### VTT Earns Top Marks in CAIS Accreditation



The Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) was established in 1981 as a national network for member schools supporting collaborative initiatives in leadership, education, management and governance. Its key activities included organizing, co-ordinating, and facilitating conferences, benchmarking, senior management compensation surveys, and advocacy.

Today CAIS includes over 90 schools, all of which commit to undergoing a reflective and collaborative school improvement process, meet National Standards, and participate in research and professional development.

Parents of CAIS schools can expect the best.

#### **CAIS Visiting Committee Impressions of VTT**

The CAIS Visiting Committee was impressed with the school's commitment to Jewish values and traditions. Children are actively engaged and are very connected to their community. The students are proud of their Jewish heritage and have a deep connection with Israel. The alumni expressed their thanks to VTT for their deep commitment to leading a Jewish life and their success.

VTT is very engaged in social justice, and it is evident as you walk throughout the school. The school embraces social responsibility through the lens of Jewish practice and teachings. VTT lives its mission and values. The school is working hard on incorporating the new BC curriculum, critical thinking, collaborative skills and creative thoughts.

The artwork on the walls is extremely impressive, and the new building is a beautifully designed learning and collaborating space for teachers and students. It is bright and cheerful and always a hub of activity and learning.



## **CAIS Commendations**

# CATIS

#### Co-Curriculum & The Learning Environment

- Outstanding social action and community service initiatives that beautifully align with core Jewish values.
- Students offered a multitude of opportunities to be positive leaders.
- VTT successfully establishes a deeply connected community that truly cares about each other.

#### School & Community

• Phenomenal sense of community that was evident in all interactions with the many constituency groups.

#### **Enrolment Management**

• Board and school commended for its extensive research and work on financial accessibility for all.

#### Physical Plant & Safety

• Commendation for the attention that has been directed to the instructional facilities. The new building is stunning, and all areas of the school are meticulously maintained and decorated with wonderful student work.

#### **Commitment to School Improvement**

• VTT commended for the reflective measures and amount of genuine hard work put into the creation of this Internal Evaluation Report.

#### **Academic Program**

- Intentional and thoughtful integration of Service Learning, Experiential Learning, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Indigenous ways of Learning and Knowing across specific grades and subject areas.
- Rich experiential learning opportunities that are provided for all students.
- Work conducted by learning assistance teachers, the counsellor and the enrichment teacher help students understand how they can use and apply a wide variety of strategies.
- Commendation for design of the graduation profile.
- Meeting the privacy standards as established by British Columbia's Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA) and other applicable legislation.
- Intentional integration of a variety of playbased approaches to early childhood learning.



