



VTT COMBINES THE POWER OF COMMUNITY WITH OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

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EARLY CHILDHOOD A SOLID FOUNDATION



Our early childhood program provides the building blocks for future academic growth and allows for the seamless transition to Grade 1. Our highly experienced early childhood teachers collaborate with educators from the primary grades to enrich early years' learning experiences.

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PLAY. Through play children learn how to think, explore, discover and create. Play is also a basis for developing social and emotional skills allowing children to learn how to make friends, negotiate with others, and resolve conflicts. Through play, children learn independence, cooperation and collaboration.



OUTSTANDING REAL WORLD EDUCATION



At VTT our commitment to academic excellence is unwavering as we incorporate best thought and practice to continuously enhance our program. Our dynamic, innovative, real world and rigorous curriculum from Preschool through to Grade 7 enables students to acquire the knowledge, skills and confidence they will need to meet the challenges of a century in which change is a constant. Critical thinking and communication skills are honed as students collaborate in multidisciplinary projects. Using an inquiry-based model, children learn how to creatively problem solve and, essentially, learn how to learn.

TECHNOLOGY AT VTT

We believe that technology enhances, but does not replace, good classroom instruction. Students from SK onwards are provided with iPads and laptops to achieve curricular goals. In Grades 6 and 7, students are provided with their own MacBook Air for daily school use. The focus of our educational technology program is providing teachers and students with access to additional resources, insight, knowledge and expertise. In addition, competence with these tools and literacy in how best to use and apply them will prepare students for the next chapters in their educational journeys.





BUILDING JEWISH IDENTITY

We immerse students in the warmth and beauty of Jewish tradition and practice while creating joyful experiences. Jewish life is celebrated and lived daily through the values of *tikkun olam* (repair of the world), *chesed* (kindness) and *tzedakah* (charity). Shabbat activities and programs are a highlight of the weekly schedule. Our well-developed Judaic studies program engages students in Hebrew language instruction and facilitates the study of Jewish rituals, holidays, the weekly Torah portion and, in upper grades, Jewish texts. We also create a vibrant link to the State of Israel, particularly through our ShinShin program that allows young Israeli emissaries to spend the year interacting with and informally educating students.



THE VTT CAMPUS

VTT's new 42,000 square foot campus offers:

- A richer student experience with collaborative workspaces, bright hallways and lots of natural light
- Flexible learning environments to support new programs for STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- Two fully purposed gyms and large multi-purpose rooms
- Revamped outdoor play space—with dedicated early childhood playground—and the largest rooftop sport field in all of Vancouver
- Facilities and space to support music, art and drama
- Sanctified space for spiritual gatherings
- Kosher kitchens offering hot lunches, and kosher catering services for school and community events
- Revitalized early years wing including licensed extended day program
- State of the art security infrastructure for a safe and secure campus





RECOGNIZING THE INDIVIDUAL

Every child is unique, learning and developing in his or her own way. We are focused on the whole child and helping each student discover and pursue their interests, talents and passions. We offer a broad range of athletic opportunities with intramurals, house teams and competitive sports teams in volleyball, basketball, soccer, and cross country. Our extracurricular and co-curricular lunchtime programs include choir, chess, Israeli dance, hip hop and jazz, Lego robotics, floor hockey, basketball, soccer, knitting and mixed media arts. Visit the Extra Curricular section of our website for more details.



THE CREATIVE CHILD

Children are naturally creative beings. At VTT, we promote the innate creativity of our students through daily art exploration and creation activities. We understand that engaging in the creative process strengthens neural pathways, promotes critical thinking, improves fine motor skills, and allows children to discover their individuality. Our art, music and drama faculty specialists contribute to the development of the whole child and our intermediate students love participating in our professional spring musical productions.



UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY: THE VTT COMMUNITY

We are proud of the very disparate geographic and cultural origins of our families, but our pluralism is also evident in our socioeconomic diversity and wide spectrum of Jewish affiliation. As a community school, we embrace all Jewish families—be they observant, traditional, secular or interfaith. The sense of community is enhanced by buddy programs that build cross-grade connections and friendships. In addition, our Parent Action *Chavurah* (Parents Association) provides initiatives that support our school and parent body. Because so many of our families come from outside Vancouver, friends become family at VTT and this is where students – and parents – create friendships that last a lifetime.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From as early as preschool, our students are involved in acts of *chesed* (loving kindness). From weekly Shabbat *tzedakah* donations to monthly drives for the Jewish food bank, every member of VTT embraces their commitment to help others. This value is beautifully exemplified in seventh grade through the **Mitzvah of Valuing Philanthropy** program. Students become emerging philanthropists through solid research and investigation of non-profit agencies and then by collectively fundraising for all the chosen causes. To date, over \$200K has been raised in support of local, national and global organizations.





VTT SUPPORTS FAMILIES

Recognizing that our parents lead very busy lives and have a myriad of responsibilities, we support our families in as many ways possible, including:

- Being highly responsive to parent requests and inquiries
- Offering an option for kosher catered hot lunch daily from in school caterer, Mendelsons Kosher Gourmet
- Having the Learning Commons open extended hours until 4:30 PM as a convenience to VTT families
- Providing daily after-school bus service to the JCC





School Hours:

Preschool & JK (half day):

8:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Preschool & JK (extended day):

8:15 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

(with option to pick up until 4:30)

SK to Grade 7:

8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.



CAIS candidate school

Vancouver Talmud Torah recognizes the socioeconomic diversity of its families. For those who qualify, tuition subsidies are available for Senior Kindergarten through Grade 7.

For more information please visit talmudtorah.com/admissions

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