



# International Baccalaureate® (IB) Primary Years Programme

## What is the Primary Years Programme?

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP), for students aged 3 to 12, focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, preparing students to be active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.

At the heart of the programme's philosophy is a commitment to structured, purposeful, inquiry as the vehicle for learning.

Opportunities to reflect and take action are woven into the teaching and learning, to enhance individual and collective understanding or to address local and/or global challenges.

The BC Curriculum is delivered through the philosophy and framework of the IBO. ([www.IBO.org](http://www.IBO.org))

## Learning and Teaching

Six distinct themes create a transdisciplinary framework allowing students to inquire beyond the confines of single subject areas, into issues that are globally significant and relevant.

Transdisciplinary themes:

- Who we are
- Where we are in place & time
- How we express ourselves
- How the world works
- How we organize ourselves
- Sharing the planet



## The Learner

The aim of the IB PYP is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. Students learn to appreciate and value the diversity of peoples, cultures, and societies in the world.

Those in an IB learning community make efforts to learn about and understand perspectives of others, and develop empathy and solidarity towards them, to achieve mutual understanding and respect. (*Oxfam 2015; UNESCO 2015*)

The IB Learner Profile focuses on a broad range of attributes that help students develop intellectual, personal, emotional, and social growth.

Learner Profile Attributes:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinker
- Communicator
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-taker
- Balanced
- Reflective



## The Learning Community

The PYP in North Vancouver School District is a fully inclusive programme that fosters students' individual and cultural identities and embraces learner diversity.

In the North Vancouver School District the IB PYP is offered at two schools: Queen Mary Community Elementary and Capilano Elementary.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/IB](http://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/IB)