



# Elphinstone Secondary School Grade 12 Newsletter

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## Other Options in Addition to University

- Colleges and Technical Institutes
  - These schools have many excellent programs that are one or two years and lead to jobs upon graduation.
  - Browse programs at schools such as Langara College, BCIT, Cap U, VIU, Douglas, KPU and other colleges or technical institutes for ideas and then go to education planner or myblueprint to see where else in BC or Canada you can go for these programs & then compare.
  - Go to open houses or arrange tours at colleges or technical schools to check out different ideas...
  - Look at Macleans magazine's College Guide.
  - There are all kinds of interesting ideas, from technical theatre support to golf course management and everything in between.
  - Our website has links to careers in the environment or other fields - check it these links on our website to guide you.
  - As you may see from the upcoming dates, there are some open houses coming up this month.
- Gap Year
  - See our website (elphi counselling through either counsellor's name) for links to interesting ideas to help you organize your gap year.
- Trades
  - Ms. Gordon has a website with lots of information.
  - Our website has many links to trades programs
  - BCIT offers an explore the trades program to try out different trades. They also offer the same program for women only.
  - See Kwantlen (KPU) & VIU & others!

## Len Van Egmond Local Scholarship

Mr. Bruce met with interested students about this award. If you weren't there and would like more information, please get the handouts from the counselling office.

## BC Excellence Scholarship

This is a \$5000 annual scholarship from the BC Ministry of Education. Elphinstone may nominate one student, and awards are based on grades, leadership in the school and community, and aptitude and commitment to chosen path. Nominations and applications are due February 28. Those who wish to be nominated need to see Mr. Bruce or Ms. Bailey by Tuesday, February 11.

## Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

This \$5000 award is given to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment and aptitude for a career path in K-12 teaching. The application is online and students do not need to be nominated by the school, so if you are interested, please apply:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/pathway-to-teacher-education-scholarship>.

Applications are due date: Feb. 28.

## Application Deadlines

Be sure to double check deadlines as they vary between and within post-secondary schools. There are also deadlines for getting documents in, accepting offers, applying to residence etc. Not all deadlines are listed in our newsletter, so check and double check.

## Student Transcript Service

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/order-a-high-school-transcript-or-certificate>

We met with many of you to get you to go online to give the Ministry of Education the authority to release official marks to post-secondary schools. There are still many of you who

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*have not done this. If you are attending school next year, you need to do it. Go to the link above, scroll down, register for a BCeID, confirm the registration, then return to this page, log into student transcripts, and choose the schools you'd like to send your resumes to. Please see us for help if you need it.*

### ***Some Upcoming Dates***

*Sat, Feb 8 - Kwantlen Polytechnic University Open House (KPU Surrey) - 11:00-3:00*

*Feb 27 - VIU Discovery Days*

*Feb 28 - B.C. Excellence Scholarship Application Deadline*

*Feb 28 - Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship Application Deadline*

*Feb 28- RBC 2020 Indigenous Student Awards Program deadline. [www.GoToApply.ca/RBC](http://www.GoToApply.ca/RBC)*

*Feb 28 - UVic Admission Application Deadline*

*March 1 - UNBC - Early Application Deadline for some programs. Students are encouraged to apply early. Please note that some programs have varying deadlines (Health Sciences and Nursing, for example).*

*March 1 - TRU Applications for Bachelor of Arts, Sciences, Business Administration, Computing Science, and Fine Arts: if you apply by March 1, you will be guaranteed an admission decision and earlier course registration date. Applications will be accepted until the semester starts.*

*Mar 9 - ReMax Quest for Excellence Application Deadline*

*March 31 - UNBC Nursing Application Deadline*

*Early April - Local Scholarship and Bursary Meeting & Package Distribution*

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