

RE: OFFER OF RE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-enrollment for our current students is now open, and we are pleased to re-enroll your child for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We feel that your child and family are an important part of what will make Crescent Heights Academy an exceptional place to learn, play, grow, and work. We look forward to more of your positive contributions to our school community over the course of the upcoming year, and we would like to invite your family to continue as part of our growing community. Please read the following information carefully to understand our re-enrollment process:

OUR SCHOOL: Crescent Heights Academy core mission is to build future-ready global citizens who impact their world. As a diverse community of courageous contributors, we strive to ensure that learners are known and cared for; that they know and care for themselves and that they know and care for others. To this end, Crescent Heights Academy offers a well-rounded program with an emphasis on Character, Ability, Relationships, and Exploration (CARE).

- **Character:** We emphasize self-awareness and integrity, encouraging traits such as honesty, empathy, courage, and responsibility. We promote resilience in the face of challenges, moral leadership and the importance of mental health and well-being.
- **Ability:** Our approach centers on acquiring essential skills and knowledge, emphasizing critical thinking, curiosity, effective communication, creativity, adaptability, and digital and financial literacy. We also stress the importance of independent learning and problem-solving across various disciplines.
- **Relationships:** Our focus is on interpersonal skills and collaboration, promoting teamwork, cultural understanding, conflict resolution, and global engagement. We encourage positive contributions to both the school and the wider community, fostering a sense of social responsibility.
- **Exploration:** We encourage curiosity, experiential learning, and a proactive approach to real-world problem-solving. We highlight the value of diverse experiences, leadership, innovation, and embracing continuous learning throughout life.

24-25 TUITION AND FEES: The Board of Directors (BOD) has set tuition rates for next year and the fee schedule follows this letter for your reference. The board continues its commitment to making CHA an affordable choice in the independent school community. As is the case every year, tuition and fees are reviewed and adjusted annually, with the goal of ensuring we can continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students. Each year our tuition and fees are set to help balance the financial obligations of attracting and retaining exceptional faculty members with competitive salaries, general increase in cost, and future capital expenditures required to offer quality core and specialty programs. These items all play a role in tuition levels and influence our desire to remain financially accessible.

This year's increase is also influenced by the recently negotiated BCTF agreement and associated salary grid for the Surrey School District (SD36), as mentioned at the parent ZOOM session on January 24. Diamond School supports fair remuneration of our teachers as well as a robust benefit program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: It is extremely important to our school that financial concerns are not a deterrent to any family joining or continuing to be part of our community. We encourage any family who find that the tuition and fees create financial difficulties to confidentially email accounts@fves.bc.ca and complete an application through Apple Financial Services using <https://www.applefinancialservices.ca/apply>. We will then work with you to find an accommodation that will meet the needs of your individual circumstances.

DONATIONS: To only raise tuition as much as is absolutely necessary, we invite families to make a tax-deductible donation that will help purchase the "extras" for our programs. In the past, we have invited you to make a donation of \$200 per student, but ask you to consider an amount suitable to your circumstances. These tax-deductible donations have helped us purchase technology, literary, and instructional resources for our school. Donations are a key part of our growth strategy here at CHA. Donations help us to excel as a place of learning, and to attract and retain top students and faculty.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to CHA, whether it be through volunteering, fundraising, donating, and recommending CHA to friends and relatives. We invite you to indicate your donation amount and select your payment method in the donations section.

CAMPUS CAPITAL PROGRAM: Capital expenses are the costs incurred for the development and construction of facilities. There is no government funding for these capital costs. The sources of funds for the capital investments for land and building are bank borrowing, donations, and parent participation. CHA will be using a Capital Campaign Program (CCP) that many other successful independent schools have used to provide for capital cost expenditures and secure financial lending for land and facilities. The CCP commenced in September 2020 and remains applicable to all current and incoming families.

The CCP amount has been set at \$15,000 per child to a maximum of \$25,000 per family. These funds are held separately from our operating funds and will be used for facility development projects. Your payment will be repaid upon graduation or leaving the school by incoming families.

Please be assured that our Board is committed to working with you and ensuring flexibility around the CCP deposit. We will make various payment options available to support our families in the coming weeks and ensure that our program remains inclusive.

THE BOARD of DIRECTORS: Maintaining transparency is a priority for the board, and we have been working hard in the past year to evolve the board governance to best meet the needs of our growing community. Current board members are Jim Gilliland (Kylie, grade 8, Spencer, grade 6), Perminder Tung (Amira, grade 7, Jovin, grade 5), Sonia Grewal (former FVS parent), Randy Garcha (Hannah, grade 6, Shaan, grade 3), Raj Mundi (Amaya, grade 7, Amryn, grade 5), Vinita Sharma (Krish, grade 6, Niam, grade 4, Siya, grade 1), Harry Zeng



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(Aaron, grade 6 and Alex grade 4, Emily, kindergarten) and Debbie MacDougall (founding Southridge parent). We will be looking to augment the board with additional members in the near future.

Kindly complete your re-enrollment offer indicating your acceptance by February 23, 2024. If you have any concerns or questions regarding re-enrollment, please contact our Head of School, Mrs. Middelaer to discuss them prior to the deadline.

Thank you for your support and your commitment to our community of courageous contributors. These are very exciting days with an accelerated timeline for our school's growth and facility development. We are so pleased that you are on this journey with us as we continue to build a wonderful school for our children.

Sincerely,

Crescent Heights Academy

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