

# Discover Albert College





## Welcome to Albert College, a small family school.

At Albert College, we are committed to providing students with the foundation for academic achievement by fostering a warm, supportive environment that encourages personal growth. Nestled along the picturesque Bay of Quinte in Belleville, our school welcomes students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. This is a place of learning, where lasting memories are made.

Albert has an outstanding reputation for its commitment to creating a nurturing and inclusive school community. As a small, independent boarding and day school, we take pride in our ability to offer a diverse cultural experience enriched by a student body that represents countries across the globe. We provide our students with opportunities for a personal academic journey through our close-knit family environment and by embracing Albert's Five 'A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics, Active Citizenship and Adventure. We are proud to be recognized for developing global citizens and courageous leaders.



# **Albert College Fast Facts**

Daily bus from Prince Edward County, Napanee, Kingston and Trenton Daily meals and snacks included

15
Average class size

Music and French starting in JK

100% of graduates pursuing post-secondary studies Flexible boarding in Grades 7 to 12

### The Five 'A's

At Albert College, we are committed to developing global leaders of character through the Five 'A's.

Our students' participation in each of these areas offers them a well-rounded education that helps them become future-ready.



#### **Academics**

Albert College exceeds the standards set by the Ontario curriculum at every grade level. Students are encouraged to aim higher and achieve personal goals, by implementing and developing six learning skills - organization, responsibility, independence, collaboration, self-regulation and initiative. They also learn to think critically and navigate the world of technology through the digital citizenship program.

#### **Arts**

The arts program awakens creativity and a sense of personal expression in our students. Led by specialist artists and teachers, students can participate in many school-wide events and drama productions, musical performances and art exhibits. Our students are encouraged to share their talents and build their confidence in all areas of the arts in class, during Arts Period at the Senior School, or through co-curriculars at the Junior School.



#### **Athletics**

Students are given the opportunity to try new things and refine their skills to develop a healthy, active lifestyle. Our athletes are coached by a dedicated group of staff members that are knowledgeable in their respective sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf and many more. At the competitive level, our athletes regularly play against teams from the Conference of Independent Schools and those in our local associations.



### Active Citizenship

Our vision is to develop people of character and compassion who embrace a life of purpose. At the Junior School, students are given opportunities to become leaders within the school and through community service initiatives and develop a deeper understanding of their roles and responsibilities as community-minded citizens. Middle and Senior School students develop leadership skills and compassion by becoming actively involved in the civic life of the school, our local community and the world. Many Senior School students far exceed the compulsory 40 volunteer hours required.



The adventure program encourages students to learn outside the classroom, to challenge themselves in areas of uncertainty and to develop personal leadership and teamwork skills. In the Junior School, adventure starts with camp days and local excursions. Orientation Camp is a highlight for Grade 7 and up. Beginning in Grade 9, students may choose to participate in Canada-wide expeditions through the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - an internationally recognized program which focuses on individual development, personal achievement and self-challenge.





# **Pre-Kindergarten**

### ${\mathcal H}$ Strong Start

Early childhood is a time for exploration and discovery, a time to learn about the world and to develop relationships with others and our environment. In Pre-Kindergarten, we focus on learning through play, with an inquiry-based, student-centred curriculum in which teachers and students collaborate and learn together.





Albert College offers a licensed childcare centre for children aged two-and-a-half to four years old. The program allows children to learn through experimentation and investigation. It provides opportunities to develop physical literacy skills, build social skills and form lasting relationships. Children at the EPLC develop a sense of belonging, actively involved in their learning and they can express their feelings, thoughts and ideas in a respectful and nurturing environment. Parents regularly hear about their child's development through daily updates, comprehensive report cards and parent-teacher interviews. Pre-Kindergarten runs from September to June, Monday to Friday, 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Early Primary Learning Centre (EPLC)

The EPLC classroom is a bright and cheerful space. Students at the EPLC also have access to our on-site nurses and are provided a nutritious and fresh lunch and snacks daily. Outside, students enjoy a large, private and secure yard with endless green space and room to explore, a play structure, a large sandbox and a paved area for bikes, balls and riding toys. Ample time spent outdoors fosters a love of nature and respect for the environment.

After school care is available until 5:30 p.m. for students in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6.



# **Junior School**

**JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6** 

### Building *a* Foundation

Developing strong foundations and a love of learning is an important part of the Junior School experience. Our students become well-rounded leaders of character, which continues as they grow as learners at Albert College.



The Parrott Junior School offers a welcoming, safe environment for children in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. Facilities include a well-resourced library, full gymnasium and stage, three outdoor playgrounds and ample enclosed green space. A full-service kitchen is located in the Great Hall, where students enjoy lunch together as a community.

The Junior School program supports the development of the whole child with an inquiry-based approach. With small class sizes, our students enjoy a supportive learning environment that encourages the discovery of new things, making friends, and developing a love of learning. As a positive community of learners, students encourage each other inside and outside the classroom.

Each curricular unit addresses specific Core Values, learning skills and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG). In this way, values and character education are embedded in our integrated approach to curriculum and instruction.



French and music instruction by specialist teachers begins in Junior Kindergarten.



#### Co-curriculars

Students can participate in various co-curricular activities after school such as golf, eco-club, wood burning, chess, gardening and STEAM activities. Co-curriculars reflect children's interests and promote a balanced education, encouraging them to explore new activities outside the classroom, at no additional cost for most activities.





## Middle School

— GRADE 7 & 8 —

# Bridge to the Future

Grades 7 and 8 are challenging, exciting and developmentally important years for students. At Albert College, the Middle School program has been carefully designed to guide students through the transition from childhood to adulthood.

#### The Middle School Day:

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements
8:40 a.m.	Period 1
9:55 a.m.	Break
10:10 a.m.	Period 2
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
11:55 a.m.	Athletics/Activities
12:45 p.m.	Advisor/Arts Period/Extra Help
1:30 p.m.	Period 3
2:30 p.m.	Period 4
3:30 p.m.	School Ends

#### **Boarding Evenings:**

5:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Study hall
9:00 p.m.	Boarding activities and free time
10:30 p.m.	Lights out





#### A Space to Grow

Located in the Senior School, the Middle School classrooms are collaborative spaces providing a dynamic learning environment with endless possibilities to engage students and develop learning skills. Students have optional flexible seating arrangements, encouraging self-directed learning and allowing them to openly engage in a group discussion or relax in a quiet reading area.

Middle School students receive the individualized attention and support they need to achieve academic success in high school and beyond. Throughout the academic year, students receive feedback on six specific learning skills, and these reports are reviewed with the student's parents and advisor to allow for reflection and the opportunity to improve. Each term, students can participate in one arts activity and at least one athletic activity.



Senior School is an exciting time for students, with many new options, opportunities and challenges. At Albert College, we offer full-year academic-level courses from Grades 9 through 12, delivered by a team of passionate, Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) certified faculty, many with specialist qualifications and master's degrees.

With the help of their academic advisor, our students progress with a well-maintained Annual Educational Plan to assist with their future academic and career choices. As a university preparatory school, our academic program is tailored to meet individual student needs, and participation in the Five 'A's provides a robust education that distinguishes them when applying for post-secondary studies.

Fostering a multicultural environment that expands each student's worldview is vital to ensuring their readiness for the future. Our graduates feel confident and well-prepared for the university or college programs of their choice.

#### **Celebrating AC Lifers**

An Albert College Lifer is a graduating student recognized for being part of our community for five years or more. Additionally, students who begin their journey in Pre-Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten are presented with the Oak Tree Award at graduation - a symbol of their academic and personal growth at Albert.



Oak Tree Award recipients Alyssa Raju '24 (left) and Emeline Williams '24 (right) attended Albert College from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, and graduated together as Ontario and Albert College Scholars.

#### What is an Academic Advisor?

Beginning in Grade 7, every student is paired with a faculty member who acts as their academic advisor. In addition to regular daily contact, advisors meet with their students weekly or when needed. With individual goals in mind, advisors encourage and facilitate each student's path to success. Advisors also serve as the key contact for parents.



"Graduates, as you leave campus today, take a second and notice a small detail of the school, and remember it. Let it remind you of not only your time here, but of your friends, your teachers and everything they've taught you."

- Valerie, Class of 2024 Valedictorian



#### **Post-secondary Guidance**

Guidance for students begins in Grade 10 with the Careers Studies course. Students are encouraged to regularly investigate post-secondary opportunities and work with our Guidance and Academic Counsellor as interests and possibilities evolve. Starting in Grade 11, students work with our guidance team to research, apply and prepare for post-secondary education and beyond.

#### **Our Graduates**

Our students are encouraged to set and reach ambitious post-secondary goals. The majority of our graduates are Ontario Scholars, maintaining an academic average of 80% or higher, while many also reach the requirements for Albert College Scholars, attaining an impressive 90% or higher average.

#### **Top Areas of Study**

- Science, Technology, Enginerring and Mathematics (STEM)
- Arts, Humanities and Social Science
- · Business and Economics

#### **Top Destinations**

- · University of Toronto
- · Western University
- · Queen's University
- · York University

### Life at Albert College

#### **Dining**

Albert's own Food Services staff offer quality meals that are fresh and thoughtfully curated. The menu is planned with consideration for students' eating preferences, dietary restrictions and allergies. The Food Services staff take great care in each meal they prepare, following Canada's Food Guide and using local produce and fair trade products when available.



#### **Busing**

Daily transportation is available from select locations in Napanee, Kingston, Trenton and Prince Edward County. Our vehicles undergo regular safety inspections and meet Ministry of Transportation regulations. Our experienced drivers ensure a safe and reliable drop-off and pick-up routine providing peace of mind for parents and students alike. Busing is flexible and available for use as many days during the week as needed.



#### **Flexible Boarding**

Albert is a home-away-from-home for full-time boarding students from over 15 nations but is also a home for students needing a little more flexibility. Multi-day boarding options are available beginning in Grade 7 and provide the best of both worlds - weekends with family and weekdays to concentrate on academics, participate in athletics and fully explore the arts. Boarding in a familiar, nurturing environment provides students with the opportunity to safely develop their independence.



# Building a Community

Albert College is more than just an educational institution - it is a place with a remarkable sense of community and belonging for students of all ages.

#### **Family First**

We encourage and embrace a strong partnership between home and school. Parents and family members are always welcome to volunteer, attend special events and be an active part of our community.



#### **Health and Wellness**

All Albert students have access to our Health and Wellness Centre, which is staffed by two registered nurses and a student counsellor and is equipped to handle most health and wellness-related issues.



#### **Orientation Camp**

An Albert tradition dating back to 1973, Orientation Camp is an opportunity to meet other students and spend time with teachers outside the classroom. Before classes begin in September, students in Grades 7 to 12, faculty and staff enjoy the Canadian outdoors for three days in Algonquin Park. Students choose from kayaking, canoeing, sailing, tennis, games, rock climbing, hiking and more. In the evenings, everyone gathers around the campfire for skits and songs. For our younger students, the Grade 6 class embarks on an overnight camping trip, while the Pre-K to Grade 5 students enjoy a dedicated Camp Day at the Junior School.

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#### **House Leagues**

House leagues play a pivotal role in nurturing a strong sense of unity. Each student and staff member joins a house when they arrive at Albert College - Baker, Deroche, Bishop or Graham - fostering a sense of belonging. House leagues are a fun and inviting way for new students to get to know their peers from all grades, a team they will be a part of their entire time at Albert.











# Seeing is Believing

Choosing the right school is a big decision for your family. We believe the more you know about Albert College, the more confident you will feel joining our community. Families can learn more by booking a private tour of our campus, or by participating in a Spend-A-Day, where prospective students are invited to spend a full academic day at Albert. To schedule a a tour or a Spend-A-Day, please email our Enrolment team at info@albertcollege.ca or call 613-968-5726.



#### **Tuition Assistance**

Albert College is committed to making our school more financially accessible. Tuition assistance is available to students beginning in Junior Kindergarten, carries no obligation of repayment and is renewable. Families must reapply annually to demonstrate ongoing need. Tuition Assistance recipients are also eligible for scholarships. Scholarships are available to students in Grades 7 to 12, and are renewable each year, provided the recipient maintains good academic standing and meets all other requirements. For more information, please visit albertcollege.ca.

# Ready & Apply?

We are excited to have your child join our welcoming, inclusive school community! The application steps are simple, and we are here to help along the way.



Complete the online application and fee payment (JK to Grade 12)



Complete an interview (Grades 7 to 12)



Complete an in-person assessment (Pre-K to Grade 6)



Provide past two years of academic report cards



Submit the teacher's evaluation



Write our entrance test (Grades 7 to 12)



If the applicant's first language is not English, an approved language proficiency test may be required

#### **Our Mission**

**Educate** students from Canada and around the world through a comprehensive curriculum that threads cohesively from Pre-Kindergarten through to Grade 12

**Inspire** students to be leaders of character

Support faculty and staff in the mastery of their professions

Create a dynamic culture of learning supported by innovative technology and infrastructure

**Honour** our past while preparing our students to thrive in their futures

#### **Our Vision**

Develop people of character and compassion who embrace a life of purpose, excited by the possibilities that their energies create.

#### **Our Core Values**

Individuality	We respect each other for our unique talents, we expect excellence in ourselves, and we act	tively
	encourage the pursuit of personal bests by others.	

Compassion	As a small family school, we are sensitive to the needs and the feelings of each member of the
	community, exhibiting empathy and humility in our dealings with one another and with the world
	around us.

Integrity	We are accountable for our actions, and we act with honesty and integrity in our dealings with one
	another and with the broader community.

Diversity &	As an international community of learners, we celebrate the contributions each member brings to the
Inclusion	whole in everything we do. By honouring both our similarities and our differences, we forge a united
	identity, and strive to ensure ours is a safe and welcoming community for all.

#### **Optimism** We are positive about the future and are committed to contributing to a healthy society and planet.

#### **Land Acknowledgment**

Albert College is situated upon the traditional lands of the Wendat, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge the land and the people because the first step to reconciliation is recognizing the First People of this land, and our relationships and mutual responsibilities. We must demonstrate stronger empathy and understanding regarding the impacts of colonialism upon Indigenous people and culture. We must honour the 94 Calls to Action as part of our commitment to reconciliation. We must follow the Indigenous example of being better stewards and caretakers of the land so that this earth will prosper for generations to come. We accept that it is our responsibility to be committed to these actions.



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