



Come as strangers. Leave as family.

Your child(ren) will learn English in a warm, caring, welcoming learning environment.

### Come as a family and watch your child(ren)'s English blossom in this full immersion setting.



#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# **COME LIVE AND LEARN WITH US!**

# INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PROGRAM

Calling all International Families Worldwide! Munro Academy's International Family Program allows mothers and/or fathers to accompany their child(ren) to Munro Academy's full English immersion elementary schooling program in beautiful Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada!

# CAPE BRETON, NOVA SCOTIA

#### **Unrivalled Benefits**

- ✓ Student to Teacher ratio: 10:1
- ✓ English language learning environment: About 5% International VISA students.
- ✓ Commitment to total family care: We are family at Munro Academy and we are pleased to provide full settlement support as well as ongoing community support. We desire to be part of our international families.
- ✓ International students and their families and homestay families get together for regular events: Meals, games, parties. New connections. New friendships. Lasting friendships.
- ✓ Experiential learning opportunities: Students will practise their English and learn about Canada via a variety of experiences such as field trips to local sites, outdoor adventures, sports and arts programs, and more.
- ✓ Environmental Innovation: We care about the environment! We are committed to being good stewarts of the environment and passing that value along!

#### What does Munro Academy have to offer?

Munro Academy is an independent private Christian School that is open to students from any and no faith background. Our teachers are from a range of Christian denominations from Catholic to various Protestant denominations. Munro Academy teachers are committed to equipping students - intellectually, spiritually, emotionally, and socially - to serve and bless the world in all 4 of its corners! Munro Academy graduates are poised to thoughtfully impact their local and global contexts - in whatever sector they choose to serve.

#### What does Cape Breton, Nova Scotia have to offer?

Families living in Cape Breton enjoy many activities, including downhill skiing, snowboarding, a wildlife park, hiking, swimming, beaches, whale watching, boating, laser tag, virtual reality studio, libraries, shopping, ethnic restaurants and grocery stores, music concerts of every genre, a movie theatre and live theatre. There are opportunities for lessons in dance, art, crafts, martial arts. skating, music, drama. Countless opportunities for you and your children! Cape Breton was awarded the "Top Island Destination in North America" in 2011 (Travel and Leisure Magazine).

#### What kind of ESL support would my child(ren) get at Munro Academy?

International Students at Munro Academy are given full academic and English language support. International Students meet daily one-on-one or in a small group setting with trained, certified ESL teacher(s) who also support them in their content classes and with their homework. When needed, academic expectations are modified to accommodate the English Language Learner.

As the intellectual, industrial and cultural hub of Cape Breton, Sydney is the home of Cape Breton University, J.A. Douglas McCurdy Airport, and the Mayflower Mall. Munro Academy Balls Creek - the elementary campus - is an 8 minute drive from Sydney and 8 minutes in the opposite direction from North Sydney. It is located on a beautiful 4 acre lot which looks out over the Atlantic Ocean. See the ferries come and go. Watch a Bald Eagle perch on a nearby pine tree. Deer wander through the playground after the children have gone home for the day. The air is clear with that hint of salt.

# **SETTLEMENT SERVICES** (Optional)

MA Settlement Service provides assistance for study abroad students and accompanying families for a stable life in Canada. We do our best to help students and parents settle in as quickly as possible and without any difficulties.

### SERVICES BEFORE LANDING **Finding Rental Property**

- ✓ Searching for rental property
- ✓ Providing information and photographs of houses for rent: House condition, surrounding neighbourhood and amenities, time of commute, etc.
- ✓ Signing rent contract: Must pay one month rent and one month deposit

#### Utility

✓ Electricity, Phone, Gas, Internet, Cable TV

#### Others

✓ Driver's license authorization (if needed)

#### SERVICES AFTER LANDING **Airport Pickup**

✓ SUV/Van pickup (Maximum 5 passengers)

#### **Basic Duty**

- $\checkmark$  Phone registration
- $\checkmark$  Purchasing map and navigation ✓ Purchasing pay-later
- international call card
- $\checkmark$  Accompanying and purchasing basic necessities

# Bank

Canadian bank account

# **Information on specialized**

- shopping centres ✓ Furniture: Visit to specialized stores
  - ✓ Electronics: Best Buy
  - ✓ School Supplies: Staples
  - ✓ Basic Necessities: Wal-Mart,
  - Superstore, etc.

### **Car Purchasing**

according to length of visit, budget, etc.

#### **Driver's License**

✓ Assisting and providing exchange at province of NS (Must bring current license,

- ✓ Assisting car insurance application process
- Notarized translation, Visa) **Car insurance** 
  - from current insurance company.

✓ Assisting opening of new

✓ Groceries: Superstore, Sobeys, etc.

 $\checkmark$  Accompanying car purchase

translations for driver's license

\* Must bring an English version of Zero-accident Certification

#### Customs

✓ Making appointment and accompanying to downtown customs office, in the case of international move

#### **Directions**

✓ Directions to school, library, community center, shopping centre etc.

#### **Rent Assistance**

- $\checkmark$  Connecting and using the security entrance codes
- ✓ Taking care of garbage: Location of garbage bin and recycling methods
- $\checkmark$  Using basic home appliances (Appliances: Refrigerator, oven, dishwasher, washer, dryer)
- ✓ Applying for home insurance

#### **Information on Daily Life**

- $\checkmark$  Accompanying to nearby community center, library and programs (Provide assistance on applying for library card and community)
- ✓ Registering check and making payment for rent
- ✓ Finding way with a map
- ✓ Filling car gas
- $\checkmark$  Information on family and walk-in clinics

#### **Tutor/Academy**

✓ Information on additional academic supports and tutors in the area