

MPS AT A GLANCE

Distinctly Canadian — Uniquely Global

2021–2022



MERRICK
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

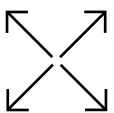


Welcome to MPS

Merrick Preparatory School (MPS) is a private co-educational day, boarding and synchronous learning high school with a maximum capacity of 60 boarding students, 20 days students and 30 synchronous learning students. MPS offers a world class educational and boarding experience to students grades 9 through 12 and a University Qualification Year (UQY).

Since its opening in 2012, students from 33 countries have called Merrick Preparatory School home. International students come for the focused academic attention and small class sizes in one of Canada's safest communities. Domestic students come to broaden their international understanding and perspective by immersing themselves in a truly international education with students from around the world. Synchronous learners value the in-class experience and participating live with students from around the world and around the corner. Both Domestic and International students build lifelong friendships that span the globe and gain entry into world-ranked universities.

Located in historic Merrickville, Ontario (known as "The Jewel of the Rideau") and acclaimed as **Canada's Most Beautiful Village** by *Communities in Bloom*, MPS is perfectly located for focused academic study in a small, safe, caring community. Our school is located in one of the town's most notable buildings. Constructed in 1861, it overlooks the picturesque Rideau River and Canal System (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and is located just 45 minutes from Ottawa, the nation's capital city.



80

Maximum Student Capacity



15

Graduates in 2020



75

University offers



64,500

In University Scholarships received in 2020



620,000

Over \$620,000 in scholarships received by 110 graduates since 2012

Our Approach

ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

At Merrick Preparatory School our focus is on whole student development to ensure success. We have created a failsafe system to ensure each child reaches beyond their grasp to achieve their full potential. Our unique Enhanced Academic Program has five main components integrated into our students' daily lives.

► **Daily Tutorial Support**

Upon joining MPS, each student is placed in a grade specific Advisor Group with a Teacher Advisor who is a Guidance Specialist. The Advisor Group, consisting of 6-8 students, meets daily for one hour and stays as an intact group for the duration of a student's stay at MPS, ensuring consistency and support. Advisors provide tutorial support, academic guidance and continuity for the student and parents, providing consistent communication and ensuring each student's specific needs are met.

► **Advisor Program**

More than just academics, MPS provides a broad education to our students. One hour a week, students meet in their Advisor Group and cover a wide range of topics relevant to today's youth. Our unique Advisor Curriculum covers topics ranging from financial literacy, banking and budgeting, to physical, mental and emotional health, to healthy relationships, to diet, hygiene and nutrition, to organizational and time management skills, to effective study habits, stress management and life after MPS.

► **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Preparation**

As part of our Complete Care Program, our Enhanced Academic Program is free of charge and is included in our tuition fee, including three hours of IELTS preparation and one hour of OSSLT preparation a week. Our dedicated ESL and IELTS Specialist delivers three

hours of IELTS preparation per week, ensuring our students have competitive IELTS scores and the advantage required to gain entry into their first-choice university. All students must pass the OSSLT or take the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). Our OSSLT specialist teacher provides one-hour of OSSLT preparation per week to prepare students for this Ontario Ministry of Education exam. This preparation also enhances our students' English language skills, thereby improving their overall academic performance.

► **University Guidance**

All of our teachers are trained and certified Guidance Specialists. Not only does this assist students from grades 9 – 11 during their Daily Tutorial Support, it is specifically to their advantage in grade 12 when their Advisor becomes their University Guidance Counselor. Unlike other schools where one guidance counselor manages the university applications of all students with whom they have no relationship, our expert Guidance Counselors have a deep understanding of their Advisees and are perfectly positioned to guide them through the university application process. For one hour a week in their grade 12 year, our students meet with their Guidance Specialist to ensure complete, full and timely applications, including scholarship applications. The result is a 100% post-secondary placement rate with 100% acceptance into first-choice programs at world-ranked universities and over 50%

of our students winning significant scholarships.

► **Student Success Program**

Each week all MPS staff, together with the Headmaster, meet for one hour to review and discuss each student's progress and success. Meeting weekly ensures strategies for success for each student are reviewed and adjusted, ensuring no student falls through the cracks. With our Daily Tutorial Support, Advisor Program, small class sizes, maximum school size of 80 students, dedicated Residential Life Staff who work with our students after school and on weekends, and a Headmaster who lives on campus, no student can fall through the cracks because there are no cracks! Even the smallest of concerns, academic or social, are addressed immediately. The result is our students are successful on every front, learning the coping skills to address any issue they confront.



University Destinations 2012–2020

Ontario

- Brock University ●
- Carleton University ●
- Laurentian University
- McMaster University ●
- Queen's University ●●
- Ryerson University ●
- Trent University
- University of Guelph
- University of Ottawa ●
- University of Toronto ●
- University of Waterloo ●●
- Western University ●
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- York University ●

Other Canadian Universities

- Alberta University of the Arts
- Bishop's University
- Concordia University
- McGill University ●
- Simon Fraser University ●
- University of Alberta ●
- University of British Columbia ●
- University of Calgary ●
- University of New Brunswick

U.S. Universities

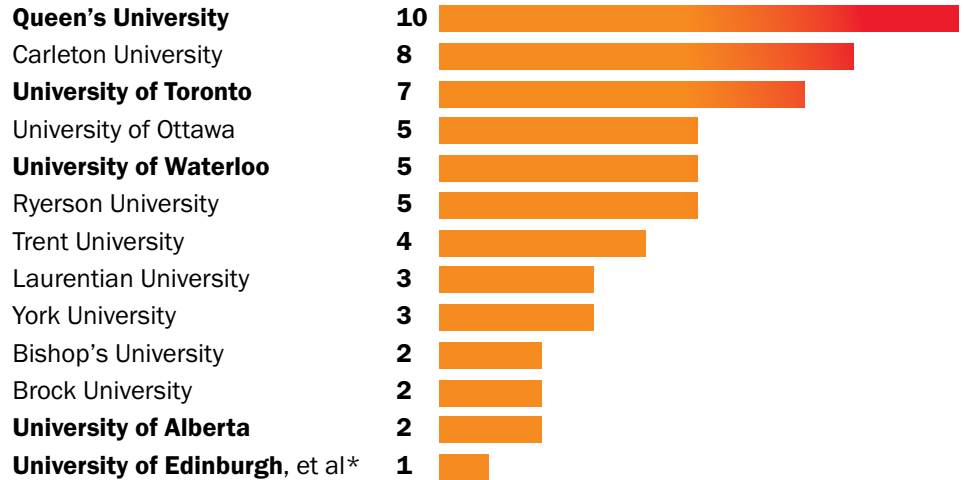
- California State University, Los Angeles
- College of San Mateo
- Michigan State University ●●
- Northeastern University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- University of Florida ●
- University of Tampa

International Universities

- Flinders University (Australia)
- KU Leuven (Belgium) ●●
- Lancaster University (UK) ●
- Shanghai University (China) ●
- Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico) ●
- University Anahuac (Mexico) ●
- University of Edinburgh (UK) ●
- University of Glasgow (UK) ●●
- University of Leeds (UK) ●
- University of the Creative Arts, Canterbury (UK)
- University of Sussex (UK) ●
- University of Strathclyde (UK)

- QS World Ranking top 250
- Destinations of our 2020 graduates

Top University Acceptances, Class Of 2020



***KU Leuven, UC Leuven, Arizona State University, University of Glasgow, Vrije University, University of Liverpool, IUBH Berlin, University of Westminster, University of Manchester, McMaster University, Western University, University of British Columbia, Michigan State University, University of Applied Sciences Europe, Falmouth University, Brock University, Macromedia University of Applied Science, Norwich University, Flinders University, University of Anahuac School of Medicine.**

****Bold signifies QS World Ranking top 250**

Programs Of Study, Class Of 2020



Engineering (33%)



Business/Math (33%)



Political Science/
Social Sciences (20%)



Medicine and
Media Design (7%)

Programs Offered

Academic Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Earn credits toward the #1 world ranked Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

University Qualification Year (UQY)

World class university preparation for those who have a high school diploma

Synchronous Learning

Earn credits towards the #1 ranked Ontario Secondary School Diploma from anywhere in the world

English As A Second Language (ESL) Foundation

Improve your English in preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma

High School Credit Summer Program

Enhance your academic standing; earn credits, community service hours, leadership skills **4 WEEKS**

English As A Second Language (ESL) Summer Program

A camp-like environment for those who wish to improve their English **4 WEEKS**

| Course Offerings 2012–2020 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | ESL |
|--|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Biology | | | • | • | |
| Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals | | | | • | |
| Business: Accounting Fundamentals | | | • | | |
| Business: International Business Fundamentals | | | | • | |
| Business: Introduction to Business | • | • | | | |
| Canadian and International Law | | | | • | |
| Canadian and World Geography | | | | • | |
| Canadian and World Politics | | | | • | |
| Canadian Geography | • | | | | |
| Canadian History Since World War I | | • | | | |
| Canadian Studies | | | | | • |
| Career Studies & Civics and Citizenship | | • | | | |
| Challenge and Change in Society | | | | • | |
| Chemistry | | | • | • | |
| Drama | • | • | • | | |
| Earth and Space Science | | | | • | |
| Economics: Analyzing Current Economic Issues | | | | • | |
| English | • | • | • | • | |
| English (Conversational) | | | | | • |
| English as a Second Language (ESLDO) Level 4 | | | | | • |
| English as a Second Language (ESLEO) Level 5 | | | | | • |
| Environmental and Resource Management | | | | • | |
| Environmental Science | | | • | | |
| Exploring Technologies | • | | | | |
| Exploring Family Studies | • | | | | |
| French as a Second Language | • | | | | |
| Food and Nutrition | • | • | | | |
| Force of Nature: Physical Processes and Disasters | | | • | | |
| Geography: Canadian and World Geography | | | | • | |
| Healthy Active Living | • | • | | | |
| Health For Life | | | • | | |
| Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology and Psychology | | | • | | |
| Mathematics: Principles of Mathematics | • | • | | | |
| Mathematics: Functions and Applications | | | • | | |
| Mathematics: Functions | | | • | | |
| Mathematics: Advanced Functions | | | | • | |
| Mathematics: Calculus and Vectors | | | | • | |
| Mathematics: Data Management | | | | • | |
| Media Studies | | | • | | |
| Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) | | | • | • | |
| Origins of Citizenship: History of a Canadian Ethnic Group | | | • | | |
| Philisophy: Questions and Theories | | | | • | |
| Physics | | | • | • | |
| Science | • | • | | | |
| Travel and Tourism: A Geographical Perspective | | | • | | |
| World Geography: Human Patterns and Interactions | | | | • | |
| World History Since 1900: Global and Regional Interactions | | | • | | |
| World History Since the 15th Century | | | | • | |
| World History to the End of the 15th Century | | | • | | |
| World History: The West and the World | | | | • | |
| World Issues: A Geographical Analysis | | | | • | |



100

Percentage of graduates accepted to world-ranked universities



42

Number of offers granted to our 15 graduates in 2020 to top 250 world-ranked universities



140

In-class instructional hours per course compared to the Ontario standard of 110



10

Average class size



3

Hours of IELTS preparation per week

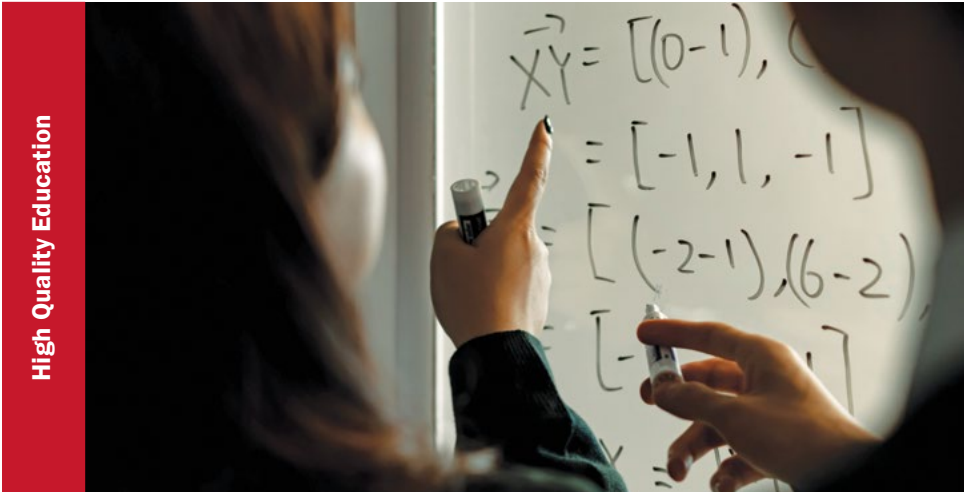


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Hours of advising combined with university counseling per week



Ottawa Parliament Hill



High Quality Education



Vibrant Student Life





Critical Dates

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| Arrival Date | Tuesday September 7, 2021 |
| First Day of Classes | Wednesday September 8, 2021 |
| Last Day of Classes/Departure Date for Winter Holidays | Friday December 17, 2021 |
| Winter Holidays - School Closed | Saturday December 18, 2021 – Saturday January 1, 2022 |
| Return Date from Winter Holidays | Sunday January 2, 2022 |
| End of Semester One | Monday January 31, 2022 |
| Arrival Date for New Students Starting Semester Two | Tuesday February 1, 2022 |
| Start of Classes, Semester Two | Wednesday February 2, 2022 |
| March Break - School Closed | Saturday March 12, 2022 – Saturday March 19, 2022 |
| Last Day of Classes/Graduation/Departure Date | Friday June 24, 2022 |
| Summer School and ESL Program | Monday July 5, 2021 – Friday July 30, 2021 |

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I began Orientation Week at the University of Toronto for Aero Space Engineering on Monday, and I am liking it so far! I

would not have been able to reach this step if not for my Merrick Family. I really want to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all of you. Thank you for accepting me into your family last year. Thank you for all your helpful advice and care that you have given me this past year. You are all wonderful! You have all helped me to grow and I feel much more ready for the new journey that awaits. Lastly, I want to appreciate all your support during the summer break; your research, your words of encouragement and your concern towards my progress all meant a lot to me.

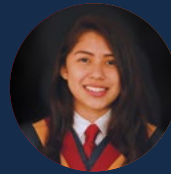
Olamide from Nigeria 🇳🇮



Merrick Preparatory School prepared me very well for studying at the University of Toronto. Compared to my peers

in my classes I am better prepared and able to handle the large workload. The teachers at Merrick Prep covered much of the material I am now studying as a first-year university student; they prepared me exceedingly well. Merrick Preparatory School also taught me how to take notes appropriately in a lecture and seminar format class. I am writing, not typing, all my notes in English on my tablet. The education I received at Merrick Preparatory School was excellent and prepared me extremely well for studies at the University of Toronto.

ChuanWen (Oscar) from China 🇨🇳



Merrick Preparatory School has better prepared me for university than other schools I have attended because they

offer more support, care and one-on-one instruction. The small class sizes and the detailed attention and instruction from my teachers has made all the difference!

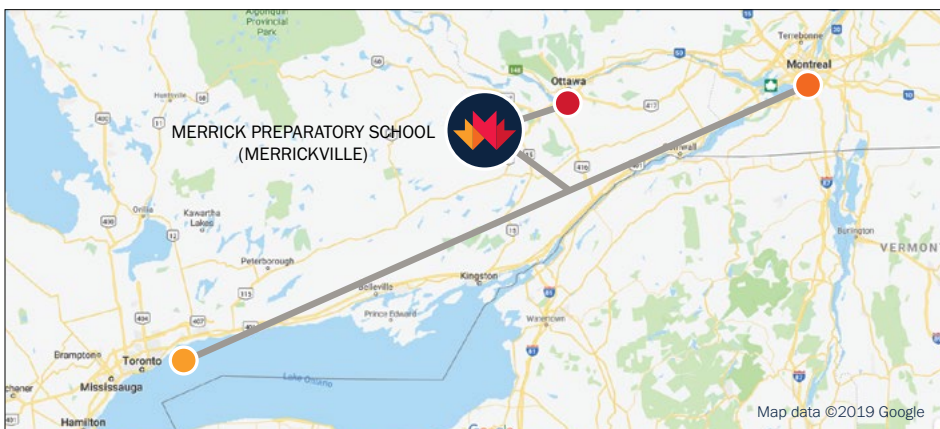
Evelyn from Mexico City 🇲🇽



I'm so thankful to you [Mr. Kevin Farrell, Headmaster] and all my teachers, classmates and friends and everyone at

Merrick Prep. I'm here because of you! I learned so much at Merrick Preparatory School; sometimes it was really hard, but worth it because I'm here now! I miss Merrick Prep so much! Thanks again for believing in me! It made all the difference!

Deren from Turkey 🇹🇷



● OTTAWA (63 KM) ● MONTREAL (217 KM) ● TORONTO (368)

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