

SJK BOARDING - The Best of Both Worlds



BOARDING PROGRAM

SJK’s boarding students enjoy a distinctive advantage of safe and convenient urban boarding life. The Boarding Residence is located adjacent to the University of Waterloo campus, within walking distance to university food plaza and other urban conveniences.

The **Boarding Program at SJK** aims to promote and provide academic, social, cultural, and personal growth within a safe and inclusive residential community. Central to creating a vibrant residence is the development of mutual understanding, respect and responsibility in a supportive living and learning community. Within a supportive and structured environment, students learn more about themselves as they grow together while developing lifelong friendships.

HIGHLIGHTS

- After studying at the campus during the day, students take the school bus to return to the boarding residence near the University of Waterloo with beautiful, quiet surroundings and urban conveniences.
- Single rooms in single-gender wings for all 50 boarding students to maximize the health and safety of each student, and for students to have personal space after a busy day.
- Shared study room, recreational lounge, dining hall, and kitchen.
- Full time boarding staff members and a boarding nurse provide care, support, and supervision for students 24/7 to ensure the students' safety and wellbeing.
- Full meal plan with all meals prepared by certified chefs with fresh ingredients.
- Students follow a healthy routine, including evening study time.
- Planned activities over weekends and holidays.
- SJK Boarding Residence remains open on all weekends including long weekends throughout the school year, except Christmas Break and March Break. Short-term homestay is arranged for our Boarding Students.

TESTIMONIALS ABOUT SJK BOARDING RESIDENCE

“The Boarding Residence is a highlight of SJK School. The students can study in the beautiful and tranquil country setting during the day; but enjoy the convenience and cultural diversity of the university community near the Residence after school and on weekends. This is something that many boarding schools cannot offer.”

- Tina L. and Parent

“The convenience and cultural diversity of the university community near the Boarding Residence ... is an important reason for us to choose SJK, and it is also what we care about the most.”

- Parents of Matthew C.

“The closeness to Waterloo Plaza, convenience to Walmart, eating places, UW campus are all the good reasons for the students. The Boarding Residence is also close to Aaron’s weekly rehearsal with the Youth Chamber orchestra in Wilfrid Laurier University campus!”

- Parents of Aaron Y.

“The Residence near the University of Waterloo has now become an integral part of the SJK campus cultural identity of international students. SJK’s idyllic campus life and off-campus living in a large Boarding Residence in the university town is a unique combination of special value.”

- Parents of Younong W.



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ABOUT SJK

St. John's-Kilmarnock School (SJK) is a **Canadian IB school** with a **boarding program** for **Grade 9-12** international students. SJK School has much in common with its home country, Canada - innovative, smart, natural, and safe. With a beautiful 36-acre campus, SJK offers the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum (OSSD) through the framework of the **International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum programmes (PYP-MYP-DP)**, and co-curricular activities in sports, arts, creativity, leadership, services, and more. SJK develops **the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical well-being of students**, ensures our students are well prepared to succeed in their top choice universities and beyond in careers and lives.

SJK School is in Waterloo in southern Ontario, located just one hour west of Toronto. This region is not only one of the centers of Canada's research and development in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, but also the center of Canada's knowledge-based economy with strong demand for skilled workers and great opportunities for immigration.

While the majority of SJK's nearly 500 students are Canadian day students, the boarding residence accommodates up to 50 Gr. 9-12 international students, who are well integrated with local Canadian students in their learning and life on campus to experience the multicultural life of Canada.



THE SJK ADVANTAGES



IB Continuum School: SJK is one of only 4 boarding schools in Canada offering 3 levels of full IB Programmes. SJK Curriculum encompasses and surpasses the Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum (OSSD).

100% University Acceptance: All Grade 12 students graduate with double diplomas (IBDP & OSSD). Most SJK graduates are accepted by the top-tier Canadian universities, some of which are located near SJK, such as University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and Western University.

Dedicated Teachers: With a student/teacher ratio of 7:1, SJK teachers are inspiring, innovative, and caring. They support students with proactive guidance and counselling in four main aspects: (1) academics; (2) personal development; (3) university counselling; (4) mental health wellbeing.

Language Support: For international students with English as a second language, SJK offers ESL credit courses to strengthen their academic English.

Enriched Co-curriculars: With 45 student clubs, 14 varsity teams in 9 varsity sports, SJK encourages students to engage in an active and healthy lifestyle through a wide variety of co-curricular activities in athletics, arts, creativity, leadership, and services.

Vast Campus: SJK's 36 acres of campus has its own forest, pond, multiple large sport fields, in addition to spacious classrooms and learning spaces equipped with high tech facilities.

"I really like my teachers. They are very kind and encouraging. They also challenge me, but in a good way, because they want me to do well."

- Tarun N.