



# KAMLOOPS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## ADMISSIONS GUIDE 2007—2008



### MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide a Christ centered Bible based education  
which inspires students to serve God  
through the development of character and  
a Christian world view,  
achievement of academic potential,  
and service to others.*

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## INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to Kamloops Christian School! We trust your children will thrive here, academically and spiritually. KCS offers good, wholesome, Christian values based education in a friendly, family-like environment. In fact, KCS is very much a community school, offering a full range of programs to meet all family needs including Daycare (Infant-Toddler and 3-5's), Pre-School, Full Day Kindergarten, After-School Care, Grades 1-7 Elementary, and Grades 8-12 High School.

As a Group I Independent School, KCS follows the B.C. Curriculum and is evaluated externally to assure quality. KCS teachers are all certified by the Province of B.C. Students enjoy small class sizes, well-rounded course selection (including Honours Math and Science), modern computer labs, good facilities, and the opportunity to serve others through both Local and Foreign Missions. In fact, KCS offers so much we recommend you ask for a guided tour!

At KCS your children will receive a high quality, whole-child education. We hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Terry Rogers  
Principal/CEO



## 6. Bursary Program

The Bursary Fund has been set up to help families meet their tuition payments to KCS. It is based on the philosophy that God is not a respecter of persons and that all of His people should have access to Christian education regardless of their financial situation.

The Fund is to be a regular budgeted amount to be determined by the Board each year. It will pay part (to a maximum of 40%) of the tuition as it is expected that the applicant will contribute as much as possible to his account. The Board or its committee will review all applicants to determine if there is adequate priority of spending and sacrifice to warrant a bursary.

### Procedure:

Each applicant will be reviewed individually. The following guidelines will be used:

1. The family gross income (less taxes) should be up to approximately \$28,000 as documented by income tax summary or other relevant documentation for the most current year.
2. The Board will give priority in allotting bursary money in the following sequence:
  - a. Families who have previously been in the school
  - b. New families who regularly attend sponsoring churches.
  - c. New families from other churches.
  - d. Non-Christian families.
3. In any category of priority, the bursary will be allotted on a first come first serve basis, but this will be governed by the following time frame. **Families already in the School and using the bursary program must re-apply for the following year no later than April 30th of the current school year.**

Students must be willing to support the school by:

Showing a willingness to adhere to the standards and regulations of the school as outlined in the Student Handbook, and by endeavouring to demonstrate their commitment by effort and conduct in and out of school.

**2. Procedure - How to Enroll**

- 1) Contact the school to receive written materials including the application form and student handbook.
- 2) Read all literature thoroughly.
- 3) Drop completed application form, supporting documents (photocopy of birth certificate and immunization record) and registration fee of \$75.00 per student, off at the school office.
- 4) Make an appointment for an interview with the principal. Bring report cards to the interview.
- 5) Students in grade 7 and up need to be at the interview.
- 6) Include a Society Membership form and cheque. At least one parent from each family who are Christians is expected to join the society. (\$10 ea)
- 7) Upon completion of the interview and paperwork the principal will inform you of acceptance.
- 8) Arrange for tuition payments.

**3. Waiting List**

Should a particular class be full, students who have gone through the registration procedure will be placed on a waiting list. The registration fee will be returned should no room exist. Parents will be informed immediately if a space should come available.

**4. Registration Fees**

A registration fee of \$75.00 per student will be charged each year. This fee secures the registration and is not refundable.

**5. Tuition Fees**

Tuition fees are another source of funds for the operation of the school. It must be stressed that fees DO NOT FULLY COVER THE COST OF EDUCATION.

**6. Introductory Special on Tuition** There is a 50% discount for the first 40 new families to register. This program is to help new families make the transition into KCS within the first school year, or portion thereof.

Fees are set with three considerations in mind:

- a. Our operating expenses.
- b. Christian Education should be available to as many families as possible.
- c. Fees are set so that ALL the children of a family can attend KCS.

**Payment of Fees**

**Tuition** for the 2007-2008 school year is as follows:

<b>Oldest Child is in Elementary</b>	<b>Base Tuition</b>	<b>10 Months</b>
Oldest child is in Kindergarten	\$2350.00	\$235.00
One child family	\$4050.00	\$405.00
Two child family	\$4650.00	\$465.00
Three child family	\$5150.00	\$515.00
<b>Oldest Child is in Gr 8-12</b>	<b>Base Tuition</b>	<b>10 Months</b>
One child family (youngest in high school)	\$4450.00	\$445.00
Two child family	\$5050.00	\$505.00
Three child family (or +)	\$5550.00	\$555.00

**Tuition Payment Options:**

**Option # 1:** A Pre-Authorized Payment system is now available for your convenience. (This is the easiest for all)

**Option #2:** You may leave us 10 post-dated checks.

**Option #3:** You may pay by Visa or Mastercard. Simply swipe your card for a 10 month period & leave as you would for Post-dated cheques.

**Option #4:** We now have "Interac Direct Payment". If you choose this option, you may pay monthly, sign the agreement & leave us a swipe of your Visa or Mastercard in case of a missed payment.

**\*\*Please remember that we have a \$25.00 NSF charge for all returned payments (cheques, PAP's etc...)**

A number of facts must be kept in mind:

- a. It is the responsibility of all parents to pay promptly and in advance.
- b. If parents experience any difficulties in meeting their commitment, they must communicate immediately with the Business Manager.
- c. A procedure is in place that deals with non-payment of fees, which could result in the removal of the student from the school.

When students leave or start during a month, parents are responsible for the fees as of the start of the month they left or arrived in. This may be waived if the number of days is few, and in the opinion of the administration it is in the student's best interest to be in school for those days.

Parents are requested to give a minimum of one SCHOOL month's notice of students leaving or not returning. This is not only common courtesy, but helps us budget and fill vacancies.

#### **Parent Participation Program:**

Throughout the province, many Independent Schools have in place a Parent Participation Program. This consists of a choice to participate in volunteering for the school a minimum of 20 hours, (participation beyond the 20 hour requirement is both encouraged and appreciated), or pay a \$200 fee in lieu of volunteering.

The PPP is designed to encourage the active participation of all parents in our school community. We trust you will embrace this tremendous opportunity to make a real and lasting difference by helping to enrich and develop your school.

How the program works:

- Each family is expected to volunteer 20 hours or more to assist in school activities.
- A complete registration form will have a \$200 cheque (post-dated to May 15th, 2008) attached for the PPP in addition to the cheque for the usual registration fee.
- Volunteer hours will be recorded throughout the year from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.
- When 20 or more hours have been logged by a family, the cheque is returned.
- If there are no volunteer hours recorded, the Association will cash the cheque on May 15, 2008.
- If you have any questions, please contact the school principal.

## **ADMISSIONS:**

### **1. Policy**

Kamloops Christian School welcomes students from all backgrounds. However, families applying for admission should realize that because of its roots in orthodox, evangelical Christianity, the school stands for certain standards, values and beliefs which cannot be compromised. Therefore, the school may refuse admission to any student who either has demonstrated negative behaviour and/or attitudes which are judged to be potentially detrimental to the goals of the school, or has a particular need which the school would not adequately be able to meet.

In addition, the school will only accept students whose parents consent to and support their being trained in accordance with Biblical principles. At no time can there be more than 20% of the student body from families where there is not at least one parent who is a born again Christian, unless the student himself is. New students are accepted on a probationary status until they have demonstrated right attitudes and actions. Normally, this period is one school term. Parents will be informed should this period need to be extended.

#### **Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old before/by December 31 of that year.** (Jr Kindergarten student may be 4 yrs)

Parents must be willing to support the purpose, philosophy and programs of Kamloops Christian School by:

- a) Completing and signing the student application form indicating they have read, understood and are in agreement with the Student Handbook of the Kamloops Christian School.
- b) Attending orientation evenings set up to acquaint parents with the operation of the school and society.
- c) Joining and working in co-operation with other parents through the various parents' organizations (these are outlined elsewhere in this booklet).
- d) Accepting responsibility for conferences with teachers and students when the situation warrants.
- e) Fulfilling all financial obligations.