

# Looking Ahead

*Curious about what happens after Preschool and Kindergarten? Opportunities for growth and learning abound!*

**GRADE ONE  
I'm a Big Kid Now!**

This is your child's first taste of independence and formal learning. We explore the basics while encouraging creativity and individuality. In Judaics, children begin learning Hebrew through Tal Am, a highly successful language immersion program. The year culminates with a Siddur (prayer book) celebration. One of the lasting experiences of first grade is the Buddy Program with grade 7 students where bonds of friendship are forged between our youngest and oldest students.



**GRADE TWO  
Yes I can!!!**

Reading and writing fluency is progressing. Your child can read Hebrew script and the students prepares for a special Torah celebration. The children also launch their first Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) project. The use of technology becomes more prominent in the educational experience as our students learn to not only express, but to create, using 21st century tools.

**GRADE THREE  
Who am I?**

Students learn how to research and present their findings. Every child demonstrates these skills through a biographical presentation. At Passover, the students present a model seder for families--all in Hebrew!

**GRADE FOUR  
"If I Am Not for Myself..."**

Officially part of the "upper grades," students assume more responsibility for themselves, their work, their school and their peers. In Hebrew, the children begin to express themselves in a variety of genres.

**GRADE FIVE  
Reading, Writing and... CIVICS**

A day trip to Parliament in Victoria makes the curriculum come alive. With so many voracious readers, students post their book reviews and critiques online. Students choose an event from the Torah to creatively present for the Torah Fair. A highlight of the year is the Guest Readers series with visitors from the arts, sports and the local community.



**GRADE SIX  
Tikkun Olam**

Leadership opportunities abound during the last two years of school. Through learning about the needs of the world, students gain a better sense of self and their ability to effect change. All the students look forward to a Shabbaton with partner schools in Western Canada and Washington State.



**GRADE SEVEN**

**Strathcona & Graduation**

For so many of our students, their time at Vancouver Talmud Torah spans 10 years. They've met the challenge of a dual curriculum and have a facility in Hebrew as well as a strong sense of Jewish identity and culture. They understand their obligation to make the world a better place and have made meaningful contributions to their community and beyond through programs such as the "Mitzvah of Valuing Philanthropy." They have grown into responsible, respectful "mensches." The students' hard work is rewarded with a week-long outdoor education trip to Strathcona as well as a memorable graduation evening where every student has the opportunity to offer a tribute. The students have come full circle becoming mentors to their Grade 1 buddies. Our graduates perform extremely well in high school and are accepted to King David High School, private schools and mini schools.



## Did you know?

Vancouver Talmud Torah is a pluralistic, traditional Jewish community day school with a 77-year history. We have 500 students, from pre-school to Grade 7, and over 90 faculty and staff. In addition to offering a dual curriculum, we support students with a variety of individual learning styles, and offer both learning support and learning enrichment opportunities. Our fine arts programs are among the best in the city. We offer many services to enhance student life: intramurals, lunch clubs, choir, band, Israeli dance, a host of after school programs, and a daily kosher hot lunch program. Vancouver Talmud Torah is not just a school for children--it is a community for parents, grandparents, alumni and guests to feel part of an extended family. **Tuition Assistance Available**

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