

# Overview of the International Student Program and EAL/ESL

## St. Patrick Regional Secondary School



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St. Patrick Regional Secondary is a Roman Catholic Secondary School in Vancouver teaching grades 8-12 university preparation curricula.

It is the intent of this program to offer international students the opportunity to experience Vancouver while continuing their secondary school education. Accordingly, the program involves ESL courses and components in order to integrate students into the mainstream program. Each student's language abilities are determined by an analysis of test results and grades in regular courses. The goal of all ESL courses is to maximize student exposure to academic English. Students will be directed to reach a high level of proficiency in the English language with the intention of future admission into a future Post-Secondary Institution. Therefore, students will receive an individual schedule developed around the student's goals and needs to lead them to success.

The ESL program will offer an eclectic combination of speaking, reading, writing, listening grammar and vocabulary as well as structured TOFEL preparation. Not all students will require or want all sections—consequently may not participate in all the ESL courses offered.

The integration of students into mainstream courses will ensure that students continue to improve their language skills and additionally develop their skills in other subjects. Throughout this memorable experience, students will not only improve their English language but will also become a part of the St. Patrick student community as a whole.