



Sea to Sky International Education  
Student Arrival Guide

**Fall 2023**



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# SEA TO SKY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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# Pre-Departure

## Communication and Relationship Building

Contact your host family and get to know each other. Remember to exchange emails and cell phone numbers with your host family and enter the International Education office emergency number into your cell phone (1-604-892-4691).

Students arriving to Canada must obtain a cell phone plan to allow use in North America, or arrive with a Canadian phone number. **The International Department must have the current cell number for every student.**



## Medical Check / Testing

Pre-entry testing is no longer required for travelers entering Canada.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our students, host families, schools and communities. We are obligated to follow the regulations and recommendations of the Canadian Federal and Provincial governments, and our local Public Health Authority.

## Transportation

Students will be taken by shuttle or bus from Vancouver International Airport to their host family.

Students can Meet Beaton's or one of our SD48 International Staff members at the arrival area after you've picked up your luggage.

Beaton's will be wearing red jackets and standing by the causeway leading out from International Arrivals.

**Please note, DO NOT WALK OUTSIDE OF THE AIRPORT.** Beaton's staff are always waiting inside.

**If your students have their own transportation plans already lined up. Please ensure that we are informed of those travel arrangements.**

## **Additional equipment**

If you are using BEATONS, our airport driving service allows 2 pieces of luggage and 1 small carry-on and a backpack. *If you are bringing more than the allowed amount or also bringing a **bike or skis**, you will need to **register and PRE-PAY** for this ahead of time.* The service will need to know this in order to have a correct size vehicle to transport students and their luggage safely. The “Extra Service” procedure can be found on page 6 of this guide.



## **Departure Plans**

ArriveCan is an optional service that can be used to save time at the border. You can use the ArriveCAN customs and immigration feature to complete your declaration in advance if you're flying into a participating international airport. This may help speed up the process through Customs & Immigration.



<https://arrivecan.cbsa-asfc.cloud-nuage.canada.ca/en/welcome>

## **Packing**

Include the following in your **carry-on bag**:



- Passport
- Letter of Acceptance
- Port of Entry letter that shows you were approved for a study permit (if applicable)
- Custodianship Documents (notarized copies)
- Several masks
- Empty water bottle (can be filled once past security)
- Snacks The wait at Canada Border Services (Customs & Immigration) could be long—there is no food/water for purchase in this area

# Arriving in Canada

You finally made it! We are sure you are excited to begin your authentic Canadian experience in the Sea to Sky School District.

Be ready for the following while you wait and go through immigration:

- 1) Message your host family when you land (Use whatsapp or messenger)
- 2) Have your documents ready for Immigration officers (see packing) and ensure you receive your Study Permit from them (if applicable)

**Students here for the full school year - DO NOT** leave Secondary Security without your study permit!

- 3) Meet Beaton's or our SD48 International Staff member at the arrival area after you've picked up your luggage. Beatons will be wearing red jackets, SD48 staff members will be holding a sign with SD48! written on it.
- 4) We are here to help! If you have an issue please contact us via our emergency phone number: 1-604-892- 4691. It will connect you to one of our team members. (PUT THIS IN YOUR PHONE



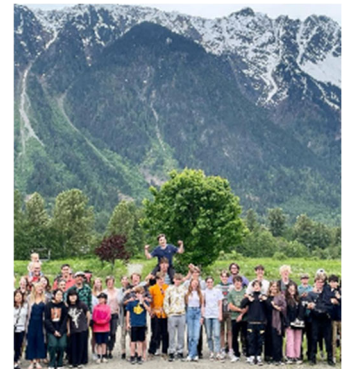
Vancouver Airport

## Orientation

We will be hosting orientations at Pemberton Secondary for those students attending in Pemberton, on August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11:30am.

Whistler Secondary on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00pm. For Squamish students – Howe Sound Secondary and Don Ross Middle School, will be at Howe Sound Secondary School on August 31, from 10-1:00. If

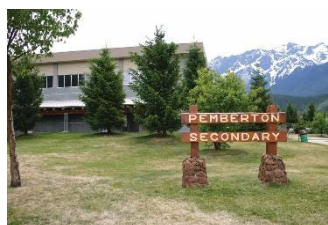
you are not able to make your orientation—we will connect with you prior to your start of school!!



Don Ross Middle School



Howe Sound Secondary



Pemberton Secondary



Whistler Secondary



## Beaton's Meet and Greet

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## ON-LINE BOOKING FOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND 3RD-PIECE LUGGAGE

### Step-by-step

1. Go to <https://www.beatonsmg.com/reservation-1?category=Extra+Services>

2. Click on Extra Services

3. Select the service you are going to need and click ADD TO CART.

4. Fill in the Reservation Form.

5. Once you've added all required items and services, return to the top of the page and click on the shopping cart to proceed to checkout.

6. Make sure the information in regards to the service and quantity of items are correct. Then click on checkout.

7. Enter your e-mail address, and choose one of the payment options. Make sure the billing address matches your credit card or Paypal account.

8. Review once again just to make sure everything is ok and click on checkout.

9. A booking confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address provided.



EXTRA SERVICES  
(BICYCLES, EXTRA  
LUGGAGE, ETC)  
from \$30.00 CAD

Name of passenger (s) if more than one separate with commas \*

First Name Last Name

Email (s) if more than one separate with commas \*

Phone

MM / DD / YYYY

Date you require service \*

MM / DD / YYYY

Airline (if transfer, choose other)

Aeromexico