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When you've been educating girls for over 140 years, you gather a few truths along the way. One is that being ahead of your time doesn't mean you can rest on your laurels. **Since 1874, well before the world openly accepted educated women, we've been inspiring our students to think progressively and innovate in the face of social challenges** and we continually apply that same standard. Our commitment to improvement makes us a leader in education with graduates highly attuned to the needs of their times.

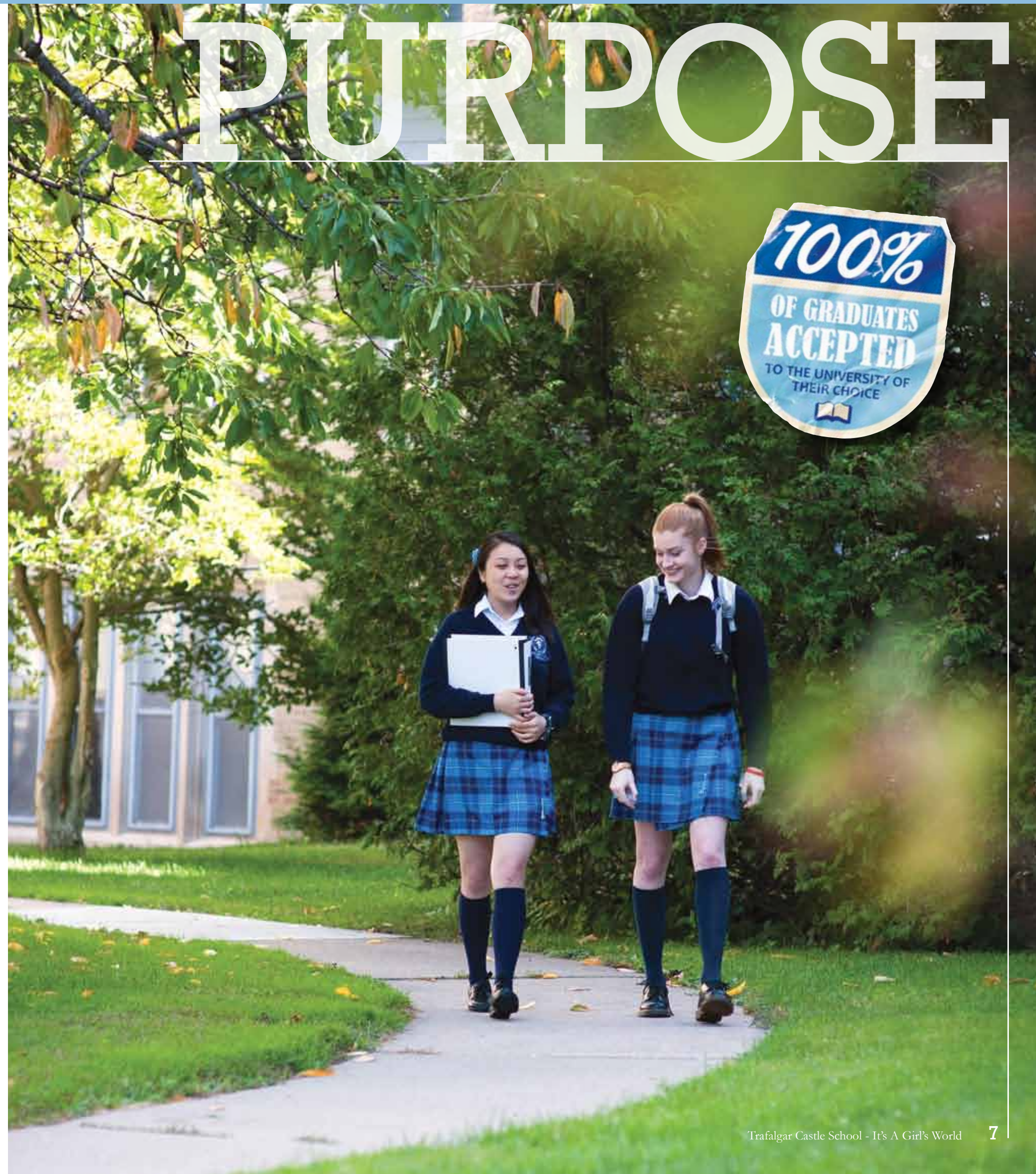
The second truth is that women are leaders of change. The modern world has shown that an inclusive and equal society is a resilient and sustainable society. Girls at Trafalgar excel in every discipline and occupy leadership roles in every realm of school life. They learn and lead on their own terms, with an emphasis on collaboration and a determination to challenge the status quo. Research tells us that companies perform better with women on the board of directors or in senior executive roles, and that's no surprise to us. Trafalgar women have been tackling the complexities of the world for a long time.

With 100% of our graduates accepted to the university of their choice, the third truth we embrace is that **exceptional academics within a warm and welcoming community build women of strength and character**. Ours is a long tradition of offering the best curriculum available while ensuring that every girl is known, supported and valued. Our small-school advantage is evident: we are agile enough to provide the most up-to-date learning environment and intimate enough to cultivate a strong sense of belonging. Every day, our magnificent Castle buzzes with energy and purpose as our girls learn and grow together. Every spring, each graduate steps out of this unique historical setting to join generations of Trafalgar women who have set forth confidently into their future.

With close to a century and a half of expertise in educating girls, we have unearthed a simple and potent truth:

every girl's possibilities are endless.

PURPOSE



COURAGE

ACADEMICS

Whoever said 'great minds think alike'
never met a Trafalgar girl.

Our academic program challenges each student to know her mind, contribute ideas and question age-old assumptions. We believe in authentic learning where students take risks, try new things and find joy in discovery. Visit any Trafalgar classroom and you will hear lively exchanges and spirited debates. With the support and guidance of exceptional teachers, our girls fulfill their potential and forge their own path.

Trafalgar's academic program is grounded in educational research about learning and achievement. We enrich the Ontario curriculum with internationally-acclaimed programs that cultivate curiosity, promote mastery and encourage creative solutions to complex problems. We also draw on best programs from around the world in math, science, English, music and international languages.

In addition, our extensive offerings in art, music, drama and robotics cultivate the creativity and design thinking essential for today's leaders. We ensure our students extend and apply their learning beyond the classroom in natural landscapes, professional workplaces, school competitions and exchanges around the world.

Technology is an integral part of Trafalgar, intended to open possibilities and inspire innovation. Our students access resources for research, communication, design and problem solving. We believe that integrating technology at the right time in the right way makes it a powerful tool for learning. We use these tools to complement but never supplant the collaborative spirit and personal connections that energize our classrooms.

With a challenging academic program as our foundation, a strong learning relationship between a girl and her teachers lies at the heart of a Trafalgar education. Research shows that achievement soars when teachers with high expectations provide ongoing support and feedback. Our teachers excel at connecting with students and encouraging their best learning. As a result, Trafalgar graduates thrive at university and become leaders in their field.



"Trafalgar gives you a lot of confidence because everyone values you for who you are and encourages you to be your best. It was at Trafalgar that I learned to dream big."

*- Roopan Gill
Class of '03,
Resident Physician, Obstetrics and Gynecology*

SCHOOL LIFE

Because insight flows from experience, whatever our girls choose to do will shape who they become. That's why we believe they must learn about life by living, learn to lead by leading and learn to serve by reaching out to the community. **Trafalgar women make meaningful contributions to the world because they were once Trafalgar girls – widely engaged and fully active in the life of their school and beyond.**

The wisdom of experience cannot be wholly acquired in a classroom. We encourage every girl to follow her aspiration, whether it takes her to the stage, the field, the concert hall or out to communities in need. Our extensive co-curricular program offers numerous athletic and club options, from sports teams like basketball, soccer and field hockey to activities such as band, student council and debate. Following her passion, each girl becomes a more talented athlete, artist or leader. Trafalgar girls don't sit on the sidelines of life. They develop a leadership mindset characterized by active citizenship and a sense of responsibility. They learn to lift themselves and others to new heights of positive change. That's how they become women of spirit and courage.

A comprehensive support structure surrounds our students as they deepen their life experience. Our Health and Wellness Centre, House System and daily advisor periods provide the therapeutic, social and academic supports students need. And when they come together for morning assembly, meals in the dining hall and celebrations of school traditions, each girl's sense of place within our tight-knit community is strengthened.

If experience is the best teacher, our students are the best learners.

Trafalgar girls know who they are and how to live a life of passion and purpose.



PASSION



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CULTURE

GLOBAL CITIZENS

At Trafalgar, we foster cultural awareness, embrace international perspectives and offer immersive learning experiences around the globe.

We know that diversity drives creativity and innovation, and our community is genuinely inclusive and transnational.

At any moment, our students engage in conversations across continents and time zones. In this connected digital world, their experience is one of dissolving borders and overlapping interests.

Because they live and learn with girls from cultures and countries around the world, Trafalgar students develop *cognitive complexity*: the ability to shift their point of view, accept new ideas and empathize across differences. This mental dexterity is further strengthened by the exchanges we offer to Australia, Spain, South Africa, Chile and other countries. Immersion in other languages and traditions develops the open-mindedness needed to live and work across national borders.

As a result ALL Trafalgar girls are global citizens. They consider multiple perspectives and succeed on diverse teams and graduate equipped to solve pressing global problems.



COMMUNITY

BOARDING LIFE

Poet Maya Angelou tells us that the ache for home lives in all of us. About a third of our girls live in residence at Trafalgar where it feels like home – a place where they can be themselves and make close friends for life.

Boarding life plays an important role in our unique learning environment, broadening the cultural and national diversity on campus and guiding each boarder toward both independence and shared responsibility.

Our boarding program attracts a mix of Canadian and international students in Grades 7-12. Many Canadian families value the growth potential of a boarding experience, while international families appreciate the close connections that develop with local girls. Optional weekend activities include visits to Canada's great cities, the theatre and – of course – hockey games. There is always lots to do and lots to discover under the warm direction of our superb residence staff.

Our greatest memories of childhood tend to be relaxed times with friends, sharing laughs and personal adventures. Our graduates tell us how fondly they remember boarding life, how deeply they were shaped by their friendships, and how much they now enjoy visiting their sisters around the globe.



“Leaving home for an entire year was scary for me. I didn't think it would be possible to feel at home in a foreign country with people I didn't know but as soon as I walked through the Castle doors those thoughts vanished. The strong friendships and bonds formed at Trafalgar are unbelievable and I am so thankful to have become a part of it!”

- Angelica, Grade 11 International Boarder

SISTERHOOD

LIFE AFTER TRAFALGAR

Life is a bold adventure for Trafalgar alumnae. Our students are accepted to their preferred university destinations and study all over the world. They excel in highly competitive programs and they succeed in their chosen fields after graduation. Great visionaries become great contributors, and our graduates know how to dream big.

Trafalgar alumnae expect the best of themselves: the best solutions to economic problems, the best strategies for complex negotiations, and the best innovations for sustainable energy.

They are geneticists working in research labs, international aid providers in maternal health, communications strategists for upstart companies and finance experts at major banks. They are women of talent and generosity living lives of conviction and consequence, spirit and courage.

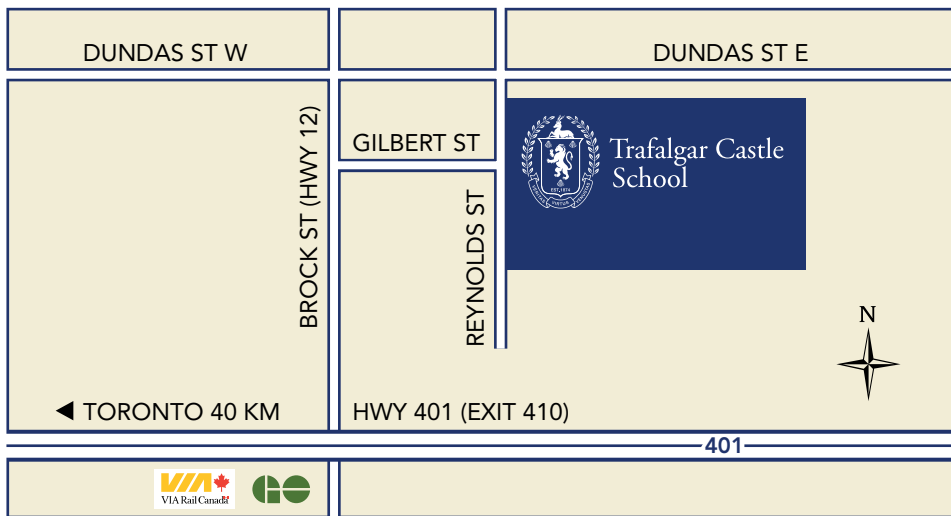
But maybe the most important part of life after Trafalgar is membership in a network of empowered women around the world who share the common bonds of home.

No matter where time and distance take our alumnae, they are part of a sisterhood for life.

“No matter when you attended Trafalgar, the experiences shared transcend time and help form a bond like no other. There is something very special about the School, which instills a sense of belonging and an understanding that you are very much a part of a larger sisterhood.”

*- Jacqueline Dunn-Gabrielle,
Class of '83, President of
the Alumnae Association,
and mom of Clare,
current Trafalgar Girl*





ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION HUBS

Toronto Pearson International Airport
62 km from School

VIA Rail and GO Transit Stations
6 km from School

LOCATION

Trafalgar Castle School is located on a magnificent campus in the heart of downtown Whitby, ON just 40 kilometres east of Toronto with close proximity to the GO Train and major highways. With quick access to Canada's largest city, Trafalgar is a wonderful option for families looking for an educational experience in a small and safe community setting.

SMALL BY DESIGN

Fundamental to the success of small schools are the relationships they nurture. Small schools create spaces where young people have the opportunity to be known, to ask and to answer life's most important questions. At Trafalgar every girl's talent and individuality is celebrated. Teachers create meaningful learning experiences tailored to each student; strong cross-grade bonds are fostered through unique experiences such as our House System and Big Sister/Little Sister program; and lifelong global friendships are formed.

ALL GIRLS

When girls learn alongside girls, there is never any question that the head of the student council, the robotics team captain and the lead in the school play will all be girls. It is never in doubt that a girl will be the one to solve the toughest calculus problem ever encountered by the class. In an all-girls' setting, girls discover their abilities and come to recognize that a world of opportunity awaits them.

STRONG ACADEMICS

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VISITING TRAFALGAR CASTLE SCHOOL

We welcome you to join us for a visit to discover all that Trafalgar Castle School has to offer.

In addition to our open houses, we offer prospective students an opportunity to join us for a day visit where they can fully immerse themselves in the Trafalgar experience. **To book your day visit contact us at admissions@trafalgarcastle.ca.**

Boarding applicants travelling to the Greater Toronto Area are also encouraged to contact us to arrange a tour of the School.

Our Admissions Team is happy to answer any questions you might have and look forward to welcoming you to the Trafalgar community!

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