

# Discover Boarding at Albert College











## Imagine yourself living at a small, family school with students from Canada and around the world.

You love your comfortable room, and you have great friends and caring teachers at school, in a safe, vibrant city.

Now imagine learning alongside motivated peers, delving into all of Albert's 5 'A's - Academics, Arts, Athletics, Active Citizenship and Adventure. You have the opportunity to try a little bit of everything and find your passion.

"The ideal Albert student is someone with an open mind, willing to try new things and take risks in a safe way," says Rachel Foster, Albert College's Assistant Head – Senior School. "It's a student who will make connections with all sorts of different people, and really be part of a community that takes care of one another."

#### Discover boarding at Albert College in Belleville, Canada!



## **Albert College Fast Facts**

1857

Year founded, Canada's oldest co-ed boarding and day school **70**+

Sports, Clubs & Co-Curricular Activities

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Average Class Size 8:1

Student-Faculty Ratio 100%

Grads Receive Offers from their University/College of choice

## Canada, an incredible country to live in and learn

Canada is world-famous for its natural beauty (even with our chilly winters!), a diverse and inclusive society, exceptional educational and career opportunities, a high standard of living and excellent universal healthcare. Canadians are among the most educated in the world, and the country is home to top universities such as University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, Waterloo and McGill universities.

#### Belleville, The Friendly City

Albert College is situated near the shores of Lake Ontario in Belleville, Ontario. With a population of 56,000, Belleville offers all the amenities, services and features of a big city in a close-knit, affordable and safe environment. Its facilities and services are on par with those of a much larger community – featuring fine dining, indoor and outdoor recreation programs, train services, a modern hospital, cinemas, performing arts and shopping centres. Hiking and cycling trails are located minutes from campus and are available year-round. Major cities like Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal are close enough for weekend trips.





## Albert College, a small family school

Albert College is a boarding and day school for approximately 300 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12. Students are encouraged to engage fully in school life by participating in the 5 'A's - Academics, Arts, Athletics, Active Citizenship and Adventure. Albert students develop into well-rounded global citizens within our close family environment.

The Senior School is a beautiful historic building, built in 1923. One of the school's many features is the Memorial Chapel, where morning announcements are held, and our beautiful dining space, Ackerman Hall. This great hall has seen many students from all cultures dine together over the years. The Senior School also offers a full-service gymnasium, workout room and a student lounge.

There is plenty of green space on campus, as well as outdoor tennis courts, a number of athletic fields and a beautiful courtyard. Albert College students have access to nearby facilities including an aquatic and fitness centre, ice rink, running track, baseball diamond and waterfront trail.

## Boarding at Albert College

At Albert College, students will learn about other cultures and make lifelong friends while also learning a great deal about themselves as individuals. The boarding life staff are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide support, friendship and guidance. In addition, the nurses in our Health Centre are available to facilitate any health concerns. The students and staff at Albert will soon become your extended family, studying, learning, working, playing and growing together.

Albert College's boarding experience fosters accountability, initiative and organizational skills. Self-confidence, a growing sense of independence and lasting friendships are the results of living in our supportive environment.

On the weekends, boarding students enjoy organized activities supervised by boarding staff. Students are encouraged to get involved, step outside their comfort zone and try something new.



I could not have asked for a better high school experience. Being at the Manor I have created relationships that I am so sure will last a lifetime. The Manor staff, or as we like to call them, 'Manor Moms,' have played an impeccable role in my life. Being thousands of miles away from home, I really do realize how big of a role they played [on my experience].

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- Tolani (above left), boarding student from Nigeria





## **Cur Boarding Life Philosophy**

We provide many opportunities for boarders that build their sense of engagement, personal growth and culture. In stages, our students, staff and parents can measure the breadth and depth of each of these focus areas, helping boarders become better housemates that benefit from lifelong friendships and life skills.

#### **Engagement**

Students are encouraged to know what is happening on campus, to understand expectations and responsibilities of a boarding student and be aware of the resources available to them.



Examples of activities that support engagement:

- Programming such as creating a culture of recycling, thrifting and outdoor adventures
- Hiking excursions and walking the waterfront trails, visiting neighbouring Prince Edward County, outdoor skating, trips to Toronto and Ottawa
- Staying mentally and physically healthy and connecting safely with others in the community

#### Personal growth

Boarders at AC develop the knowledge, social and life skills necessary for gaining independence and self-awareness in boarding life and beyond.



Examples of activities that support personal growth:

- Reflective checklist and passive programming on hygiene, organizational skills, time management and more
- Goal-setting and personal success measurements with learning skills focused on responsibility, organization, initiative and self-regulation
- Volunteer and service trips have included community clean-up, on-campus gardening, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, peer tutoring
- Sexual health, responsible use of technology, self-defence, substance use and abuse workshops





#### **Culture**

Boarders develop capacities for understanding difference, safely accessing spaces and collaborating with people from other cultures.

Examples of activities that support culture:

- Festivals, food and other physical representations of one's culture
- Local and international cultural presentations

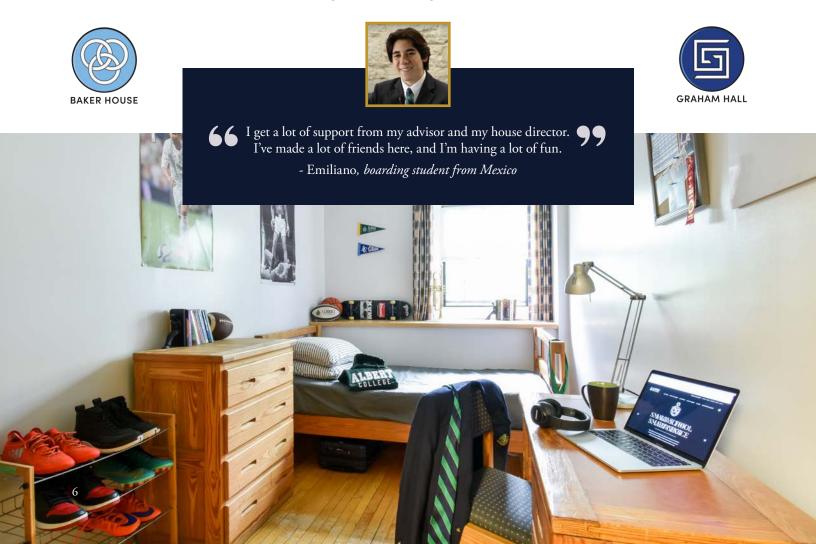


## Houses and Amenities

Each boarding house at Albert College has its own feeling of home, with a house director, assistant director(s) and amenities. Most rooms are private (single occupancy), and include a bed, mattress, desk, chair and clothing storage.

#### **Baker House and Graham Hall**

Albert College has two boarding spaces on campus. Graham Hall is home to our senior boarding students while Baker House is home to our junior boarding students, beginning in Grade 7. Both are located within the main building, allowing students to enjoy the many amenities of campus living. Both boarding spaces have their own shared washroom facilities and common rooms equipped with television and gaming consoles, plus a fridge and microwave for light cooking. Our boarding students live with students and staff that will mentor and guide you in the right direction.





#### Victoria Manor

Victoria Manor is a two-minute walk from the main campus. Students at the Manor enjoy their own fitness and yoga centre as well as a kitchen where they enjoy cooking authentic dishes and snacks with friends. Victoria Manor has a number of common spaces, a television and recreation room, dining, study and living rooms, as well as lots of outdoor green space. Victoria Manor will quickly become your home away from home.



We are thankful for the loving reception of our daughter at Albert College, all the care and support and the exciting and always superbly organized excursions and homestays with host families. Our daughter had a great time and gained uncountable great experiences and impressions that would not have been possible without the Manor team!



- The Hoffman Family from Germany

## The **5'A's**

At Albert College, we are committed to developing global leaders of character through Albert's 5 'A's. Our students' participation in the 5 'A's offers them a well-rounded education that sets them apart when applying for post-secondary studies.

## Academics



Albert College exceeds the standards set by the Ontario curriculum at every grade level. Students study with like-minded individuals who are encouraged to aim higher and succeed. Our graduates are well-prepared for the university or college programs of their choice, determined and driven to take on the challenges that lie ahead in their post-secondary studies and beyond.

#### Arts &



The arts program enables students to become creative, confident individuals. Led by faculty, specialized artists and instructors, students can participate in many school-wide events and drama productions, musical performances and art exhibits. Our students are encouraged to share their talents and build their confidence in all areas of the arts, in class or during Arts Period - a unique program that is offered three times per week, in addition to regular arts classes.





#### **Athletics**



Our athletes are coached by a dedicated group of staff and faculty members that are knowledgeable in their respective sports and tireless in their dedication and enthusiasm. Students are given the opportunity to play on a team, refine their skills, try new things and develop a healthy, active lifestyle. Each term there is a wide range of athletic opportunities - competitive, developmental and recreational. Our athletes compete regularly against teams from the Conference of Independent Schools and those in our local associations.

#### **Active Citizenship**



Our vision is to develop courageous global citizens across all grades. A number of leadership and community service opportunities exist for Middle and Senior School students to become actively involved in the civic life of the school, our local community and the world. Students volunteer for a variety of local, national and international causes and many reach far beyond the 40 hours of community service required before they graduate.

#### **Adventure**



The adventure program gives all students the opportunity to learn outside the classroom, to challenge themselves in areas of uncertainty, to develop personal leadership and teamwork skills and to create fond memories and strong friendships. There are a number of adventure trips offered throughout the year to various locations based on student interest. Students may choose to participate in Canadawide expeditions through the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – an internationally recognized program which focuses on individual development, personal achievement and self-challenge.

## Dining

Albert's own Food Services staff offer quality meals that are fresh, homemade and served seven days a week in our historic dining hall. A full array of healthy choices and fresh baked goods daily are available at every meal. The menu is planned with consideration being given to students' eating preferences, dietary restrictions and allergies. Nutritious and popular snacks are kept stocked in all boarding houses.

The Food Services staff take great care in each meal they prepare, keeping Canada's Food Guide in mind and using local produce when available. Our Food Services staff quickly get to know you and your specific dietary requirements. They take pride in recognizing the various cultures here at Albert and will often work with students from specific countries to celebrate and share their special cuisine.



## Middle School

Students in Grades 7 and 8 (ages 12 to 14 years old) are guided through the challenging transition from elementary to secondary school. Students are surrounded by like-minded, driven individuals and are encouraged by their peers. Supportive faculty members help students develop positive learning skills and study habits, while providing the individualized attention and support they need.

Students enjoy many day and overnight trips that reflect their classroom learning to explore and discover Canada including:

- Camp Tamakwa, Algonquin Park
- Fort Henry, Kingston
- Treetop Trekking, Ganaraska Forest
- Ontario Science Centre, Toronto
- St. Donat Ski Resort, Quebec
- Parliament Hill, Ottawa

#### The Middle School Day:

7.45	Breakfast
7:45 a.m.	Вгеактазт
8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements
8:40 a.m.	Period 1
10:25 a.m.	Break
10:40 a.m.	Period 2
11:30 a.m.	Lunch
11:55 a.m.	Athletics/Activities
12:45 p.m.	Advisor/Clubs/Extra Help
1:30 p.m.	Period 3
2:30 p.m.	Period 4
3:45 p.m.	After school activities/athletics
5:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Study hall
9:00 p.m.	Boarding activities and free time
10:30 p.m.	Lights out



## **Senior School**

Albert College offers full-year academic-level courses from Grades 9 through 12 that are delivered by a team of passionate faculty, many with specialist qualifications and master's degrees. As a university preparatory school, our academic program is suited to meet individual student needs, ensuring that students meet and exceed the requirements to pursue a wide range of post-secondary options.

#### **Academic Advisor**

Students are paired with a faculty member who acts as their Academic Advisor. In addition to regular daily contact, advisors meet with their students weekly or when individual guidance, support or friendship is required. With post-secondary goals in mind, advisors encourage and facilitate each student's path to post-secondary success.

#### **Parents Stay Connected**

A strong partnership between home and school is encouraged and embraced. Parents receive seven comprehensive reports regarding their child's progress throughout the school year. Our online system helps parents feel connected to what's happening at the school, and weekend activities.





## The Senior School Day:

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements
8:40 a.m.	Period 1
10:40 a.m.	Break
10:55 a.m.	Period 2
11:55 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Advisor Meeting/Extra Help Period/Clubs (Monday, Wednesday)
12:45 p.m.	Arts/Activities Period (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

1:30 p.m.	Period 3
2:30 p.m.	Period 4
3:45 p.m.	Athletics
4:45 p.m.	Athletics (Term 2)
5:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Study hall
9:00 p.m.	Boarding activities and free time
11:00 p.m.	Lights out

### **Our Graduates**

Our students are encouraged to achieve ambitious post-secondary goals. In addition to individual guidance counselling, students receive direction and assistance with course selection while at Albert, in preparation for a wide variety of post-secondary programs. Students receive support with post-secondary applications and admission procedures in Canada and abroad, including scholarship and bursary applications.

## Programs of Post-secondary Study

Top Areas of Study in 2023

STEM – **41**% Medical and Health – **12**% Business and Commerce – **19**% Arts, Liberal Arts and Humanities – **27**% Education – **1**%



Our teachers are our family as well, and each has made a significant impact on us. They have invested their time and energy into helping us grow as learners and helping us grow as people as well. We would not be here today without them.

Natalie, Class of 2023 Valedictorian



#### **University Destinations (2021-2023)**

Boston University, USA **Brock University** Carleton University Dalhousie University Guelph University Humber College Lancaster University, England Loughborough University, England \*McGill University McMaster University Ontario College of Art and Design University Ontario Tech University \*Queen's University Sheridan College Toronto Metropolitan University Trent University

\*University of British
Columbia
University of California, USA
University of Edinburgh,
Scotland
University of Illinois Chicago,
USA
University of Manchester,
England
University of Michigan, USA
\*University of Toronto
\*University of Waterloo
\*Western University
Wilfred Laurier University
York University

\*Most popular destinations over past two years



## **How** to Apply



Complete the online application and fee payment



Complete an in-person or video interview (for students in Grades 7-12)



Provide past two years of academic reports



Submit the teacher's evaluation



Write our entrance test (not required for international boarders)



If the applicant's first language is not English, an approved language proficiency test may be required

#### **Tuition Assistance**

Scholarships are available to students in Grades 7 through 12. They are awarded on the basis of merit and achievement. Scholarships are renewable each year, provided the recipient maintains good academic standing, participates in school life and meets all other requirements of the school. Scholarship recipients are also eligible for bursary assistance. Bursaries carry no obligation of repayment and are renewable. Families must reapply annually to demonstrate ongoing need. For more information or to apply for tuition assistance, please visit albertcollege.ca.



#### **Our Mission**

Educate students from Canada and around the world through a comprehensive curriculum that threads cohesively from Pre-Kindergarten through to Grade 12

Inspire students to be leaders of character

Support faculty and staff in the mastery of their professions

Create a dynamic culture of learning supported by innovative technology and infrastructure

Honour our past while preparing our students to thrive in their futures

#### **Our Vision**

Develop people of character and compassion who embrace a life of purpose, excited by the possibilities that their energies create.

#### Albert's 5 'A's

Albert College uniquely challenges and inspires its students to grow their confidence and broaden their capabilities by exploring new experiences in all of the 5 'A's – Academics, Arts, Athletics, Active Citizenship and Adventure.

#### **Our Core Values**

**Individuality** We respect each other for our unique talents, we expect excellence in ourselves, and we actively encourage the pursuit of personal bests by others.

**Compassion** As a small family school, we are sensitive to the needs and the feelings of each member of the community, exhibiting empathy and humility in our dealings with one another and with the world around us.

**Integrity** We are accountable for our actions, and we act with honesty and integrity in our dealings with one another and with the broader community.

Diversity & As an international community of learners, we celebrate the contributions each member brings to the whole in everything we do. By honouring both our similarities and our differences, we forge a united identity, and strive to ensure ours is a safe and welcoming community for all.

**Optimism** We are positive about the future and are committed to contributing to a healthy society and planet.



