



River East Transcona

SCHOOL DIVISION

International Education Program



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MURDOCH MACKAY COLLEGIATE OVERVIEW

CARPE DIEM—SEIZE THE DAY

School population: Approximately 900 • International student population: 20–30

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Murdoch MacKay Collegiate is a secondary school in River East Transcona School Division that offers classes for students from grades 9–12. Murdoch MacKay Collegiate offers all students opportunities both in and outside the classroom to achieve academic excellence and positive self-esteem. The school's staff encourages students to embrace the concept of lifelong learning, enabling them to realize their ability to take advantage of opportunities as they arise, putting into action the school motto: Carpe Diem—Seize the Day.

COURSES OFFERED

Murdoch MacKay Collegiate offers a range of courses that meet students' needs, abilities and interests. There are compulsory core credits and a wide variety of optional and vocational credits available. Students will find vocational courses in the areas of automotive technology, business technology, building construction, fashion design technology, and metals fabrication. Optional courses may include graphics, art, electronics, microcomputer technology, drama, music, and human ecology. The strong academic and vocational programs at Murdoch MacKay Collegiate help prepare students for academic success in post-secondary institutes.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Murdoch MacKay Collegiate offers the Advanced Placement program, which allows students who are academically gifted to study in a more challenging program. A high score in a Grade 12 AP course allows students to receive credit or placements in many first-year university courses.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Murdoch MacKay Collegiate offers a rich program of extracurricular activities outside of regular class time. Students are encouraged to participate in these activities, as they promote good school spirit, develop confidence and provide opportunities to meet and make friends.

Murdoch MacKay has a rich history of high-calibre athletic programs. At the school, students are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of sports team, such as volleyball, basketball, football, badminton, soccer, curling, hockey, and indoor/outdoor track and field.

Along with sports, there are a variety of other activities, including community service clubs, student government, drama performances, an art club, and a youth and philanthropy club. There are activities and clubs for a range of interests, so all students can get involved in the school community.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL

Murdoch MacKay Collegiate usually has 20–30 international students. International students receive EAL (English as an additional language) support through teachers and educational assistants. They also participate in cultural activities and field trips, including an international student soccer tournament, tours of the Manitoba Legislative Building, and winter games and events. It is the school's aim that international students are given many opportunities to use English and add to the cultural diversity of Murdoch MacKay Collegiate.