are integrated throughout the curriculum. Students explore art history, learn about artists, and apply techniques through art projects connected to topics of study. KCS is a living art gallery, where we proudly display the children's artwork throughout the school.

**Drama** classes for students in Grades 5 – 7 focus on developing the skills required for thoughtful discussion, public speaking, understanding different perspectives, and being on stage.





# Expand activity.

We recognize the role that spending time **outdoors, extracurricular** clubs and teams, and **physical activity** play in the overall well-being of our students and prioritize these in our school timetable.

Our high-quality **physical education** program includes regular physical education classes focused on non-competitive activities and engagement in fitness and skill-building. Unique activities are also incorporated throughout the year to further enrich and engage our students across the grades.

Our **outdoor education** program begins in Junior Kindergarten and continues through to Grade 12. Day trips and overnight camping promote the development of independence, resilience, and teamwork.

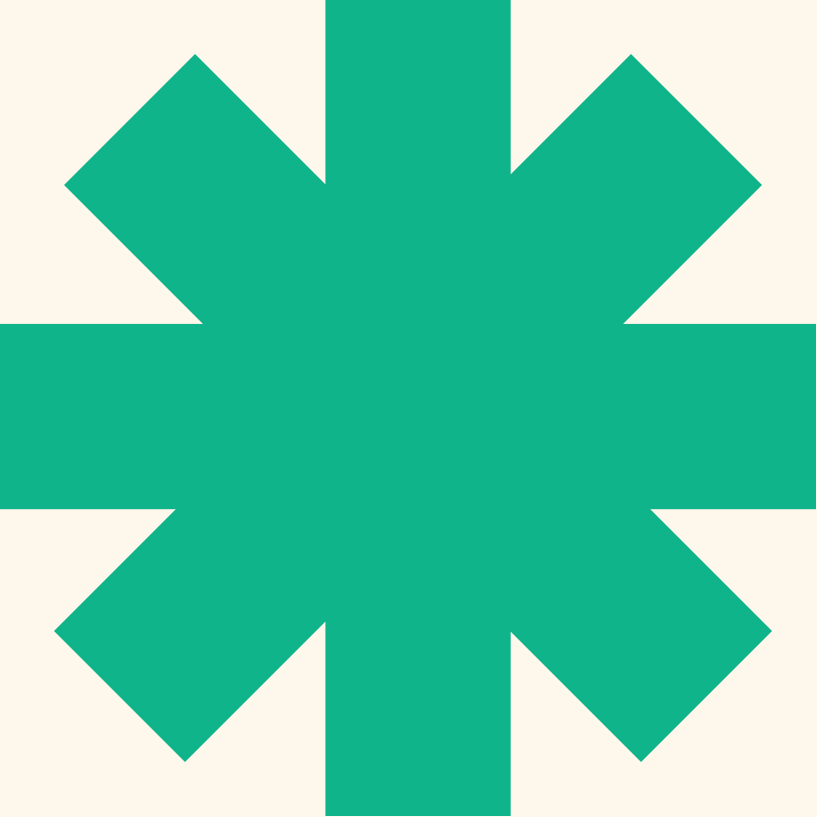
KCS also offers fulsome **extra-curricular** programming across the **Four Doors**. Clubs, teams, and our Grades 6–8 **electives** provide students with further enrichment opportunities, and a chance to learn something new.













# Expand community.



## The KCS Community

Being a good citizen is something we encourage, inspire, and celebrate. Every single day.

Each student and staff member belongs to one of our **four houses** that are led by our Grade 7 and 8 House Captains. Interacting with students in all grades, students celebrate their school spirit by proudly wearing their house colours, joining in their house cheer, and participating in numerous activities. Reading and learning buddies provide students with both leadership and mentorship opportunities.

Families and visitors regularly tell us how welcome they feel when they walk through our doors. They comment on how comfortable they instantly feel, how engaged and excited the students are, and how readily students share what they are doing.

One of the many incredible things about KCS is the opportunity for our families to engage in student and campus life. Our families can attend weekly assemblies where we celebrate student achievements, see leadership in action, and build school spirit. They are invited to showcases and special events throughout the year.

Volunteers are a driving force in our community. Whether families can volunteer regularly or a few times a year, there is no shortage of opportunities to get involved.

## The Local Community

The **KCS Community Service** program regularly works with several local community organizations, including: Campfire Circle, The George Hull Centre, The Mississauga Food Bank, Out of the Cold, Special Olympics Ontario, The Stephen Leacock Foundation, Terry Fox Foundation, The Toronto Humane Society, and Youth Without Shelter.

Our citizenship curriculum enables all students to participate in at least one act of service a year. Most do far more. Activities are posted on our **Wall of Service** and shared at assemblies to serve as inspiration to others.

## The Global Community

In addition to individual student projects, a significant effort is made to help students develop an understanding of others on a global level.

Our school-wide focus on **diversity, equity, and inclusion** is constantly evolving. Workshops, programs, and partnerships with groups such as The Get REAL Movement, The 519, High Resolves, and the Leacock Foundation's Get Ahead Project support our commitment to ongoing learning for students. Conversations within and beyond our community allow students and faculty to ask questions in a safe environment, and apply what they know with others.



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