



*Education*

# General *Information*

British Columbia is widely recognized as having some of the best educational environments in Canada. Powell River is no different. The youth of Powell River are treated to an extensive array of options when it comes to education. Powell River has cemented itself as a leader with innovative approaches to learning. Through partnerships with private sector companies, Powell River offers unique and innovative programs for their students, which helps to solidify long term employment in the region.

## General School Information

Students in District:	2102
Elementary (K-7):	1000
Middle (8):	151
Secondary (9-12):	951
Full Time Teachers:	125

Source: BC Ministry of Education Student Statistics



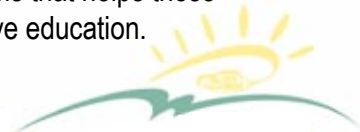
# Public *Education*

Powell River's education system is represented by School District #47. The public education system is responsible for providing primary and secondary education to the roughly 2,100 students within their boundaries. There are six elementary schools (grades K-7), one secondary school (grades 9-12), as well as various alternate schools and distributed learning programs to support home school initiatives. Recently, a French immersion program was established and is available at James Thomson Elementary. The number of classes with more than 30 students has decreased by 96% since 2005/2006 within the district which speaks to the efforts and resilience of district representatives.

The district has various programs that cater to the diversity of the students' needs including:

**Partners in Education (PIE)** Program is a partnership between School District 47 and parents who have chosen to educate their children from home.

**Brooks Offsite Program (BOP)** supports students who have not been successful through traditional public education. BOP offers programs that helps these students obtain their graduation diplomas through alternative education.



**Mountain Ash Preserves** is a student run business that offers a variety of locally produced products such as pickles, relish, blackberry lemonade, etc. The program is run through a commercial kitchen that is shared with the local University and the culinary arts cooking students. Students learn many facets of running a business when they participate in this program.

**Trades and Technical Programs** are offered through School District 47. As an intensely resource-based area, these programs help to nurture students pursuing trades and technical related careers.

**Support Services** are available for students who are in need of special assistance throughout their educational journey. Support Services include:

- Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- Destination Imagination
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention Program
- English as a Second Language
- Gifted Support Service (Elementary-Middle School)
- Health Promotion
- Hospital / Homebound
- Learning Assistance
- Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy
- School Psychology
- Special Services Resource Library
- Speech Language Pathology



**Student Counselling Services** are available for students when they are in need. They offer a safe environment for students to speak with counsellors with or without their parents present.

**Youth Support Services** are available for students who need assistance through challenging situations. Some of the services include:

- Birth Right (Pro Life)
- Child Youth and Family Services
- Abuse Counsellor
- Ministry of Children and Families
- Options for Sexual Health
- Parent-Teen Mediation
- Public Health Nursing
- School Counsellors
- Specialized Victim Support
- Youth Drug and Alcohol Services
- Toll Free Confidential Lines

**Aboriginal Support** enables Aboriginal learners to reach their full potential. Students are encouraged to broaden their skills, attitudes and gain knowledge that will help them become active contributors to the local community.



**Ahms Tah Ow School Program** is a joint venture between the Sliammon First Nation and School District 47. The school aims to be a career achievement centre for Sliammon First Nation adults wanting to improve their employability, as well as for student in grade 9-12.

A **Digital Film School** was founded in 2008 to cater to students with an interest in film production. Upon completion of the program, students are awarded a special graduation certificate that will help them throughout their filmmaking career. The film school offers comprehensive instruction on the film making process, and considering how vital the film industry is to the BC economy, the school is supporting students who are interested in pursuing the film industry.

**Eco-Adventure Program** is dedicated to providing students learning opportunities that will aid them to better understand the world in which we live in. The program gives students the skills necessary to engage effectively within society, and links the relationships to the economy, culture and environment of BC.

An **International Program** exists to give foreign students an opportunity to gain a BC Ministry of Education approved curriculum. Students from around the world are invited to take part in a world class learning environment while learning English. Students are submersed into the Canadian culture by taking up residence with a family residing in Powell River, which speeds up their ability to pick up the English language. The school district has also adopted an international education philosophy by sending students abroad to broaden their educational experience.





# Higher *Education*

Vancouver Island University (VIU) has a campus in Powell River which strives to be a dynamic and diverse educational organization, dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, service and research. VIU at Powell River is a year-round campus offering a variety of programs which are relevant to those living in the community. The programs are specifically designed to aid community development, and the institution actively monitors their offerings to expand their services to match the needs of their students.





Programs and courses offered by VIU include:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Applied Business Technology
- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry
- Continuing Education
- Arts
- Cooking
- Business & Management
- Certificates & Programs
- Computer School
- Computerized Bookkeeping
- Desktop & Web Publishing
- Driver Training
- First Aid & Safety
- Health & Human Services
- Language & Literature
- Microsoft Office Skills Training
- Nautical Programs
- Online Learning
- Outdoors
- Personal Interest
- Technical Communication
- Writer's Studio
- Culinary Arts
- Disability Studies Diploma
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- ElderCollege
- Employment & Life Skills Training
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Hairdressing
- Health Care Assistant
- High School Equivalency (ABE)
- Human Services Certificate
- OnLine Learning
- Practical Nursing Program
- University Studies
- Welding



## Closest Four Year Institutions

Institution:	Vancouver Island University (VIU)
Address:	100 Nootka Street, Powell River, BC V8A 3C6
Telephone:	Tel 604-485-2878 Toll-Free 1-877- 888-8890
Website:	pr.viu.ca
Distance:	In Community
Enrolment	For academic year 2007/08
Total:	18,679 (all VIU Campuses) 1,144 (Powell River only)
Full-Time:	136
Part-Time:	1,008
Undergrad F/T:	N/A
Graduate F/T:	N/A
Degrees Conferred UG/G:	N/A

Source: Vancouver Island University



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## Closest Community and Technical College

Institution	Camber College
Address:	4750 Joyce Street, Powell River, BC
Telephone:	Tel: 604-485-5115
Website:	www.cambercollege.com
Distance:	In Community
Enrolment	N/A
Total:	31 (Jan 2009)
Full-Time:	Full-time enrolment usually between 30 – 60 students
Part-Time:	< 10 – FT option is preferred
Undergrad F/T:	N/A
Graduate F/T:	N/A
Degrees Conferred UG/G:	N/A

Source: Camber College



Organization	School District No. 47 – Career and Technical Centre
Campus:	Powell River
Address:	4351 Ontario Ave, Powell River, BC V8A 1V3
Telephone:	Tel: 604-414-5395
Website:	www.ctc.sd47.bc.ca
Distance:	In Community
Enrolment	N/A
Total:	84*
Full-Time:	84 (represents secondary and adult students 2008/09 school year)
Part-Time:	N/A
Undergrad F/T:	N/A
Graduate F/T:	N/A
Degrees Conferred UG/G:	N/A

Source: SD47 Career and Technical Centre

\* Dual credit affects #s – 60 students are VIU enrolled.

