The Enriched Pathway at Mulgrave
A guide for parents and students

What is the Enriched Pathway?

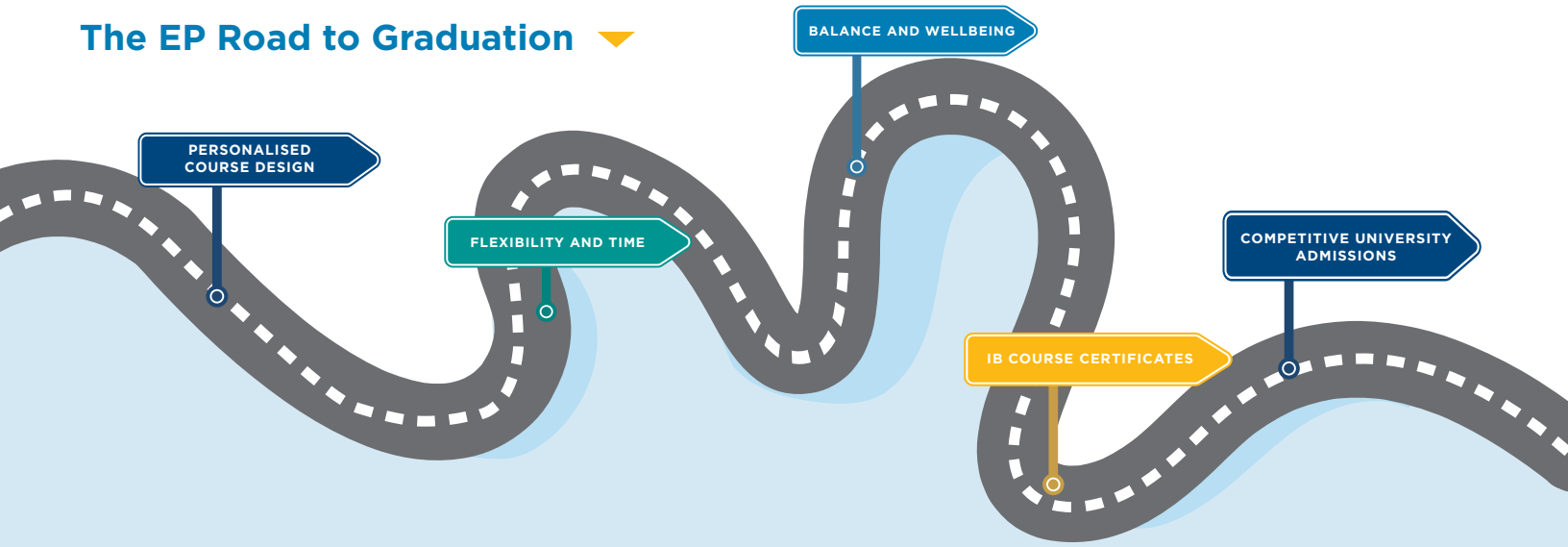
The Enriched Pathway (EP) refers to a graduation pathway in which students take advantage of the amazing classes and resources available in the Senior School, without being bound by the strict parameters of the IB Diploma Programme (DP).

All students who graduate from Mulgrave will receive the BC Dogwood Diploma - an internationally recognised credential in its own right - as well as either the IB Diploma or a selection of IB Course Certificates. While the IB Diploma is an impressive academic achievement, the demands of the programme are not the right fit for every student. At Mulgrave, the majority of Grade 11 and 12 classes offered are two-year IB courses, in which all students complete the same externally assessed coursework and relevant cumulative examinations in May of their graduating year. However, select BC Provincial curriculum courses are available in certain subject areas, and a significant number of students every year will opt for a more personalised combination of IB Course Certificates and Provincial courses en route to graduation.

Why do students choose the EP?

Students pursue the EP for a wide variety of reasons: we have athletes, actors, and artists with outside commitments who value the time release the EP can provide, and we also have students who simply want a focussed set of courses that align more closely with their interests. Our belief is that personalisation is very much aligned with the future of education, and the Enriched Pathway places personalisation at the heart of course selection and post-secondary preparation.

The EP Road to Graduation



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When students choose not to pursue the full IB Diploma, they have much more flexibility to develop a more customised academic course load. Some of the benefits that students point to when it comes to choosing the Enriched Pathway include:

- More flexibility in course scheduling, resulting in more time release
- The option to take fewer courses than in the DP*.
- The option to take any combination of courses at HL or SL
- Options to take BC Provincial courses in-person or online to meet graduation and/or university requirements
- More flexibility to achieve a healthy balance between academic commitments and personal passions

*a minimum of four in-person classes are required to qualify as a full-time student at Mulgrave

These benefits are summarised by the following concepts: BALANCE AND WELLBEING, PERSONALISED COURSE DESIGN, FLEXIBILITY AND TIME, IB COURSE CERTIFICATE , and COMPETITIVE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS.

The Enriched Pathway and University Applications

100% of Mulgrave students who have pursued the EP have gone on to attend post-secondary institutions of their choice. Students on the EP benefit from academically rigorous IB classrooms, as well as the time and flexibility needed to pursue their passions with breadth and depth.

Below are three sample student profiles and their respective course schedules in Grades 11 and 12:

Student A: Serious athlete, strong interest in the humanities, looking to apply to universities on the West Coast	
Grade 11 courses	**Grade 12 courses**
• IB Language and Literature HL • IB History HL • Anatomy & Physiology 12 • IB Math Applications SL • IB Film SL • IB TOK 11 (required)* • Extended Essay	• IB Language and Literature HL • IB History HL • IB Math Applications SL • IB Film SL • Law Studies 12

Student B: Passion for the environment, strong interest in the sciences, looking to apply to universities in Eastern Canada and Europe	
Grade 11 courses	**Grade 12 courses**
• IB Literature SL • IB Geography HL • IB Chemistry SL • IB Biology HL • IB Math Analysis SL • IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL • IB TOK 11 (required)	• IB Literature SL • IB Geography HL • IB Chemistry SL • IB Biology HL • IB Math Analysis SL • IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL • IB TOK 12

Student C: Talented visual artist, looking to apply to art and design schools in Canada and abroad	
Grade 11 courses	**Grade 12 courses**
• IB Literature HL • IB Visual Art HL • IB Theatre HL • IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL • Pre-Calculus 11 • IB TOK 11 (required)	• IB Literature HL • IB Visual Art HL • IB Theatre HL • IB Environmental Systems and Societies SL • Pre-Calculus 12 • Human Geography 12 (online)

Notes on Requirements:
TOK and Extended Essay: TOK 11 is a required course. Students on the EP have the option of completing a full IB Extended Essay or not.

CAS: All students at Mulgrave must meet the IB's Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) expectations over the course of two years. Completion of CAS is a graduation requirement.

Is the Enriched Pathway right for me?

The final two years of secondary education represent an important and decision-filled time in life, and it is natural for students and their families to have many questions surrounding academic pathways. A student's assigned University and Careers Counsellor is a great starting point to gather information ahead of course selection meetings. Our DP/EP Coordinator is also always available to answer specific questions about the EP.

For more information on the Enriched Pathway, please contact any member of the Senior School Leadership Team.