



**Rothesay
Netherwood
School**

VIEWBOOK

It's our nature to nurture.



NURTURING MINDS since 1877.



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RNS is a small school with a big reputation worldwide. We are an independent, co-educational boarding and day school for students in Grades 6 to 12 that is situated on the tree-lined banks of the majestic Kennebecasis River in the charming Town of Rothesay, New Brunswick. We offer a rigorous academic program and extraordinary life experiences to a diverse student body from Canada and around the world.

We are distinctive in so many ways. We provide a safe and nurturing learning environment that presents students with unparalleled opportunities to make an impact on our beautiful 125-acre campus as well as in the nearby community. Our fully integrated academic, residential, and co-curricular experience is sustained by a diverse and exceptional faculty and staff that is 100% committed to celebrating, supporting, and challenging every one of our students so they can be their very best.

You will discover in these pages why RNS is so special and unique. However, please feel free to reach out to us should you require more information.

I look forward to welcoming your family to the RNS community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul McLellan".

Paul McLellan
Head of School

WHAT WE BELIEVE to be true.



MISSION

To provide a nurturing environment where students are empowered to embrace their individuality while pursuing the greater good.

VISION

RNS will bring out the best in every student, giving them the skills, confidence, and passion they need to chart their own path and make a significant contribution to the world around them.

VALUES

CHARACTER – We believe character is developed through respect, responsibility, kindness, and citizenship.

COURAGE – We believe courage is built by taking risks, embracing challenges, and being open to new experiences.

CREATIVITY – We believe creativity is fostered by embracing imagination, new ideas, and innovation.


COMMUNITY – We believe community is powered through empathy, engagement, and lasting relationships.



FACTS AT A GLANCE



There are **300** students at RNS.


100%  of our students are accepted to a university of their choice.

We were founded in **1877** 

The RNS community includes students from  **25** different countries.

RNS students contribute **10,000+** hours of community service annually. 

 **125 acres** is the size of our beautiful campus overlooking the Kennebecasis River.

We have **30** athletic teams in **17** different sports. 

MORE RNS FACTS

BOARDING STUDENTS: 150
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 25%
STAFF AND FACULTY: 100
STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO: 7:1
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 16
NUMBER OF IB COURSES: 31
NUMBER OF STUDENT RESIDENCES: 4
MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE



A WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS with Maritime charm.



RNS is located in the Town of Rothesay, New Brunswick, a picturesque suburb of Saint John, which is a seaport city on the world-renowned Bay of Fundy. Saint John is the oldest incorporated city in Canada, steeped in history, surrounded by incredible architecture, and friendly Maritime culture.

Our self-contained, 125-acre campus is a jewel in the province of New Brunswick; we are known for our gorgeous grounds, numerous nature trails, and a beautiful backdrop where all four Canadian seasons are showcased in all their splendor.

The RNS campus features four residence buildings; a brand new, state-of-the-art science building; a spacious 400-seat dining hall; a 200-seat theatre; fully-equipped art and music studios; a 100-year-old chapel; a comfortable, resource-filled library; innovation studio; and a wellness centre in the heart of it all.

We are home to an indoor ice arena, three well-maintained playing fields, three outdoor tennis courts, two squash courts, a running track, gymnasium with climbing wall, and more nature trails than you would find at many national parks. And, our beautiful Jordan Boyd Memorial Pond transforms into a charming outdoor skating rink in winter.



*Rothesay, NB is one of Canada's
safest communities.*

*Our campus is a short flight
from Boston, New York,
Montreal, and Toronto.*

A curriculum that prepares students to excel.



At RNS, we are known for our high standards of academic excellence. Our rigorous academic program is supported by low student-to-teacher ratios and a **world-class IB curriculum**.

Our **Middle School Program** in Grades 6 to 8 emphasizes structure and academic challenge in a nurturing learning environment where teachers appreciate the uniqueness of every student. Our **Senior School Program** for Grades 9 to 12 is both challenging and comprehensive, providing students with the opportunity to fulfill their potential by thinking critically and independently, and approaching complex issues with a clear perspective.

RNS students are respected and empowered to become passionate learners and emerge as self-confident individuals who have character, courage, creativity, and a commitment to the community and the world around them.

RNS offers traditional core courses as well as athletics, outdoor adventures – including RNS Outdoors – art, drama, music, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum. It is a balance we have created because we believe the best academic model for learning is both wide and deep.

We also have an English as an Additional Language (EAL) program that helps our international students master English.

Whether in Music class or the Robotics Club, our campus provides a technology-rich, fully connected, immersive learning experience that prepares our students for bright futures.



Contact us to arrange a tour of our campus or take a 360-degree interactive virtual tour on our website at rns.cc. Please visit our website for more information about our school, including open houses and information sessions. We hope to see you soon!



ENCOURAGING WORDS. Delivered daily.

RNS's position at the forefront of education is made possible by our inspiring faculty and staff who know every student by name and work tirelessly toward their education and enrichment. RNS teachers are incredibly accessible, not only imparting knowledge, but also serving as encouraging mentors and our students' biggest advocates.

Teaching at RNS extends well beyond the classroom. Our teachers can be found coaching on the fields, directing in the theatre, providing after-hours tutoring, and serving as houseparents and advisors to our boarding students.

RNS has a daily **Advisor Program** that is truly unique. It ensures that each student receives the highest possible level of emotional and social support from our tremendously committed faculty.

We have well-rounded student support services that provide our students with encouraging words when they need them. These dedicated experts are on-hand to help with nutrition, health and wellness, athletic-injury recovery, and guidance. And our **University Placement** office works one-on-one with students as they make their post-secondary education decisions, helping them navigate the application and scholarship processes.

RNS's caring community includes our alumni who maintain a connection with the school by keeping RNS close to their hearts. They lend their time, talents, and resources to help our school best serve the next generation of RNS graduates.



RNS STUDENT UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES INCLUDE:

Acadia University • Boston University • Cornell University • Dalhousie University • Dartmouth College • McGill University
New York University • Queen's University • University of British Columbia • University of California • University of Glasgow
University of Michigan • University of New Brunswick • University of Toronto • University of Waterloo ...

Helping students find their voice and discover their passions.

RNS is a school where every student has ample opportunity for personal growth. Our **Co-Curricular Program** provides the chance to try new things, to take risks, and encourages self-expression, relaxation, and fun.

Upon arrival, all students are divided into one of four houses represented by different colours. Throughout the year, students participate in friendly Interhouse competitions to win RNS's coveted Interhouse Cup.

We offer a wide range of individual and team sports. At our school, students are required to participate in a physical activity for at least one hour a day, choosing from competitive and non-competitive options including: field hockey, badminton, soccer, tennis, volleyball, yoga, track and field, hockey, basketball, rugby, snowboarding, cross-country running, fitness, cross-country and alpine skiing, martial arts, and rowing, to name a few.

RNS **Athletics** has a strong international reputation, in part thanks to our competitive varsity programs in hockey and basketball that are designed to develop athletes who perform at the highest level.

There are numerous opportunities for those with a passion for the **Arts**. Students can join one of our bands, develop their visual art skills, act in a dramatic performance or musical, or even get involved in stage management, technical theatre, costume, and set design.

A myriad of **Leadership** and **Community-Service** activities are also available for our students to explore. And we have a wide range of signature programs to keep our students engaged, such as our RNS Entrepreneurship Signature Program, which focus on skills and competencies that provide life-long value.





OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES to be great and pursue the greater good.

Giving back to the community is part of the experience at RNS. Our students volunteer in community outreach programs, serving meals and helping with the Saint John Community Christmas Exchange and food drives. They act as Big Brothers and Big Sisters to children who need support, and are actively involved in many other important initiatives and fundraisers that raise money for causes both locally and worldwide.

Our students participate in charitable events such as the Terry Fox Run and in the **Duke of Edinburgh Program**, student exchanges, and the renowned **Round Square International Service Projects** where they are able to make a difference and develop a global perspective.

The **Prefectship and Stewardship Programs** allow all Grade 12 students to take on a leadership role, supervised by a faculty member.



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of community service annually.





Boarding Life. Where life lessons are learned.

Boarding is an integral part of RNS, with close to 50% of our students coming from areas outside of Rothesay, half of whom are from other countries. Our diverse student population brings lessons in cooperation, history and leadership, and allows our international students to share their culture.

RNS has two junior and two senior residences, each with secure electronic entry systems. There are staff members on-hand at each residence – a Houseparent and an Assistant Houseparent who is either a faculty or associate faculty member. In addition, there is a Head of House – who is a Grade 11 or 12 student – in the junior residence to provide assistance and support.

We offer optional weekend programs for our boarding students that include trips to the shopping mall, movies, hockey games, outdoor activities, and more.


Boarding students are often invited to the homes of our day students to enjoy the local experience. Our students can also take advantage of supervised, long-weekend excursions to explore other parts of Canada and the eastern United States.

Boarding at RNS is truly a diverse and enriching experience. Students are nurtured and guided on their journey to an independent life, in a setting that promotes lifelong friendships, trust, and honesty. Equally important, they are prepared for university life, arriving ready to embrace all of life's possibilities.



**SEE RNS IN ACTION.
BOOK A TOUR TODAY!**





Our world-class campus is
bounded by trees. Our students,
surrounded by support.

It's our nature to nurture.



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