

East Meets West



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Mission Vision.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL \$\varPsi\$

Throughout my years in education as a Principal, I have successfully opened three schools. They are imprinted with values of integrity, leadership, honesty and innovation. These three schools still proudly carry my legacy. Fort Erie International Academy (FEIA) is definitely the most exciting venture in my career so far! I am passionate about the "East Meets West" philosophy. When I picture our graduates, I envision confident, forward-thinking youth who appreciate diverse cultures, are globally aware, creative and responsible. FEIA graduates will be well prepared to lead and embrace future global challenges with the critical thinking skills attained at FEIA!

I am honoured to lead our first International School in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. The unique culture of Fort Erie International Academy is based on common values and beliefs held by all those who work and learn here. It will be embedded in our day to day climate and culture:

School Mission - To inspire and empower students to realize their academic potential, to become agents of change, innovators and leaders on a global scale.

FEIA academic leaders are actively engaged in the validation process through the Ontario Ministry of Education, in order to become an accredited school. The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) opens the door to top universities in Canada and the world. FEIA is a collective effort that depends upon the active involvement of our founders, Ontario Certified Teachers, students, parents and education advisors. Our diverse staff is motivated, enthusiastic, and committed to providing a well-balanced program that engages students to grow, learn and challenge themselves so they can achieve their true potential. FEIA students will become life-long learners, equipped to embrace the future with a global mindset that promotes collaboration, creativity, confidence and respect.

FEIA intends to establish itself as one of the finest private schools in the province. Chinese students will develop strong English Language skills as well as an understanding of North American culture, assuring a seamless transition into university life. As students benefit from a blend of Chinese and North American philosophies, they will develop a global perspective. Canadian and International students will have opportunities to appreciate Chinese culture and learn Mandarin throughout elementary and secondary school, as well as study in China through exchange programs and co-op experiences.

Warm Regards,

CONNIE STELLA
Head Principal

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# MISSION 🐯

To inspire and empower students to realize their academic potential, to become agents of change, innovators and leaders on a global scale.

# VISION 🐯

Fort Erie International Academy creates an environment for students to develop:

- A growth mindset with the passion to be lifelong learners.
- Ownership of their learning and commitment to excellence.
- Pride in mastery learning and an enthusiasm for a life of distinction
- A global perspective.
- Critical thinking and problemsolving skills.
- Innovative and entrepreneurial skills.
- Metacognition of learning and working preferences.
- Emotional intelligence that fosters empathy, social conscience and accountability.
- Citizenship and responsibility
- Confidence in the belief that their contribution matters.

# VALUES \*

In order for students to be ready to learn and develop to their highest potential, Fort Erie International Academy (FEIA) is committed to ensuring that students and staff thrive in a safe and welcoming community that embodies mutual respect, inclusivity, and is equitable and caring.

At FEIA, we recognize that each student has a unique learning profile and distinct set of learning requirements. We are committed to providing all students with the guidance and support at each stage of their educational journey to ensure their success as learners.

We value innovative instructional learning and teaching strategies, as well as the effective use of technology both within and outside the classroom. We are committed to providing students with project-based and experiential learning opportunities in small groups designed to engage and deepen their understanding of the importance of collaborative learning and leadership.

FEIA is committed to creating a diversified and multi-cultural environment that builds positive relationships and promotes enthusiasm for learning to prepare students for post-secondary education and career destinations.



#### WHY FEIA 👺

- Our "East meets West" philosophy translates into our students gaining an enhanced understanding of the interconnectedness of the world which will prepare them to be participants and leaders with an international perspective.
- Our crest logo incorporates four symbols: Fort, Dove, Tiger, and Pinecone, with each symbol related to an element of the school.
- The Fort takes inspiration from Fort Erie, a symbol of strength and integrity.
- The Dove is a symbol of peace, is derived from the Peace Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.
- The Tiger is the school mascot and a symbol of leadership and power.
- The Pinecone is in honour of our co-founder, 271 Education Group, symbolizing wisdom and knowledge.

Each symbol is incorporated into a shield, representing unity and strength. Red is an academic colour that conveys leadership and excellence.

- Our students come from all over the world bringing with them traditions and culture that inform their experience and help educate other students on all that the world has to offer.
- At FEIA, we provide an outstanding educational experience that encourages our students to truly engage with the material, embrace technology, work independently as well as collaboratively, and make inferences about the world as a whole.



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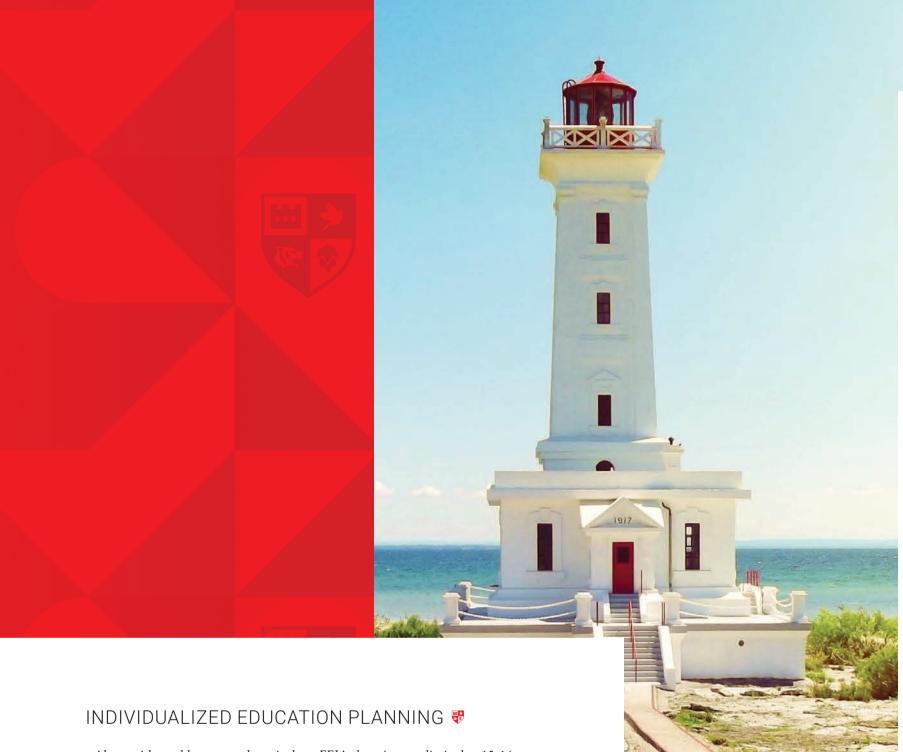
Vice-Principal

Principal

# Superior Educational Experience

### LEADERSHIP TEAM AND VISION \*

- Our school leaders hail from the 2nd largest school board in Canada; the highly renowned Peel District School Board, a public board serving 153,000 students.
- With more than 95 years of educational experience, our leaders are seasoned educators, grounded in practical experience as school and system leaders Over the course of proven and successful careers.
- The FEIA leadership team are the founders of our East meets West educational philosophy. They are committed to providing a high quality, stimulating and enriching education. Rooted in the Ontario curriculum, our approach integrates a global view for Chinese, local and international students.
- We are proud to have such a strong leadership team that brings many years of education experience to the table Jan Coutier, Constance Stella, Donna Moore.
  - Our Principal has a deep understanding of the Chinese education system, acquired during her 2 years as a Principal in China.
  - She has experienced Chinese culture and understands the challenges Chinese students face when learning abroad.
  - Her experience helps inform the staff on bridging the gaps our students may face.
- FEIA employs Ontario certified teachers who are well-versed in innovative and progressive teaching strategies with private school backgrounds.
- Our team is experienced in teaching children how to think, not what to think, setting them up for future success.
- FEIA focuses on professional development for our staff, providing training on methodology like how to effectively teach the English language learner.
- Our teachers are trained to use the most up-to-date technology and incorporate those technologies into their teaching.
- Additionally, our teachers work with English language learners who are
  integrated with those who speak English as their native language and some who
  speak English as a second language. We provide specific professional
  development courses to help our teachers support the learning of this unique
  mix of students.



- Along with world-renowned curriculum, FEIA class sizes are limited to 15-16 students so that teachers get to know students as individuals; allowing them to flag any concerns early in the learning process and to meet the evolving needs of their students.
- Our team monitors learning milestones through regular progress reports, midterm and final reports in each of our two semesters. When tutoring is required for our students in residence, we provide support in the subject area indicated in small groups or on an individual basis.

# UNMATCHED LOCATION \*

- The Fort Erie International Academy is located in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada. The Canadian education system is ranked among the best in the world, with our nation's students coming third overall in a 2018 international study of school systems conducted by US News & World Report in partnership with Y&R's BAV and Wharton.
- Canada is home to some of the world's top universities, with 30 Canadian institutions counted among the best in the world.
- In fact, one of Canada's top universities, the University of Toronto is located in Ontario, just over an hour's drive from FEIA's campus.
- Other leading universities in close proximity to the FEIA campus are McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Brock University, the University of Waterloo, Western University in London, York University in North York, the University of Guelph, and Ryerson University in Toronto.
- Ontario is a hub for careers in fields like technology and finance, which have well established connections to the universities in the area.
- Located in the Niagara Region, close to Niagara Falls, a major tourism location and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Fort Erie is the ideal location for international students.
- They are able to enjoy peace and tranquillity of a small town to focus on their studies, while still being urrounded by history and culture. FEIA's location means that students are only a short drive to major amenities and some of the country's top universities.



# of Learning Abroad

# **IMPROVE** LANGUAGE SKILLS \$\varphi\$

Studying abroad grants students the opportunity to learn a new language by experiencing it every day. There is no better way to expand one's language skills than to have the opportunity to practise in everyday

At FEIA, we have woven language development into our curriculum. All non-Mandarin speaking students study Mandarin, while our Chinese students study to improve their English speaking skills. This creates an environment of acceptance for students to learn and excel.

# **BROADEN CAREER** OPPORTUNITIES \$\varphi\$

When students complete their study abroad program and return home, they bring with them with a new perspective on culture, improved language skills, and a world-class education. These traits are very attractive to future employers and prospective Universities whether at home or abroad.

# LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS/ CONNECTIONS ♥

While studying abroad, our students both attend classes and live with alongside one another. This gives them the opportunity to really get to know and create lasting relationships with students with different backgrounds from their own.

In addition to rewarding personal relationships, these friends can be important when networking later down the road.

# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT \*\*

A benefit of studying abroad is the opportunity for students to discover themselves while gaining an understanding of a different culture.

Being in a new place can also be overwhelming at times and tests students' ability to adapt to diverse situations while also being able to problem-solve.

# UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS \*\*

Most importantly, students who have studied abroad show just how committed they are to their education. Universities regularly look for candidates who will bring something unique to their school. Students who have studied abroad have shown that they have the curiosity and educational acumen to be a leader.





EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE \$\varPsi\$

Through their immersion in the education system of

their host country, students have the opportunity to

and culture. The Ontario curriculum is full of rich

examples of Canadian and International history,

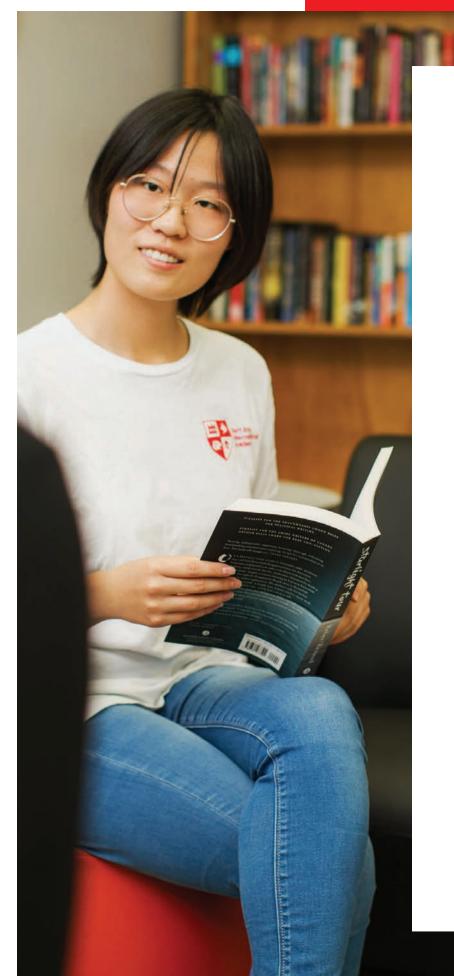
truly experience and understand the people, traditions,

politics, and scientific and technological achievement.

Weaving together learning and cultural understanding.







### **EDUCATION §**

- In Ontario, high school students earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
- FEIA intends to ensure that there is an emphasis on global context in all curricular areas.
- Our small class sizes help to facilitate collaborative learning and communication.
- The population of students for FEIA's inaugural year is comprised of students from Grade 7 to 11.
- In our second year, our population will see students enrolled from Grade 7 to 12. With long term plans for the school including the enrolment of students from Primary, Intermediate, and Senior grades.

# LANGUAGE \*\*

- At FEIA, our Mandarin-speaking students are enrolled in an English Language program (ESL) as well as preparatory classes to ensure they are equipped to pass their IELTS exam, which is a requirement for university.
- Our East meets West philosophy means that our Chinese students are exposed to Western culture and language improving their English literacy over time by learning from their teacher as well as native English speaking children.
- For our native English speaking students, Mandarin language programming is built into the curriculum, providing all students with the opportunity to learn about the Mandarin language and culture.
- These language programs prepare all students for international educational and professional opportunities.

# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FOCUS 🔻

- The leadership team at FIEA see that the future for our children lies in their ability to work and succeed in other cultures, understand the international landscape of business, and tie their experiences to education.
- To ensure that our students go on to success in higher education, FEIA is developing partnerships with universities and international business programs across Ontario.
- FEIA is in the process of becoming certified to teach International Business as part of the Ontario Secondary Schools, Speciality High Skills Major program for grades 11 and 12.

# STUDENT SUPPORT IN EDUCATION 🕏

- Tutoring and mentorships are available for teaching successful time management skills, university planning, and study planning.
- FEIA offers customized schedules for students creating the opportunity for them to succeed in the programs that they are interested in and that tie into future education plans.



# Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

# REQUIREMENTS OF OSSD DIPLOMA \*\*

18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)\*
- 3 credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history
- 1 credit in Canadian geography
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- 0.5 credit in career studies
- 0.5 credit in civics

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

### Group 1:

- English or French as a second language\*\*
- A Native language
- A classical or an international language
- Social sciences and the humanities
- Canadian and world studies
- Guidance and career education
- Cooperative education\*\*\*

# Group 2:

- Health and physical education
- The arts
- Business studies
- French as a second language\*\*
- Cooperative education\*\*\*



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- Science (Grade 11 or 12)
- Technological education
- French as a second language\*\*
- Computer studies
- Cooperative education\*\*\*

#### 12 Optional credits

In addition to the compulsory credits, students must complete 12 optional credits

#### OSSLT

Students must complete the provincial literacy requirement

#### Community Service

Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities









# BOARDING ₩

- We are in the process of designing and building a state-of-the-art residence that will be constructed on FEIA's campus.
- Our new residence is designed to provide our student body with the opportunity to congregate, study individually and in groups, and partake in after-school activities.
- The first phase of this project is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2020, providing residence for 500 students.

# DINING 🚏

- All meals are catered locally and provided in our oncampus dining hall.
- There is a large variety of food from different cultures, utilizing locally grown produce to encourage healthy eating habits.
- We are able to accommodate a wide variety of dietary restrictions and ensure students receive nutritious, delicious, fresh meals.

# HOME STAY 🕏

- Students of the Fort Erie International Academy who choose to live with us full time, currently live in off-campus housing with a Certified Educational House Leader.
- This is a multifaceted and integral experience for our students to learn to work together as a team to manage responsibilities and roles within their household. Housing capacities range from 6 to 18 students within each of the numerous estate-style homes.
- With the assistance of our House Leaders, the Home Stay experience teaches students about the various responsibilities of running a household and encourages leadership, initiative and cooperation to work together as a team.



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# TUITION BREAKDOWN 🖁

FEES	AMOUNT	NOTE
Tuition	\$30,000	Fees will be paid directly to FEIA in a lump-sum payment.
Health Insurance (mandatory)	\$600	Required by Canadian law for <i>all</i> students.
Accommodation, Activities and Student Services	\$27,000	Transportation to and from the airport; supervised accommodation with meals; after school program; assistance with opening a bank account, shopping for personal needs, setting up a cell phone; IELT's course; medical visits; university visits; assistance with university applications.
Study Permit and Visa	\$3,000	Professional Immigration Consultant support for student visa and study permit.
School Uniforms	\$600	Two sets of school uniforms.
Administration Fees	\$300	Fees will be paid directly to FEIA in a lump-sum payment.
Banking	\$45	Fees will be paid directly to the Canadian banking system.
TOTAL OF FEES	\$ 61,545	



FEIA STUDENT COUNSELLING AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS







- APPLICATION Online entrance exam with interview held one week after application is received
  - Test results will be shared within one week
  - Issue admission and payment notices
  - Payment received





CONSULTING (March - June)

- Validate intention to study abroad
- Complete application form
- Provide previous 2 years transcript from school
- Provide a copy of student Passport picture (front page) and details



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PREPARATIO (May - August)

- PREPARATION Visa processing (average two months)
  - Accommodation application
  - Flight ticket reservation
  - Pick-up application
  - Begin studies at FEIA in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada

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