

MERRICK
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MPS AT A GLANCE

Distinctly Canadian —
Uniquely Global

2023-2024
Annual Report

2025-2026
Dates & Fees



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Welcome to MPS

Merrick Preparatory School (MPS) is a private co-educational day and boarding high school offering a world class education and boarding experience to students in grades 9 through 12, and University Qualification Year (UQY). With a maximum capacity of 60 boarding students and 20 days students, MPS prioritizes the one-on-one academic guidance and support as well as personal growth to its students.

Since its opening in 2012, students from over 45 countries have called Merrick Preparatory School home. **International** students come for the quality education, focused academic attention and small class sizes in one of Canada's safest communities. **Domestic** students come to broaden their global understanding and perspective by immersing themselves in a truly international education with students from around the world. And those delayed in arrival due to Study Permit processing time can attend classes live-real-time through our robust synchronous learning platform and seamlessly join classes upon their arrival. All students build lifelong friendships that span the globe and gain entry into world-ranked universities.

Located in historic Merrickville, Ontario, which is acclaimed as **Canada's Most Beautiful Village***, MPS is perfectly situated for focused academics, and educational experiences that provide a well-rounded education both inside and outside of the classroom. Merrickville is a small, safe, caring, and inclusive community, just 45 minutes from Ottawa, the nation's capital city. MPS is located in one of the town's most notable buildings which was constructed in 1861 and overlooks the picturesque Rideau River and Canal System (a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

**Communities in Bloom*



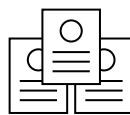
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Maximum student body



140

Graduates since 2012 earned 704 offers to world-ranked universities



8

University offers, on average, per graduate in 2024



\$55,750

In university scholarships received, on average, per graduate in 2024



\$1,337,000

In university scholarships received by 140 graduates since 2012

Our Approach

ENHANCED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

At Merrick Preparatory School our focus is on student development, both academically and interpersonally, 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 enter 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 our teachers are trained and **certified Guidance Specialists**. Not only does this assist students from grades 9 to 11 during their Daily Tutorial Support, but it is also 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 receiving significant scholarships.

► **Student Success Program**

Each week all MPS staff, together with the Head of School, meet for one hour to review each student's progress. These weekly reviews ensure effective and unique strategies for each individual student's success - no student is overlooked. Our Daily Tutorial Support, Advisor Program, average class size of 10, maximum student body of 60 boarders and 20 day students, dedicated teachers, Residential Life Staff & Head of School who live on campus results in **no student falls through the cracks because there are no cracks!** Even the smallest of concerns, academic or social, are addressed immediately. **Our students are successful on every front, learning the copying skills to address any issue they confront.**





100%

Of MPS graduates enter 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



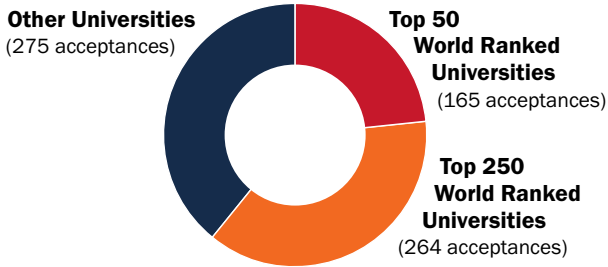
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Hours of advising combined with university counseling per week



Course Offerings 2012-2024	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		•			
Career Studies & Civics and Citizenship		•			
Challenge and Change in Society				•	
Chemistry			•	•	
Communications Technology		•			
Drama	•	•	•	•	•
Earth and Space Science				•	
Economics: Analyzing Current Economic Issues				•	
English	•	•	•	•	•
English as a Second Language, Levels 2, 3, 4, 5 (ESL B, C, D, E)					•
Entrepreneurship: The Enterprising Person			•		
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			•		
Learning Strategies: Skills for Success in Secondary School	•				
Mathematics: Principles of Mathematics	•	•			
Mathematics: Functions and Applications			•		
Mathematics: Functions			•		
Mathematics: Advanced Functions				•	
Mathematics: Calculus and Vectors				•	
Mathematics: Data Management				•	
Media Arts & Studies			•		
Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC)			•	•	
Origins of Citizenship: History of a Canadian Ethnic Group			•		
Philosophy: 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				•	

University Acceptances Since 2012



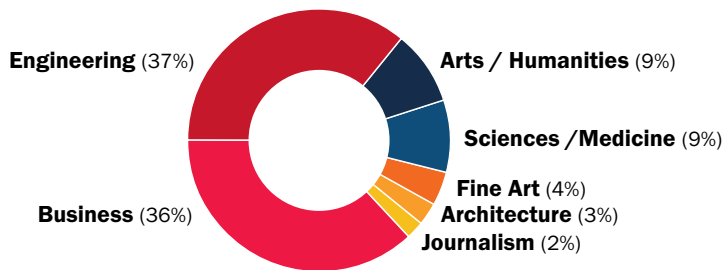
Since our founding in 2012, MPS's **140 graduates** have earned **704 acceptances at 83 universities** in Canada, USA, UK, Australia, Mexico, China, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. **165** of those acceptances were to top 50 world ranked universities and **264** acceptances to top 250 world ranked universities.

Top University Acceptances Per Country:

Country	University	World Ranking (2024)
Canada	University of Toronto	ranked 21 st in the world
United Kingdom	University of Edinburgh	ranked 22 nd in the world
Belgium	KU Leuven	ranked 61 st in the world
United States	Pennsylvania State University	ranked 83 rd in the world
Germany	Freie Universitat Berlin	ranked 98 th in the world
Mexico	Tecnológico de Monterrey	ranked 185 th in the world
Netherlands	Vrije University	ranked 236 th in the world
Australia	Flinders University	ranked 336 th in the world
China	Shanghai University	ranked 489 th in the world

*QS World Rankings 2024

Programs Of Study Since 2012



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

If delayed arriving on campus, our Synchronous Learning Program will ensure you do not miss any class time

English As A Second Language (ESL) Foundation

Improve your English in preparation for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma

University Destinations 2012-2024

Ontario

- Brock University
- Carleton University ●
- McMaster University ●
- Ontario Tech University
- Queen's University ●
- Toronto Metropolitan 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, LA
- College of San Mateo
- Michigan State University ●
- Northeastern University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- University of Florida ●
- University of Tampa

International Universities

- Flinders University (Australia)
- Freie Universitat Berlin (Germany) ●
- 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 Manchester (UK)
- University of Sussex (UK) ●
- University of Strathclyde (UK)
- University of the Creative Arts, Canterbury (UK)
- University of Warwick (UK) ●

● QS World Ranking top 250
● Destinations of our 2024 graduates





Critical Dates 2025–2026

Arrival Date	Tuesday September 2, 2025
First Day of Classes	Wednesday September 3, 2025
Last Day of Classes / Departure Date for December Break	Friday December 19, 2025
December Break – School Closed	Saturday December 20, 2025 – Saturday January 3, 2026
Return Date from December Break	Sunday January 4, 2026
End of Semester One	Tuesday January 27, 2026
Arrival Date for New Students Starting Semester Two	Wednesday January 28, 2026
Start of Classes, Semester Two	Thursday January 29, 2026
March Break – School Closed	Saturday March 14, 2026 – Saturday March 21, 2026
Last Day of Classes / Graduation / Departure Date	Friday June 19, 2026

Program Fees 2025–2026

Grade 9 and 10 (Domestic Day)	CAD\$ 18,900
Grade 11, 12 and UQY (Domestic Day)	CAD\$ 19,900
Grade 9, 10 and ESL Foundation (Boarding)	CAD\$ 59,900
Grade 11, 12 and UQY (Boarding)	CAD\$ 60,900

For more information on fees (i.e. semester fees) please view our Financial Handbook on our website or reach out to us directly

👉 www.merrickprep.com/documents-and-resources



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 🇨🇳



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

Merrick Prep. I'm here because of you! I learned so much at 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 🇹🇷



Joining MPS changed my son into a responsible young man. Academically he improved so much, and while it

wasn't easy he achieved what he was hoping for and got accepted into the university he wished for. At MPS he received an international education with students from around the globe who gain entry into world-ranked universities. My son was so happy at MPS it was like a second family to him. The experience he got is priceless; he got wiser, more confident, independent and ready for his next step to university.

Mother of Ahmed from Saudi Arabia 🇸🇦



MPS really prepared me well for University by teaching me to be self sufficient by means of individual learning.

University is about pursuing your own interests and discovering the career for you. MPS really helps to prepare you for that and get you in the correct mindset to learn. It was a great experience for me with the teachers and staff who really pushed me hard in my education. Now I am in my second year at the University of New Brunswick, studying mechatronics engineering.

Matthew from Bahamas 🇧🇸



When I was at Merrick Prep, I really felt the sense of family and I was treated so well and everyone wanted to talk

to me and they were interested in my nationality, my identity and I think that's one of the best things about Merrick. They really care about my health and if I had a problem, they really helped me, like my parents would. Merrick Prep really helped me improve my academics, and the fact that the class sizes are so small meant that the teacher could help me anytime I needed it.

Juan Carlos from Mexico 🇲🇽

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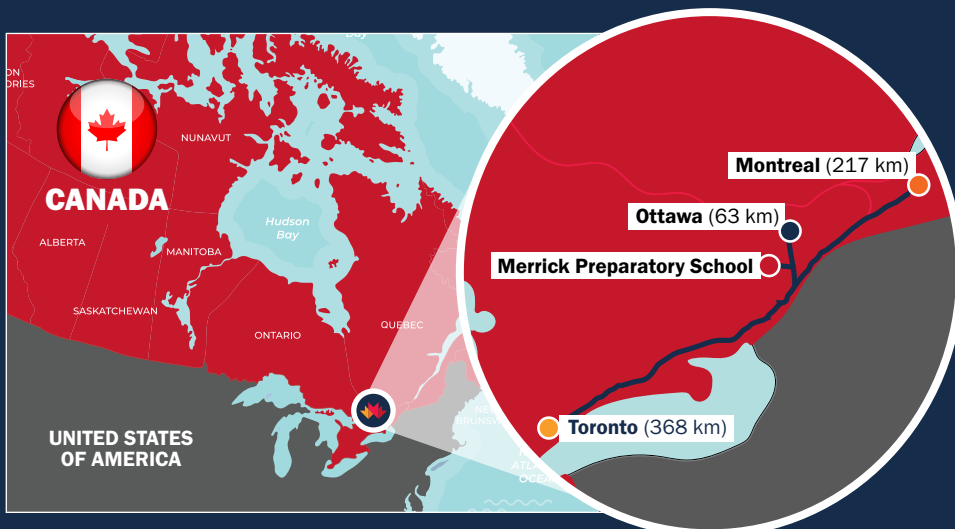
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