

More Questions and Answers

Q. Will I be covered by medical insurance?

Yes, part of the program fee includes the cost of medical insurance. This will insure you for trips to the doctor and any hospital coverage. It will not cover you for dental work unless the work needed to be done is the result of an accident since you have been in Coquitlam.

Q. If I stay for the summer can I continue to receive medical coverage?

Yes, the Coquitlam International Student Program requires you to make a written request at least eight weeks before your intended departure on your intent to stay. If all documents are filled out in a timely manner medical coverage will continue.

Q. What is the weather like in Coquitlam?

The lower mainland of British Columbia, including Coquitlam, has some of the best weather in Canada. Coquitlam is a very temperate community. Summer, spring and fall tend to be warm (18C – 30 C) and November to February is colder (15C – 5C). We sometimes have a little snow but it usually will not last more than a week.

Q. How much does the program cost?

The Coquitlam International Student Program has set fees for both the long term and the short term programs. Check our registration information for current fees.

Q. How do I apply?

To apply for the long term program, fill out registration form, submit registration fee of \$200.00 and submit 2 years of notarized and translated report cards.

Q. When can I arrive?

If you are planning to begin your studies in September you should arrive at least one week before school starts to get settled in to your “homestay” and get organized. Your school may want you to attend an orientation session before the start of classes. If you are starting your studies in the second semester you should be prepared to arrive in late January.

Q. Who will meet me at the airport?

You will be met at the airport by your homestay family or your agent.

Q. Are school books and supplies provided?

Textbooks are provided by the school, however, some materials and activities fees may be charged by your school. Students supply their own pens and papers.

Q. What should I bring with me?

In addition to personal supplies and clothes students may want to bring mementos from home (pictures, flags, etc.) to show where they are from.

Q. Can my family come to visit me while I study in Coquitlam?

Yes we encourage parents to come for a visit. It is advised, however, that parents wait at least two months to allow their student to adjust to their new surroundings and home. Families are expected to arrange for their own accommodations.

Q. Can I travel while in Coquitlam?

Yes, students are able to travel within Canada on school holidays, provided that their health insurance covers travel. Travel to the USA requires passport and additional travel insurance.

Q. Is transportation provided to and from school?

It depends on where you attend school and how far away you live from school. Students who are eligible for transportation are picked up in the morning and dropped off after school by school buses. Several students travel to and from school using the public transportation system (student is responsible for the cost), while others who live close to their school often walk.

Q. Are there recreational opportunities available for students?

Yes, in addition to the many opportunities in music, theatre, dance, clubs and athletics there are nine community centres in the Coquitlam area that offer numerous programs. These centres offer indoor aquatic programs, skating, hockey, waterslide, gymnastics, table tennis, 8-ball, arcade games, movies, video games, cooking, painting, ESL fun, creative writing, book clubs, kickboxing, karate, yoga, weight training, badminton, basketball, soccer and open gym.

Q. Is driving permitted?

If a student is able to obtain a provincial driver's license, at their own cost and with parent permission, they may apply to register their car with their school. All school rules apply if they want to take their car to school or to school events.

Q. Can I attend a Canadian university/college upon graduation?

Yes, if you have high enough grades to meet entrance requirements. International students who have been registered in our program for at least three years will not have to write the TOEFL examination to be considered for entrance into a B.C. college or university.