



**MERRICK**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

# MPS AT A GLANCE

Distinctly Canadian —  
Uniquely Global



2022-2023  
**Annual Report**

2024-2025  
**Dates & Fees**







# Welcome to MPS

**Merrick Preparatory School (MPS), a private co-educational day, boarding and synchronous learning high school offering a world class education and boarding experience to students in grades nine through 12, and University Qualification year (UQY).** With a maximum capacity of 60 boarding students, 20 days students and 30 synchronous learning 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. Our **synchronous** learners value the in-class experience by participating live with their classmates, building lifelong friendships and receiving the same one-on-one guidance and attention to 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 located just 45 minutes from Ottawa, the nation's capital city. MPS 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).



**80**

Maximum Student Body



**11**

Graduates in 2023



**83**

University offers  
(38 granted to our 11 graduates in 2023 to top 250 world-ranked universities)



**\$340,000**

In University scholarships received in 2023



**\$1,223,000**

In University scholarships received by 138 graduates since 2012

# Our Approach

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## 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 and discuss each students' progress. This enables us to ensure 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 student body of 80, dedicated Residential Life Staff who work with our students after school and on weekends, and a Head of School 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. Therefore, our students are successful on every front, learning the coping skills to address any issue they are confronted with.





**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



**5**

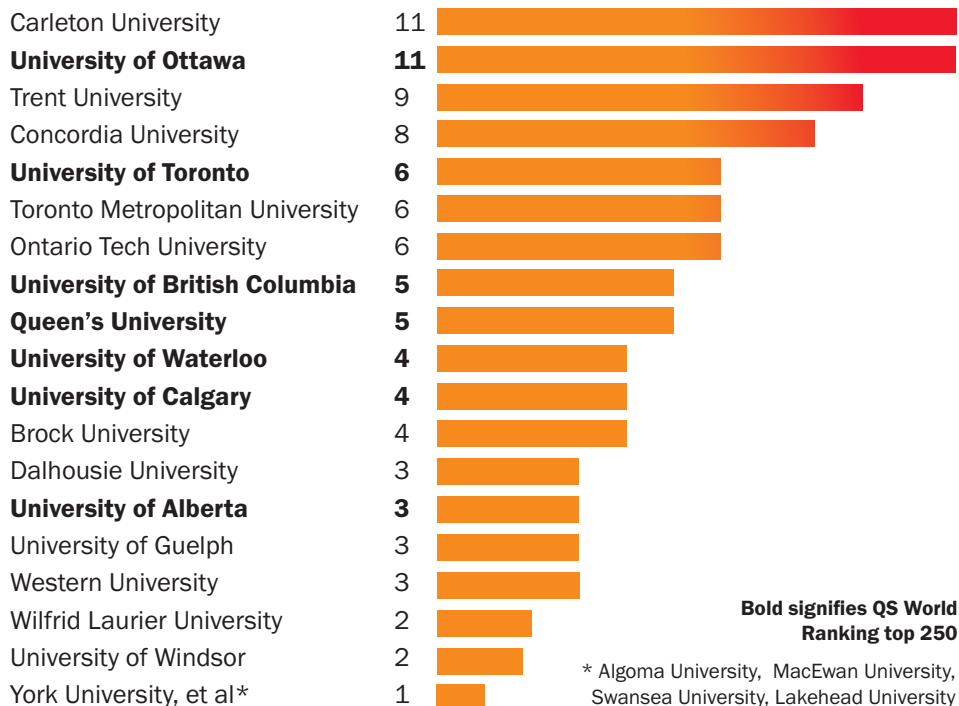
Hours of advising combined with university counseling per week



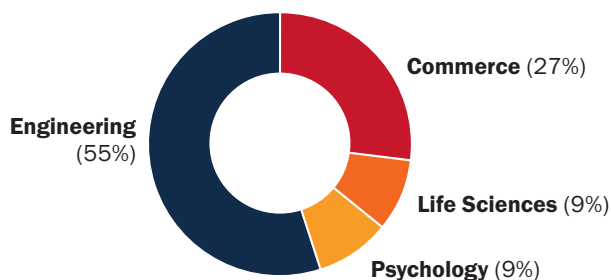
Course Offerings 2012–2023	9	10	11	12	ESL
Biology			•	•	
Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals				•	
Business: Accounting Fundamentals			•		
Business: International Business Fundamentals				•	
Business: Introduction to Business	•	•			
Canadian and International Law				•	
Canadian and World Geography				•	
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			•		
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				•	



## Top University Acceptances, Class Of 2023



## Programs Of Study, Class Of 2023



40% of MPS Graduates have attended Engineering, 34% Business/Economics/Math, 9% Science, 10% Arts/Humanities, 2% Fine Arts, 2% Journalism, 1% Architecture, 1% Medicine (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

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

## University Destinations 2012–2023

### Ontario

Brock University  
 Carleton University ●  
 Laurentian 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)  
 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 2023 graduates



Ottawa Parliament Hill

World-Ranked Education



Vibrant Student Life







## Critical Dates 2024–2025

Arrival Date	Tuesday September 3, 2024
First Day of Classes	Wednesday September 4, 2024
Last Day of Classes/Departure Date for Winter Holidays	Friday December 20, 2024
Winter Holidays - School Closed	Saturday December 21, 2024 – Saturday January 4, 2025
Return Date from Winter Holidays	Sunday January 5, 2025
End of Semester One	Tuesday January 28, 2025
Arrival Date for New Students Starting Semester Two	Wednesday January 29, 2025
Start of Classes, Semester Two	Thursday January 30, 2025
March Break - School Closed	Saturday March 8, 2025 – Saturday March 15, 2025
Last Day of Classes/Graduation/Departure Date	Friday June 20, 2025

## Program Fees 2024–2025

Grade 9 and 10 (Domestic Day)	CAD\$ 17,000
Grade 11, 12 and UQY (Domestic Day)	CAD\$ 18,500
Grade 9 and 10 (Synchronous Learning)	CAD\$ 33,500
Grade 11, 12 and UQY (Synchronous Learning)	CAD\$ 35,500
Grade 9, 10 and ESL Foundation (Boarding)	CAD\$ 56,900
Grade 11, 12 and UQY (Boarding)	CAD\$ 58,900

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

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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 🇨🇳



*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 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 🇹🇷



*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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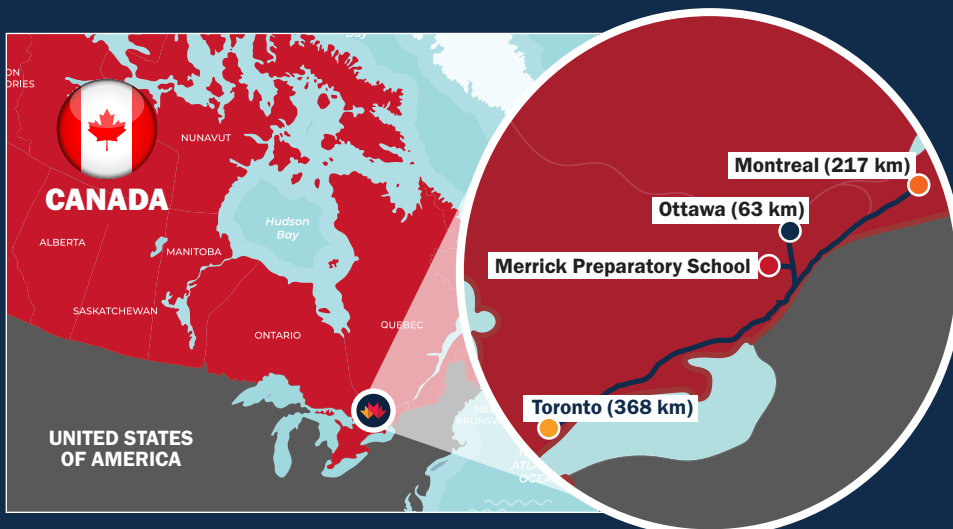
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