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**Day Program
(Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12)**



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Welcome to Pickering College

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We are so pleased you have taken the time to learn more about our school.

Pickering College is a very special place. Founded in 1842, we are a school that has a tradition of academic excellence based on 175 years of pioneering and original teaching and learning. Yet, we are also a place that has a compelling and exciting future guided by a focus on innovation and creativity in a global context. It is this strong foundation and clear vision that allow us to prepare our students to be citizens and leaders in the 21st century.

In the following pages you will learn about the school and the programs we offer in a co-educational setting, that welcomes day students from our local communities (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12) and international students from around the world (Grades 7 to 12).

I think what will really strike you is the degree to which students and teachers work together to create the learning experience. Our school is successful, and has always

been successful, because our teachers create a caring, compassionate, safe yet challenging environment in which our students feel empowered to take risks and are encouraged to lead. Truly, we are a school unlike any other.

If you are looking for a deeper educational experience for your child – an experience that sees and inspires the unique inner potential of every student – then I encourage you to start here. If you are looking for a broader educational experience for your child that uncovers all aspects of their unique talents and gifts – academic, artistic, athletic and altruistic – then I encourage you to proceed through these pages. And, if you are looking for a richer educational experience – focusing on values, character, leadership and creating the future – then I encourage you to come to Pickering College, visit and understand for yourself why our school is so extraordinary.

Peter C. Sturup
Headmaster

Pickering College – Canada

Pickering College is an independent co-educational boarding (for Grades 7-12) and day school (for Grades JK-12). The school offers unique opportunities in academics, arts, athletics, leadership development and community service in a caring environment, preparing students not only for university, but for life. Established in 1842, Pickering College is built on a history of 175 years, and is today, as it always has been, a special place where students develop the social conscience, confidence, knowledge and skills to shape the future.

Location

Located in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada (population 86,000), Pickering College offers the benefits and safety of small town living and is within easy access from Pearson International Airport, and all that the City of Toronto (population 3 million) has to offer.

Campus

- Beautiful private and secure 35-acre property
- Rogers House, built in 1909, is our main building which houses the Meeting Room, classrooms, dining hall, library, book store, clothing store, student lounge with fireplace and our administrative offices
- 24-hour supervised boarding: Firth House (girls) and New House (boys)
- Health Centre
- Indoor athletic facility
- Indoor ice arena (open November-March)
- Outdoor ¼ mile track (400m)
- Three large grassy sports fields
- Close to indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, ski hills, equestrian centre and mountain bike trails
- “Blue & Silver” Outdoor Education Centre

Total Student Population: 446 students

- 124 Boarding Students (Grades 7-12) + 6 Experience Canada Students
- 261 Senior School students (Grades 9-12)
- 99 Middle School students (Grades 6-8)
- 86 Junior School students (Junior Kindergarten-Grade 5)

Average Class Size

- 18-20 students Senior School
- 18-20 students Middle School
- 14-20 students Junior School

Faculty

67 Faculty/Associate Faculty, 129 bachelor's degrees, 11 master's degrees

Accreditation

Ontario Ministry of Education, Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS)

Global Perspective

While the majority (75%) of the student population at Pickering College is Canadian, we are proud to welcome the balance of our students from over 25 countries to our campus each year – with no more than 15% coming from any one country.

Supportive And Caring Environment

With small classes, Pickering College students benefit from personalized support and attention from their teachers, advisors and other staff at the school. Advisors and teachers maintain regular contact with parents through our online community, regular reports and personal meetings.



Academics/Curriculum

Pickering College operates on a non-semestered school year from September to June and offers the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum – students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. All students in Middle School use the required Chromebook and in Senior School, students participate in the required laptop program.

Through the Pickering College Global Leadership Program students learn to become agents of courageous, ethical and positive change, true to Quaker values. The program focuses on developing leadership skills and potential in each student equipping them to understand and address complex global issues. In addition to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students can graduate with the Pickering College Global Leadership Diploma or Pickering College Global Leadership Diploma with Distinction.

Pickering College has an exciting English as a Second Language summer program for students aged 12-18 who plan to study in an English-speaking school, or who wish to study English as an academic subject in their own country. Please see page 23 for details.

University Placement

- 100% of our graduates are accepted to post-secondary institutions

For more information, please contact the Admission Office at admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca or by telephone at 905-895-1700 • Fax 905-895-1306



In 2018:

- 100% of our graduating class received the Global Leadership Diploma and 84% graduated as Ontario Scholars

Student Boarding Life

- 24-hour supervised residential campus
- Family-style dining
- Supervised study period
- Evening and weekend programming
- Students from over 25 different countries
- 2 students per room

Scholarships And Bursaries

Entering students can apply for scholarships based on academic merit that may be supplemented by need-based bursary assistance.



Pickering College Graduates



Areas of Study of Our Graduates

- Architecture
- Arts / Humanities / Liberal Arts
- Arts and Science
- Business Administration / Commerce
- Computer Science
- Education
- Engineering
- Fine Art
- Game Design
- Interior Design / Fashion
- International Development
- Journalism
- Kinesiology
- Languages / Linguistics
- Life / Health Sciences / Medical Sciences
- Mathematics / Computer Science
- Media Studies
- Music Performance
- Nursing Sciences
- Veterinary Medicine

at the 2017 World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship in Sydney, Australia finishing 12th in the debating category. Sterling was also involved in the dramatic arts, playing the role of Vladimir in Waiting for Godot and Macbeth in Macbeth. Describing himself as academically focused, Sterling enjoyed keeping up-to-date with current affairs, speaking with interesting people and volunteering at the Quaker archives (located at PC) as it was an excellent opportunity to give back to the school in his own way. Sterling graduated with the Global Leadership Diploma, with Distinction.



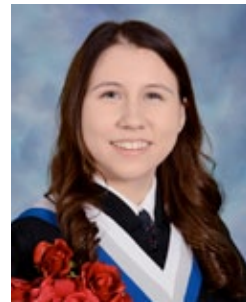
Samantha Murphy '17

University of Memphis

From a young age, Samantha was very passionate about soccer. She developed her athletic skills at her various teams with Pickering College as well as local soccer clubs. She credits Pickering College with preparing her academically for university and helping her to become organized and efficient. She says this

will benefit her immensely at university as the Memphis soccer team has the highest GPA score in all of the NCAA Division I schools. Samantha has big goals for her future, "I want to play in the Olympics for the Canadian national team, the senior team, FIFA World Cup... I kind of want to do it all – big dreams!" After that, she plans to become an athletic therapist. Samantha graduated with the Global Leadership Diploma.

What distinguishes Pickering College is its focus on values education. "We explicitly teach students about values and how they can demonstrate values as leaders," says Peter Sturup, Headmaster. "Our students have the ability and the responsibility to make changes in the world."



Jenna Skurnac '18

University of British Columbia

As a student who embraced all the opportunities Pickering College had to offer, Jenna was part of many international and domestic excursions to Iceland, New York, and Banff. She was active in the Youth Action Organization, and earned a spot on the student committee as Grade 12 Vice Chair. Music was another passion and she was in the Senior Jazz Band through Grade 11 and 12, playing tenor sax, the Senior Symphonic Band, as well as the Strings Ensemble, playing clarinet. She was also a dedicated member of the Senior Equestrian Team, earning most improved rider two years in a row and was on the Senior Girls Softball Team throughout Grade 11 and 12. To say Pickering College was a place Jenna could thrive academically and as a global leader would be an understatement. It was her family, her home and a place that would prepare her for all university would offer. Jenna graduated with the Global Leadership Diploma, with distinction.



Sterling Mancuso '17

University of Toronto

To say Sterling is a 'good' public speaker would be an understatement. As co-captain of the debate team for Grade 11-12, he earned a spot with team Canada

Over the past few years, institutions where Pickering College graduates have been accepted include:

Ontario:

University of Toronto
 Queen's University
 University of Waterloo
 Brock University
 Trent University
 Western University
 McMaster University
 Guelph University
 University of Ottawa
 York University
 Ryerson University
 Wilfrid Laurier University
 Carleton University
 Laurentian University
 Lakehead University
 University of Windsor
 University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Elsewhere in Canada:

McGill University
 University of British Columbia

Dalhousie University
 University of Alberta
 University of Calgary
 Bishop's University
 University of Victoria
 Concordia University
 St. Francis Xavier University
 Vancouver Film School
 Mt. Allison University
 Acadia University

International:

IE University of Madrid, Spain
 University of Memphis, USA
 Johns Hopkins University, USA
 Northeastern University, USA
 University of Michigan, USA
 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), USA
 Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
 Parsons The New School for Design, USA
 Miami International University of Art & Design, USA

Lynn University, USA
 Academy of Art San Francisco, USA
 Illinois Institute of Technology, USA
 University of California Irvine, USA
 University of California San Diego, USA
 Nova Southeastern University, USA
 University of Southern California, USA
 Pratt Institute, USA
 ITESM, Mexico
 University of St. Andrews, Scotland
 University of Edinburgh, Scotland
 Trinity College, Ireland
 Exeter, England
 Durham University, England
 Royal Veterinary College, England
 King's College London, England
 University of Bristol, England
 University of Buckingham, England
 University of Birmingham, England
 Queen Mary University of London, England
 University of Sussex, England
 City University of Hong Kong
 Bond University, Australia

The Global Leadership Program

Every student participates in Pickering College's Global Leadership Program

All students, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, benefit from the fully integrated, enriched programming of the Global Leadership Program. The Global Leadership Program teaches students to deeply consider the global context, and to develop the skills necessary to effectively participate in this context. Creative and innovative decision making drives all programming in academics and activities beyond the classroom.

Three aligned but distinct programs for Junior (Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5), Middle (Grades 6 to 8) and Senior (Grades 9 to 12) School students differ through the skills and academic instruction tailored to each specific age group, but all progress to culminate in an action-based Global Leadership Diploma.

The Foundation Years – The Junior School Global Leadership Program

The Foundation Years Program sets the foundations of Global Leadership through cumulative challenges and interdisciplinary projects organized around eight building blocks: Leadership, Global Awareness, Design and Build, Public Speaking, Technology Integration, Environmental Stewardship, Outdoor Education, and Literacy and Languages. The program's culmination is "My Key Idea," a public speech where the student advocates on a topic of personal significance.

The Pillar Years – The Middle School Global Leadership Program

The Pillar Years Program, based on pedagogical understanding of this age, is active and action based. Students follow four pillars: Adventure, Wisdom, Community and Freedom. The Freedom pillar represents their choice in determining both the topic and medium of their completely self-directed final project.

"We identified the need in the workplace," says Julia Hunt, Director of Global Leadership at Pickering College. "The workplace is very different from what it was a generation ago. We are dealing with a world requiring different skills that are collaborative, innovative and creative. Our program gives students an advantage in a rapidly-changing global context."

The Capstone Years – The Senior School Global Leadership Program

The Capstone Years are academic and rigorous to prepare students for university and beyond. Students work through 10 Demonstrations of Global Leadership, gathering evidence on digital platforms. Their Capstone Project requires them to independently research an issue of global significance and develop an innovative solution to this issue.

Pickering College students have the opportunity to participate in exchanges and cultural immersion trips.



Opportunities abound for students to pursue their strengths, particular skills, talents or interests whether in music, art, math, science, leadership, athletics or social justice.

Middle School curriculum connects students to the real world

Young adolescents are by nature curious and adventuresome. At Pickering College, the Middle School program (Grades 6 to 8) is responsive to the particular needs of the Middle School student. A 21st century, integrative and exploratory approach to learning connects students to the real world. Emphasis is placed on the development of rational and critical-thinking skills through project-based learning.

"The Middle School years are a critical transition time where students experience rapid and profound personal development," says Janet Downer, Director of Middle and Senior School at Pickering College. "Since we know what makes adolescents tick we designed an academic program that is developmentally responsive to their needs. Active learning is the key and this is accomplished through varied activities that promote student engagement and ownership."

Learning is active and action based

Leadership Opportunities

- Student committee
- Co-curricular council
- Student Ambassadors
- Youth Engagement Organization
- Community service

Inspired Students

- Outdoor education
- Interdisciplinary projects
- Drama productions
- Music concerts
- Character development

Overnight Curricular Trips

- Montreal, Quebec (Grade 6)
- Quebec City, Quebec (Grade 7)
- St. Donat, Quebec (Grade 8)
- Middle School national exchange



The academic growth and personal development experienced during these important years significantly impacts their futures. The stage for success at the secondary and post-secondary level is set in the Middle School grades.

The Middle School's unique Global Leadership Program – The Pillar Years – is tailored specifically to meet the needs of students ages 10-14. Each student's personalized program explores two central questions:

Who am I? What can I do?

Learning is active and action based, with a focus on outdoor education, public speaking, leadership and service. Instruction is innovative and interdisciplinary, providing students with the opportunity to explore real-world contexts and exhibit their work. Students are challenged with critical modes of thinking and taught to be reflective and self-aware. Quaker values, such as consensus, social justice and acceptance are emphasized through the exploratory work that students perform.



Outdoor education supports a key component of Pickering College's Global Leadership Program as it is experiential in nature and embraces the school's values.



Students are offered a wide range of opportunities that align with the program's 10 demonstrations of global leadership where they learn to experience, lead and act.

Senior School

Pickering College's Senior School program prepares students for university while also encouraging them to make a difference in the world as ethical, compassionate and values-based decision-makers. Using the latest technology, including tablet PCs and web-based learning tools, the academic curriculum focuses on excellence and innovation while ensuring students have a solid understanding of core subjects. Students also have countless opportunities to participate in activities developing leadership skills, community service, sports and the arts.

With a focus on individualized attention, each Senior School student is assigned a faculty advisor, creating a four-year mentoring relationship that inspires students well after they graduate. The Advisor Program at Pickering College directly contributes to the school's mission to be a leader in education, inspiring individuals to become enlightened citizens who meet high standards, for lifelong growth and learning.



102.7 CHOP FM is a CRTC-licensed, student-operated radio station serving Pickering College and the wider Newmarket community. Broadcasting from New House on the Pickering College campus, this fully-functioning radio station provides a range of community-based programming including a live morning show, sports updates and feature programs – all produced by Pickering students.

Interdisciplinary Learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

STEM in Middle School

The Middle School provides students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge by focusing on inquiry and experimentation. Students experience deep interdisciplinary learning with activities such as the WaterDocs Action Project. This is an inquiry-based action project that uses filmmaking about local water issues. Students must integrate their learning from Science, Geography, Language, Math, Arts and Technology to complete the project. Students begin to explore various types of circuits and tinker with reverse engineering through key stations such as the toy take apart. By the end of the course students are able to produce prototypes and take away models. They also build and wire a model school floor to demonstrate their understanding of electricity and energy. Research is emphasized in all of the grades and some of the lessons are taught outdoors. Middle School students are able to use Senior School laboratory facilities to complete more complex labs and they are encouraged to learn through experimentation while they analyze data and develop conclusions based on their own work.



STEM in Senior School

Students in the Senior School are taught STEM through engaging, meaningful real world issues. They are encouraged to develop creative and innovative solutions to problems in a collaborative environment. In Mathematics, the Grade 9 program is offered in a blended-learning model, incorporating online learning with class time. There is also a new STEM stream of Mathematics for students that will highlight the skills of STEM learning. Other highlights in the Senior School include participating in the Big Data Challenge for high school students and various math contests. In Science classes, students are challenged to build generators, catapults, wind or water turbines and complete DNA extraction labs to study genetically modified organisms. Students also have the option of participating in LEGO robotics for their co-curricular program.

Co-Curricular Program extends learning outside the classroom

Pickering College's mandatory Co-Curricular Program takes place every afternoon between the final academic period and dismissal, with some options occurring outside of this time. Students in Grades 7-12 are required to participate in at least one competitive team or be a member of one (or more) school clubs or recreational sports per term.

With a wide range of sports and activities to choose from, there's something for everyone. In addition to the very popular options of soccer, volleyball and basketball, Pickering has some unique offerings including equestrian, mountain biking, alpine skiing, Ultimate frisbee and snowboarding.

For more information on the Co-Curricular Program, please see page 20-21.



Pickering College offers a wide variety of co-curricular options, including athletics, music, drama and visual arts.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma

Ontario Secondary School diploma (OSSD) requirements

In order to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) a student must:

- Earn 30 credits (18 compulsory and 12 optional credits)
- Complete 40 hours of community involvement activities
- Successfully complete the provincial literacy requirement

All students must successfully complete the Ministry of Education literacy requirement in order to earn a secondary school diploma. Either successfully passing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC40) will accomplish this.

Compulsory Credits	
OSSD	<p>4 credits in English (one per grade and all approved by Pickering College)</p> <p>3 credits in Mathematics (at least one in Grade 11 or 12 and all approved by Pickering College)</p> <p>2 credits in Science</p> <p>1 credit in French as a second language</p> <p>1 credit in Canadian Geography</p> <p>1 credit in Canadian History</p> <p>1 credit in the Arts</p> <p>1 credit in Health and Physical Education</p> <p>0.5 credit in Civics</p> <p>0.5 credit in Career Studies</p>
	<p>Group 1: 1 additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education.</p> <p>Group 2: 1 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, or French as a second language, or cooperative education.</p> <p>Group 3: 1 additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language, or computer studies.</p>
	<p>Only two Cooperative Education credits can count as compulsory credits.</p>

Use this plan as a guide to your course selection (based on course offerings at Pickering College):

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English	English	English	English
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics (Senior)	Elective
Canadian Geography	Canadian History	Elective	Elective
Science	Science	Elective	Elective
Physical Education	Civics/Career Studies	Elective	Elective
French	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective

Global Leadership Program (GLP) Diploma Requirements

GLP Diploma*

- OSSD Requirements
- Sustained and meaningful community service activity
- 0.5 Credit IDC40 – Global Leadership: Theory to Action
- Recent and consistent GLP achievements at Competent or above as per GLP rubric, including the 10 Demonstrations of Global Leadership and the GLP Interdisciplinary Grade Projects

Grade 9 Project

Students work in groups to come up with an innovative solution to make Pickering College more sustainable, based on units in Grade 9 Science, Geography, English, French and options subjects as well as through the GLP off-timetable days.

Grade 10 Project

Students work in groups to research a social issue, take action on this issue and present a philanthropic case for an organization associated with this issue. Core concepts are taught in Grade 10 History, English, Careers and Civics as well as in the GLP off-timetable days.

* Students joining after Grade 9 can submit experiences at prior school for assessment under the same framework

10 Demonstrations of Global Leadership:

- Engage in a cultural immersion experience at the local, national or international level.
- Challenge yourself through an experiential excursion or to a commitment that demands physical strength, resilience and strong character.
- Demonstrate oral capability and cultural fluency by carrying on a sustained and meaningful conversation in a second or third language.
- Represent Pickering College as a leader in an area in which you have passion and expertise.
- Experience and deepen understanding of Quaker values through experiential learning and reflection.
- Establish and participate in a sustained, meaningful and focused service initiative, exemplifying the ideals of servant leadership in your contributions.
- Identify, investigate and develop an innovative solution for a pressing issue of local or global significance and present it to an expert panel.
- Create or invent a machine or program capable of doing a different task or design a model or framework to solve a significant problem.
- Use social activism to bring awareness of your beliefs to public consciousness, organizing an activity or demonstration.
- Make a connection between yourself and the world by producing, performing or interpreting an artistic or creative piece or a presentation within a discipline.

Junior School Program at Pickering College (Junior Kindergarten – Grade 5)



At Pickering College, we offer a dynamic, nurturing and positive learning environment where your child's curiosity is stimulated, leadership skills are cultivated, and fun-filled interactive learning is meaningful and focused. Our unique approach includes educating and developing the 'whole child' through a focus on academic excellence, co-curricular distinction, character and leadership development. Small class sizes provide an ideal setting for building a foundation for lifelong learning, as students develop confidence, social conscience and acquire the skills and knowledge for success.

Through the Global Leadership Program, Junior School students study the world around them in authentic ways that elicit their curiosity and wonder. They explore global challenges close to home and develop a deep understanding of issues and take action. They learn about many cultures in the world through the performing arts and make connections through story.

Through collaboration, our youngest students learn to understand different perspectives and communicate their new-found knowledge to a variety of audiences, including by live broadcast on the school's CRTC-licensed radio station, 102.7 CHOP FM.

Authentic Learning Projects

- Environmental Stewardship
- Global Awareness
- Leadership
- Public Speaking
- Outdoor Education
- Literacy & Language
- Technology Integration

Athletics and Arts Awaken Minds

- Recreational and competitive athletics
- Chess Club
- Instrumental and vocal music
- Drama
- Visual arts
- Dance
- Glee Club
- LEGO Club
- Reading Club
- Junior School electives (woodworking, radio, LEGO robotics, dance, culinary arts, fencing, and outdoor adventure)

Curricular trips

- Theatre Trips
- Farm Trips
- Outdoor Education Trips to Blue & Silver
- Sudbury Trip
- Ottawa Trip
- Historical Museum
- Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons
- Sugar Bush

Pickering College simplifies life for busy families, offering

- Before & after school care
- Daily fresh snacks and hot lunch (served family-style)
- Gymnastics program
- CanSkate program
- Swimming lessons
- Drama productions



Within the curriculum, strong emphasis is placed on teaching public speaking and presentation skills. Students are provided with opportunities to communicate to small and large groups of students and adults, in formal and informal settings. Most importantly, they speak about topics that motivate them to learn and they, in turn, inspire others with their enthusiasm.

All students in the Junior School participate in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL), working together in small groups to design and build a LEGO model using a motor and simple machine.

Students have many opportunities to be involved in student leadership, including serving on the Junior School's Student Committee, Green Team as well as through Learning Buddies and peer mentoring. Students act as playground representatives and assist in lunch-hour clubs.

Outdoor education experiences abound, both on campus and at the school's outdoor education property, Blue & Silver. Students experience nature by using their senses, making observations and developing a confident relationship with the world around them.

Expectations for academic achievement in Junior School are set high, yet balanced with a rich curriculum of competitive and recreational athletics, chess, music, drama, visual arts, LEGO Club, Reading Club and exciting excursions.

Each school day, students eat together, served family-style and supervised at each table by faculty members. Gathering for lunch is a Pickering tradition and a time to learn table manners, share stories and meet children from other grades. In addition to the hot main course, there are also soups, sandwich and salad bars for students to choose from.

Middle School Program at Pickering College (Grades 6-8)



Pickering College has allowed us to grow. More importantly, it has given us the courage and the confidence to take the next step, start our next journey. This journey – of course – high school, where once again we will be finding ourselves in a vast ocean of possibilities. We each have the power to be who we want to be. We can steer ourselves in any direction we choose. And we are so lucky to be at a school where we know there will always be someone there to support us. Although this may seem like a big step – and it is a big step – I am certain Pickering College has prepared us to take the road ahead.

– Grade 8 Valedictorian

Middle School students are a unique group of learners. During the middle years students experience significant changes – physically, intellectually, morally and social-emotionally. The academic growth and personal development experienced during these important years significantly impacts their futures. The stage for success at the secondary and post-secondary level is set in the middle grades.

Our educators value interdisciplinary studies and make decisions about programming that reflect the needs, interests and special abilities of the students. Our team oriented approach to teaching and learning creates exciting experiences for all students.

Middle School Courses

- Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- History
- Geography
- Art
- French
- ESL
- Instrumental Music
- Physical Education & Health

Grade 8 Electives

- Public Speaking & Debate
- Art
- Design & Innovation

Co-Curricular Activities*

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Track and Field
- Mountain Biking
- Cross country
- Drama
- Jazz Band
- Choir
- Equestrian
- Softball
- Yoga
- Skiing
- Snowboarding
- Robotics
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Yearbook
- Arts and Crafts

**Subject to change*



Our educators have the professional commitment and passion to make a positive difference in the life of every young adolescent they teach. We offer subject specialist teachers who engage their students through their expertise and teach for a deeper understanding.

At the Middle School level we welcome boarding students to join Pickering College in Grade 7. Our international students from countries such as Kazakhstan, Russia, Mexico, Korea and China enhance the classroom experience and have the opportunity to forge strong friendships with day students.



The Advisor Program at Pickering College (Grades 9 to 12)



The advisor program brings students together and bridges the gaps between the different ages in the Senior School. Having an advisor group is a helpful asset in the beginning of your journey into high school by making everyone feel comfortable. Personally, it has enabled me to cultivate relations with new people from all grades and all countries.

– Grade 11 student

Joseph McCulley, our headmaster from 1927 to 1948, was a revolutionary in the field of education. Among his many innovations, the Advisor Program was created to increase the sense of personalized education and community that still exists at Pickering today. Advisors connect with their advisees personally, maintain a close relationship with parents and create that home-away-from-home feeling that is such an important support to our many international students.

Development of the whole person is at the forefront of the Advisor Program. In addition to academic success, discussions and activities focus on leading a well-balanced life, making healthy choices, managing stress, our Quaker heritage and giving back to the community.

The Advisor Program at Pickering College directly contributes to our mission to be a leader in education, inspiring individuals to become enlightened citizens who meet high standards for lifelong growth and learning.

Advisor Meeting Topics

- Academic support
- Pickering traditions and lore
- Leadership through service
- Personal wellness and healthy choices
- Social activities
- Global Leadership Program progress
- Work habits and learning skills



The predominant role of the advisor is to get to know the advisees in a more personal way than usually happens in the classroom. Advisor groups meet for 30 minutes every two to three weeks. In those meetings, advisors will provide advisees with the knowledge and skills to maximize their learning in the Senior School and encourage the habit of life-long learning, healthy living and leadership through service to others. By getting to know the aptitudes, interests and abilities of each student, the advisor is better able to provide the support required for success in the Senior School. Advisors also help advisees to refine decision-making skills as they relate to the future education and career plans of students, instilling confidence in their advisees and encouraging them to take control of their academic success. It is not expected that the advisor will replace the role of the Guidance Counsellor. However, the advisor will act as a further source of information, experience and emotional support.

The advisor also serves as the point person in the relationship between Pickering College and parents or custodians. Parents contact the advisor first whenever there are questions to be asked or comments to be made. The advisor may not always know the answer but he or she is able to help the parents get the information they need.

Family-Style Dining

Families that eat together, stay together. Every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday each advisor group eats lunch together at one of the tables in the Dining Hall. This is a great opportunity for the advisor to stay in tune with the school life of the advisees and chat informally with the group. A fresh and hot meal is available every day from the kitchen. Soup, salad, and sandwich bars round out the daily offerings. Additionally, a vegetarian option and gluten free option is available. Healthy food and healthy advice make for a great combination.



Co-Curricular Program at Pickering College (Grades 7 to 12)

Students in Grade 7 to 10 must participate in a co-curricular activity every term. Students in Grade 11 must participate in three out of four terms and Grade 12 students two out of four terms, although many will choose to participate in all terms. Most activities will take place from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday with a few exceptions. Competitive athletic practices in Grade 7 to 12 can take place from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Athletic competitions may occur outside of this time period.



All Year

- Jazz Band
- Debate
- Student Committee
- Co-Curricular Council
- Yearbook
- Arts Council
- Green Team
- Student Voice (filmmaking, radio station, creative writing)
- After Care
- YAO Club – Youth Action Organization
- YEO – Youth Engagement Organization

Fall Recreational

- Fitness
- Equestrian*
- Table Tennis
- Badminton
- Canoe/Kayak
- Theatre Club
- Field to Fork
- Pacing Pumas (Walk/Run Club)
- Dance

Fall Competitive

- Soccer – Senior, Junior, U14 Boys'
- Soccer – Senior and U15 Girls'
- Soccer – U12 Co-Ed
- Volleyball – Senior, Junior Boys', U12 Boys'
- Basketball – Senior and U14 Girls'
- Cross-Country – Senior and Junior Co-Ed



Winter Recreational

- Robotics
- Figure Skating*
- Learn to Curl
- Rock Climbing
- The Shop
- Fitness
- Theatre Club
- Fine Arts and Crafts
- Yoga/Wellness*
- Reading Buddies

Winter Competitive

- Alpine Ski Team*
- Snowboard Team*
- Basketball – Senior, Junior Boys' and U14 Boys'
- Volleyball – Senior, Junior, and U14 Girls'
- Hockey – Senior*
- Senior Co-Ed Swimming*

Spring Recreational

- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Fitness
- Pacing Pumas (Walk/Run Club)
- Learn to Play Tennis

Spring Competitive

- Slow Pitch – Senior Girls
- Ultimate Frisbee – Senior, Junior, U14 Co-Ed
- Badminton – Senior and Junior Co-Ed
- Track and Field – Senior, Junior, U14 Co-Ed
- Mountain Biking – Senior, Junior, U14 Co-Ed

*cost associated with this activity
U14 is Grade 7 & 8. M = Midget is U15 (Grades 7, 8 & 9). Junior (U16) is usually Grade 9 & 10, but if there is no U14 team it would Grade 7 to 10. Senior, Grade 11 & 12. TBC = to be confirmed
Please note: Available options are subject to change and enrolment. Options require a minimum number of participants. If the minimum is not reached, the option may not run.



Pickering College Transportation Program

(Proposed routes subject to change)



Before & After Care Program

(Junior Kindergarten – Grade 6)



Markham And Richmond Hill

Yonge and Elgin Mills SW Corner Plaza	Hwy 404 and Major Mackenzie (1 light east of 404 in Canadian Tire Plaza)	Hwy 404 and Wellington GO parking lot (arrival)	Newmarket GO Train Station
7:10 a.m. departure	7:25 a.m. departure	7:45 a.m. departure	8:05 a.m. departure

There is no return home delivery.

Barrie, Innisfil, Bradford GO Train

Pick up and delivery to and from the Newmarket GO Train Station

Students are picked up at the Newmarket GO Train Station (Tannery) by a Pickering College vehicle.

Return delivery Monday to Thursday* to the Newmarket GO Train Station

After school, delivery back to the Newmarket GO Station will be by a contracted school bus company.

*3:00 p.m. dismissal on Fridays. There is no transportation to the train station on Fridays.

Barrie, Innisfil, Bradford GO Train

Barrie (Allandale) GO Train Station (departure)	Newmarket GO Train Station (departure)	Pickering College (arrival)
7:22 a.m.	8:02 a.m.	8:20 a.m.
Pickering College (departure)	Newmarket GO Train Station (departure)	Barrie (Allandale) GO Train Station (arrival)
4:50 p.m.	5:09 p.m.	5:50 p.m.

Times are based on the GO Transit schedule and subject to change.

\$950.00 per student for 2019-2020 (not including GO Transit fare)

Proposed routes subject to change, due to interest/logistics

For more information about the Pickering College Transportation Program, please call 905-895-1700 ext. 259 or email admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca

Pickering College helps to simplify life for busy families, by offering the convenience of a daily Before and After Care Program.

To register for PC's Before & After Care Program after admission:

- Log in to the PC Parent Portal at www.pickeringcollege.on.ca;
- Select the After Care Program tab; and
- Complete and submit the After Care Sign Up Form.



Before School Care

Students joining us for Before School Care will start the day off right with a wholesome hot breakfast served in our Dining Hall.

Monday-Friday	7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	\$15/morning, per child Includes breakfast
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After School Care

All students joining us for After School Care can enjoy some unstructured playtime. Older students may choose to take advantage of this time to complete their homework. For inclement weather days, After Care will move inside to the Dining Hall.

At 4:45 p.m., After Care moves to the Student Lounge in Rogers House where a nutritious snack is served, at no additional cost. For the safety of all students, we require that the parent/guardian come and sign out their child/ren at pick up.

Monday-Thursday	Dismissal – 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	FREE! \$6.75/half hour, per child
Friday (and Thursdays with early dismissal)	Dismissal – 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	FREE! \$6.75/half hour, per child

How to Apply to Pickering College

At Pickering College, our academic program commences at the beginning of September and ends in the middle of June each year. We welcome applications from qualified candidates throughout the year, and there is no set admission deadline.

Due to the limited availability of space at each grade level we encourage all applicants to apply as early as possible – preferably one year in advance of planned enrolment.

Our admission decisions are based on a number of factors including academic potential, developmental readiness, social responsibility to handle our rigorous academic program with success, English language proficiency, as well as our desire to maintain diversity, balance boy/girl numbers in classes, serve students with learning needs, etc.

Please call the Admission Office if you have any questions, or would like to arrange for a personal tour.

Please submit:

- Online Application form
www.pickeringcollege.on.ca/apply
- Application fee (\$200 boarding) contact the Admission Office for details on payment by wire transfer or credit card
- Report cards for current school year and final report cards from previous three years
- Birth Certificate (or copy of first page of passport)
- Student Essay – (answers to the questions below):
 1. Tell us why you wish to attend Pickering College.
 2. Describe in detail your strengths and weaknesses.

3. What academic, sports and social subjects interest you most? Why?
4. Tell us about an organization or club to which you belong (e.g. Swimming Club, Girl Guides, Soccer Club, etc.).
5. Give us a brief summary of your interests (e.g. sports, music, arts, hobbies) including level of involvement and accomplishments.

- Passport copy for International applicants
- Photo (wallet size)
- Teacher Confidential Report, sent from the teacher in confidence, directly to Pickering College
- For students whose first language is not English: Results from a recent TOEFL Junior Test or recognized English Language Proficiency Test

Upon receipt of all documents you will be contacted by the Admission Office for a personal interview. For students outside Ontario, interviews may be conducted by telephone or Skype.

Assessment:

- Review of Report cards
- Review Student Essay
- Review of Teacher Confidential Report
- Admission Interview

Students will be advised if additional assessment is necessary, after the Admission interview.

Upon completion of the application process, files are reviewed by our Admission Committee and you will be notified of the admission decision.

If you would like to enquire about scholarships and/or financial assistance, please contact the Admission Office at admission@pickeringcollege.on.ca



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