

### **Senior School**

### **CO-ED | GRADE 9 - 12**



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' beyond their imagination.



### 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.



### **Three School Rules**

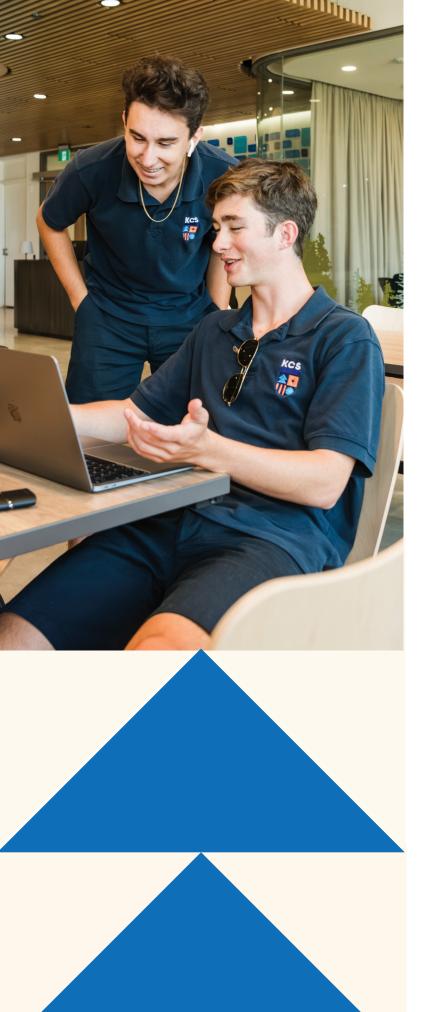
Our Three School Rules, **Respect**, **Manners**, and **Try Your Best** help students aspire to be good people.

#### Leaders in Learning

Building on the Habits of Mind, Body, Action from our Junior School, all Senior School students will grow as leaders in learning with integrity, insight, and ingenuity. These traits are woven into every course and co-curricular, by design.

### 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.



# Expand learning.

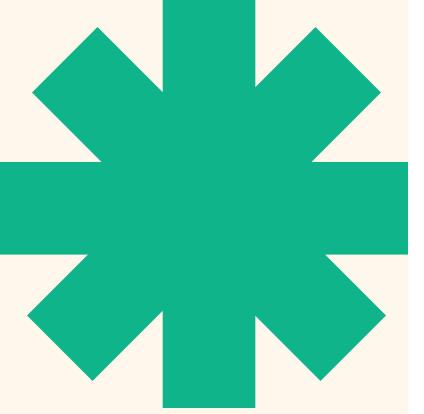


#### **KCS Path Program**

The KCS Path Program provides dedicated time each week for students to grow as passion-driven learners. Starting in Grade 9, each student chooses a topic of greatest interest that they will learn about from an academic, artistic, athletic, and citizenship perspective, as well as through an offsite experience, during Grades 9 to 12. With support from their Faculty Advisor and an external expert, their Path Mentor, students will lead their learning, build an e-portfolio, complete a creative impact project, and write an extended essay on their journey.

#### **Experiential Learning**

Experience offers unforgettable learning. The KCS Senior School is designed to support optimal learning by engaging students in the experience of their subjects, whether in school through hands-on learning or offsite by connecting courses with the world outside school. In addition, service, entrepreneurship, and design thinking are woven into the timetable for all so students develop the mindset and track record that will notably expand future opportunities.



### Expand community.

Our teachers are expert educators. Our KCS Learning Partners are external experts in areas relevant to students. Student-led interviews, speaking engagements, field placements, co-op and more are ways in which our teachers, students, and Learning Partners work together to make for enriched learning in every course.

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. Serving as Learning Partners, sharing expertise or lived experience, is a distinct way in which KCS parents engage in the Senior School.



### HIGH NATURE





THE BOULEVARD CLUB

### CENTAURI ARTS















### **KCS Learning Partners**

The KCS Senior School expands learning by taking students to the greenspaces, neighbourhoods, and organizations in the GTA and beyond. Students learn not only curriculum content but also why their subjects matter by seeing the role they play in shaping the world.

Our school-wide focus on **diversity, equity, and inclusion** is constantly evolving. Workshops, programs, and partnerships with a variety of groups support our commitment to ongoing learning for staff and students. Conversations within and beyond our community allow students and faculty to grow in their understanding and apply what they know in their engagement with others.

### Community within the School

All students and staff will have regular opportunities to lead and learn as one community. The KCS Path Program will encourage students within and across grades 9 to 12 to collaborate on their Path artifacts. Likewise, the KCS By Design Program will have Senior School students working together in self-selected groups to help build the school experience in either academics, arts, athletics, citizenship or spirit. In addition, each student and staff member belongs to one of our **four Houses**. 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. We also look forward to additional connections between the Junior School and Senior School communities, including field and co-op placement opportunities for our older students.



## Expand creativity.



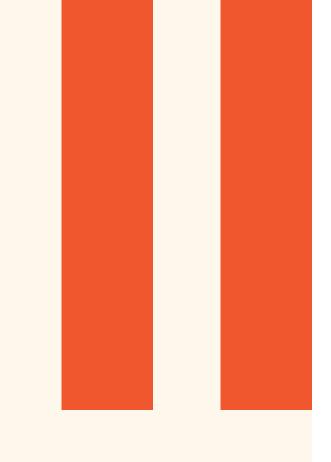
#### **KCS By Design**

Leadership matters. How it's done also matters. That's why all students at the KCS Senior School participate in KCS By Design, where they apply a design thinking process to help build the school experience. Our students will graduate with a legacy of impact and a creative mindset that will set them apart as thinkers and problem solvers.

#### The Arts

Our arts courses are taught by specialist teachers and include **music** and **visual arts**. KCS Learning Partners with expertise in the arts also add to the array of creative opportunities in this area. Students with a passion for the arts have a leadership role in building this part of the school experience in our distinct KCS By Design program. All students also grow in the arts through the KCS Path Program and the challenge to learn about their topic from an artistic perspective.



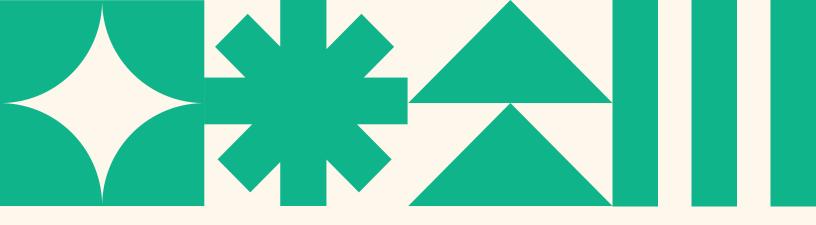


### Expand activity.



In addition to our students physically engaging in their learning both on campus and across the GTA, KCS provides many opportunities to expand student engagement in the school community. Clubs and Committees are inclusive and foster a sense of belonging and personal growth while catering to the diverse interest and talents of our students. Examples include but are not limited to; DECA, Coding, Debate, Fitness, Investment, Café, Service club and many others. Competing in the CISAA, athletics at KCS also provides many accessible opportunities for our students to participate in sport in a safe and inclusive environment. Student voice is an integral part of the KCS community and athletic offerings are driven by that voice. Alpine skiing, basketball, cross country running, swimming and ultimate frisbee are just a few of the growing list of opportunities for our students to wear the KCS uniform with pride. We know that these extracurricular activities provide a platform for students to build friendships, develop self-confidence and learn important values like perseverance, responsibility and overall character development.







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