

Trinity College School

Port Hope, Canada



Predating Confederation itself, this Lake Ontario campus anchors ten storied houses around one of Canada's few AP Capstone diplomas.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	71/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	70/100
Prestige & heritage	73/100
Alumni network	72/100
Facilities	74/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Ten houses on a 100-acre campus give Trinity College School a shape and rhythm that few Canadian schools can match. This is not a suburban day school with a boarding wing bolted on. It is a full boarding-and-day institution in Port Hope, an hour east of Toronto, founded in 1865 and built around the habits of residential school life. The split matters: the senior school covers Grades 9 to 12 with about **500 students**, and 60 per cent are boarders; the junior school covers Grades 5 to 8 with just over **100 day students**. Parents looking for a *serious boarding culture* rather than a token one will find it here.

What puts TCS on a shortlist is its combination of age, scale and structure. Canada has no shortage of

independent schools, but few have this depth of institutional memory, this level of boarding critical mass, and this kind of campus setting on Lake Ontario. The school declares the Ontario curriculum, teaches in English, and carries accreditations that matter in its market: CAIS, Round Square, TABS and OSSD. Its Anglican foundation still forms part of the school’s identity, though the stronger practical point for most families is the house system and the social architecture that grows from it. The editorial tagline’s reference to one of Canada’s few AP Capstone diplomas adds another layer of distinction, though families should note that the school does not publish enough here to judge AP outcomes in aggregate. Fees place it firmly in the premium bracket: an average **CAD 83,000** a year for boarding and **CAD 41,250** for day places.

The right student for TCS is not hard to identify. This school suits children who want a *structured, tradition-heavy* environment, who will use a large campus properly, and who can handle the social intensity of house-based life. Boarders who value community, routine and institutional character will get more from it than students who want a loose, urban, sixth-form style experience. Day pupils need to buy into the same culture; the junior school’s day-only model then feeds into a senior school where boarding dominates the centre of gravity. For the right child, that creates a *cohesive, high-commitment* education. For the wrong one, it will feel *too enclosed* and *too prescribed*.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1865, Trinity College School is one of Canada's oldest independent schools, with an established Anglican-founded history and alumni network dating back over 150 years.
- The 100-acre Port Hope campus sits roughly one hour east of Toronto, giving boarding and day families reasonable access to a major international airport and city amenities.
- The school offers a broad co-curricular liberal arts program with over 120 courses spanning academics, arts, athletics and service learning, per the school's own admissions material.
- TCS awards more than 3 million CAD in bursaries annually, indicating a meaningful institutional commitment to need-based financial assistance for qualifying families.
- Notable alumni include physician Sir William Osler and Booker Prize-winning novelist Yann Martel, evidencing a long track record of producing high-achieving graduates.

TRADE - OFFS

- Boarding fees run as high as 83,000 to 91,000 CAD per year for international students, placing the school firmly in the premium fee bracket even by Canadian boarding-school standards.
- Although the school is coeducational overall, boarding and day houses are strictly single-sex, an important structural detail for families expecting mixed-house living or socializing.
- The rural Port Hope setting, while within reach of Toronto, still means an hour's drive from the city, a consideration for families wanting frequent weekend access to urban life.
- The school follows the Ontario curriculum rather than an international framework such as the IB, which may matter to expat families anticipating university applications outside Canada.

ADMISSIONS

Main entry points are Grade 5 (Junior School, day only) and Grade 9 (Senior School, day or boarding), though other grades are considered when space allows. The process includes an application, an OLSAT admissions test, a short writing sample, transcripts, and typically an interview and campus visit. A one-time 4,000 CAD registration fee applies to new students. Given the school's long history, house-based boarding culture and premium fee structure, admission is competitive but not among Canada's most selective boarding schools; TCS also offers bursaries and a Canadian Families Boarding Incentive Program to widen access.

 ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

The next 3 milestones for Trinity College School. Dates confirmed against the school's most recent published admissions calendar — check the official site to confirm before submitting.

Nov 15, 2026 3MO	ASSESSMENT SSAT + campus interview
Jan 15, 2027 5MO	REGISTRATION CLOSES ⓘ Application deadline
Mar 15, 2027 7MO	DECISION Decisions released

► 1 PAST DATE

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