



CANADIAN SCHOOL OF MILAN

GENERAL BROCHURE

**Educate for Today.
Inspire for Tomorrow.**



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The background image is a large, ornate hall with high ceilings, arched windows, and classical columns. A large group of students and adults are gathered in the lower part of the hall, looking towards the right. The architecture features intricate gold leaf decorations and frescoes. A semi-transparent teal box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the 'Welcome' text and other content.

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Canadian School of Milan.

We are delighted to extend our warmest greetings to you and your family as you embark on this exiting journey with us. Established in 2004, the Canadian School of Milan has built a reputation for academic excellence in an inclusive, family-feel environment where every child feels valued, supported and empowered to reach their highest potential.

Our rigorous curriculum, coupled with a wide range of co-curricular activities, allows students to explore their skills and interests and cultivate a passion for lifelong learning that will serve them well beyond their time with us.

The School is accredited to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. This internationally recognized qualification provides our students with a competitive edge in today's ever-changing world. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey and creating unforgettable memories together.



GARY O'MEARA
Principal



Instilling Values

Through education, reflection and action, we strive to inspire meaningful change and respect the dignity and value of every individual. We embrace challenges, think critically, question norms, and welcome diverse perspectives. We take responsibility for protecting our environment.

Everything we do at CSM is guided by our values. We work closely with our students to help them understand values that are important to them and enable understanding of themselves and their purpose. Once we know our values, our decisions become simple.

Our school community mirrors the multicultural essence of our city, enriching our students' cultural understanding. Whether through formal dialogues or casual interactions, this diversity fosters a unique and invaluable learning experience.

“ Knowing our values makes it easy to be authentic and coherent in every decision we make ”



What makes us different?

- 🍁 A strong, supportive and inspiring international community where every child can explore their individuality and build self-confidence;
- 🍁 A curriculum that unlocks academic potential and instills a love of learning;
- 🍁 An impressive central location to enable our community to enjoy Milan's world-class cultural venues and sports facilities with ease;
- 🍁 World-class university preparation.

Student Well-being



Our student well-being program offers comprehensive support, encouraging students to feel safe and take the risks beyond their comfort zones. With the support of parents, all staff members play crucial roles in mentoring, guiding, and supporting students daily. Additionally, one-to-one counseling and motivational group workshops are available to all students.

Excellent grades are no longer enough. CSM empowers students to leave school with the tools and self-knowledge needed to seize every opportunity that comes their way.

“ The class size of the school means that, as a teacher, you really do get to know each and every student. This allows you to tailor your approach entirely to the class in front of you. It is a wonderful place to spend each day and I feel lucky to be a part of it! ”

Head of Wellbeing



“ The minute you step inside our school, you’ll immediately notice the warmth and friendliness. Our children are happy to be here, and their joy is clear to see ”

The Early Learning Programme (ages 3-4) focuses on personal, social, emotional, physical development, in a safe, happy, nurturing and stimulating learning environment. Here, children experience the joy of learning and discovery. They are encouraged to build confidence, play actively, sharing and taking turns. They will form friendships as well as independence and develop fundamental skills and values. Of particular importance, they will develop their own identity.

Our kind, qualified teachers and specialists structure each day to teach the seven key elements of the Early Learning foundations. They learn through interactive activities like art, music, and begin to learn to read, write and use numbers with confidence, ensuring a smooth transition to the next level. Children also enjoy trips to local parks and an broad range of extra-curricular activities.

Key areas of Development

Personal, Social and Emotional
Language and Communication
Physical Development
Mathematics
Expressive Arts
Understanding the World

Curriculum at a glance

Phonics & Counting
Art & Music (Specialist lessons)
Physical Education (Incl. swimming)
Library & Story time
Outdoor Learning
Role Play

Early Learning

Primary School



“ Our firm ambition is to equip our students with an exceptional education along with the character and self confidence needed to face the challenges and wonders of life beyond our school ”

Gary O’Meara, Principal

The Primary School programme provides a well-rounded education through a distinct curriculum that integrates the best elements from renowned educational systems worldwide, including the Ontario curriculum, the British National curriculum, and highlights from the Italian curriculum. Set within a ‘ home from home ’ environment that emphasizes pastoral care and character development, the program prepares children for future academic success and personal growth.

With a main focus on **English** and **Mathematics**, core subjects also include **Science & Technology, History, Geography, Art, Music, Italian, French, Health & PE, Coding** and **Computing**.

Our engaging lessons encourage active participation, celebrating students’ successes to foster confidence and a lifelong love of learning.

In addition, experiential learning, including field trips and hands-on projects, complement classroom teaching, through a dedicated team of teachers, specialists and assistants to support students in their academic journey. A multitude of co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities are also offered to instill lifelong values of self-discipline, team spirit, and care for the community and environment, so that our students may embrace life with confidence.

The academically rigorous **International Baccalaureate (IB) programme**, enriched by our unique MYP curriculum and guided by inspiring educators, create an inclusive learning environment that empowers students to excel and prepare them well for university and future success. A strong emphasis is placed on developing student voice, critical

thinking, leadership skills, integrity, and global-mindedness. Through the Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) program, and a rich variety of extra curricular options, students cultivate transferable leadership and teamwork abilities that will serve them throughout life.



Middle and High School

We strive to nurture principled students, driven by core values to enable them to connect more deeply with their local community and have a greater understanding of global contexts. Students learn to respect themselves, others, and the world around them, embodying the attributes of the International Baccalaureate learner profile as they grow into principled, compassionate global citizens.

Programme Courses	MYP	DP
	Grades 6-10	Grades 11-12
	Language & Literature	English, Italian, French
	Language Acquisition	English, Italian, French, Spanish
	Individuals & Societies	History, Business Management, Economics, Environmental Systems & Societies
	Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
	Mathematics	Mathematics AA, Mathematics AI
	The Arts	Visual Art, Music, Drama
	Design	Design
	Health & Physical Education	Health & Ph. Education
	IB & CSM Elements	SEL (Social Emotional Learning) ICT, Coding TOK, CAS, Extended Essay

“ Our Students are encouraged to embrace their individuality and pursue their talents and passions, rather than just striving for the highest marks. Despite this focus, our graduates have gained admissions to some of the world’s top universities. ”

Gary O’Meara, Principal



DRAMA

Our drama department is a vibrant and integral part of our co-curricular provision. We are known for our annual drama or musical production performed in a major theatre, which involves both middle and high school students.



CO-CURRICULARS

Our extensive range of over 50 clubs offers something for every student, enabling them to explore their passions and develop new skills. From Art, Chess, and Computer Science to Creative Writing, Drama, Film, Model United Nations, Chinese, and Photography, there's a club for every interest, with opportunities to engage during lunchtime or after school.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



The school actively participates in Model United Nations (MUN) Conferences, attending one each year, usually in Rome or New York.

These conferences simulate authentic UN assemblies, allowing students to explore global issues, understand international cooperation, and connect with peers worldwide. MUN helps develop leadership, public speaking, and negotiation skills. Preparation includes focused club sessions for researching assigned countries and topics.

MUSIC

Students regularly perform at concerts, recitals, and school events. One of the highlights of the school year is our annual High School Musical production, which brings together students to stage a professional quality performance. Students also participate in school plays and drama competitions, honing their acting, production, and scriptwriting skills.



SPORT

Physical activity is an integral part of student life, supporting our mission to provide a well-rounded education. Students benefit from access to outstanding local sports centres, where they engage in a variety of sports, including football, basketball, volleyball, rugby, badminton, canoeing and fencing. Additionally, we offer a specialized programme (GAP) dedicated to nurturing talented athletes, helping them excel both on and off the field.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The school is officially accredited to offer DoE. This prestigious programme empowers students to build essential life skills such as leadership, creativity, and teamwork. Recent expeditions have taken our students on memorable hikes through the beautiful landscapes of Lombardy, Trentino, and Liguria, giving them the chance to challenge themselves and connect with nature while developing valuable practical and social ability.



The aim of University and Career Counselling at CSM, is to provide a comprehensive preparation and knowledge base for students and families, enabling them to make informed decisions about their post secondary education. Beginning in Grade 8 through to Grade 12, students are encouraged to explore their interests, strengths and goals, so they can find the best “fit” university or post secondary option for them. Through lessons with our University Counsellor and through access to Unifrog, students explore different worldwide university destinations, subjects of study, as well as potential future careers. They are taught to reflect on extra curricular activities and experiences as well as summer opportunities which may support their future applications and help to build their CV and student profile. Guidance and support is provided in preparation for university applications, for

all required documents and steps in the application process. Including personal statements, motivation letters, CV’s, college essays and personal interviews where applicable to the students. Moreover, we host parent and guardian presentations, to provide information on how to support your children through the process of university and college applications. Additionally, throughout the school year, we host different universities and colleges from all over the world, for presentations in which they speak with students about their particular establishment and discuss their admission processes. Furthermore, we hold an annual global University Fair, hosting a broad range of universities and colleges. Parents and students are then able to gather information on all the options available to them, giving them the knowledge and confidence to ensure they are on the right track for success.



University and Career Counselling



Results and University Acceptances

University Destinations

Despite being a recent addition to the educational landscape, CSM has already seen its students accepted into top universities around the world. Recent graduates have gained admission to prestigious institutions such as Stanford and NYU (USA), Edinburgh, Imperial College London, King’s College, St. Andrews, the London School of Economics (UK), Bocconi, Politecnico (Italy), Toronto, McGill, (Canada), Madrid, and Amsterdam and other international universities.

IB Results

CSM has achieved impressive IB results in the first four years of offering the IB Diploma Programme, well above the global average. Given the school’s non-selective admissions policy and course choice, this is an exceptional outcome.

“The school has a warm atmosphere and everyone knows and cares about each other. Perfect for expat families thanks to its diversity.”

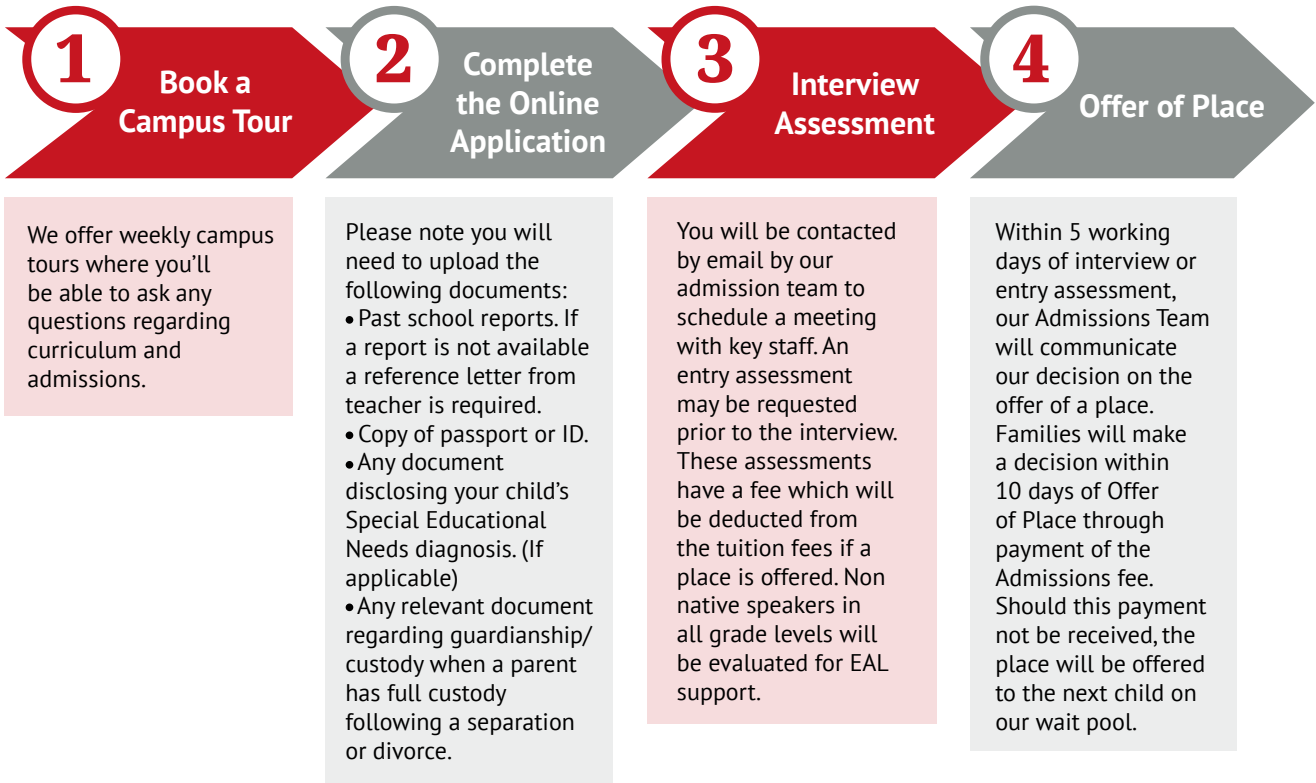
Ayano, Lower School Parent

CSM is a non-selective and open to families whose children can benefit from and contribute to our international education irrespective of culture, nationality, gender or religion. We welcome applications all year-round.

If you would like your child to join our international learning community schedule a campus tour or complete the application form by visiting our Admissions page on our website.

If you have any question about the admission process feel free to reach out to Thalia, Head of Admissions: thalia.agostino@canadianschool.it

Admission Process



Kindly understand that the information present in this publication is accurate at the time of production and publication (March 2024). The Canadian School of Milan reserves the right to make amendments at any time without prior notice.

CSM is a close-knit international and diverse community, often described as having a warm, family-like atmosphere.

Quality teaching and learning are at the heart of everything we do. Our educational approach is progressive, with small class sizes that allow for personalized attention to each student. We are committed to fostering a culture of excellence, where students are inspired by outstanding teachers who incorporate modern digital tools alongside a strong emphasis on traditional reading and literacy. We prioritize creating a supportive and happy environment for all our students. Most of our teachers are native English speakers with significant professional qualifications and experience. Language instruction in subjects like Italian, French, and Spanish is delivered by native speakers.

We value the importance of maintaining stability among our staff, while also welcoming new educators who can bring fresh ideas, creativity, and varied experiences to our teaching and learning environment.

We are committed to ensuring the well-being of our staff through a comprehensive wellness plan, competitive salaries and benefits, and professional development. These measures help us retain the dedicated teachers that are essential to the school's success while fostering innovation and growth within our teaching community. Alongside students and staff, parents contribute significantly to fostering this sense of closeness. The school benefits from a strong network of parent involvement through the Parents Association and Class Representatives, who regularly meet with senior management and contribute to the organization of community events, charity fundraisers, and support school development.

Museums, Exhibitions, Galleries, Palaces, Gardens

Our impressive campus locations enables all students to enjoy the world-class cultural venues of Milan with ease, maximizing their time without the need for extensive travel. Our teachers also take full advantage of

outdoor learning opportunities, incorporating activities such as team-building exercises, leadership and house spirit events, mindfulness walks, physical education sessions, and our annual Terry Fox Marathon.



OUR CENTRAL LOCATIONS



The settings of our campuses are truly unparalleled

Our campuses are fully equipped with modern classrooms, science labs, well resourced libraries, art, drama, music studio, School Cafés and assembly halls. There are also contemporary spaces for collaborative working, silent study and socialising - each one specifically suited to the needs of our students. Our central Milan locations are just moments from globally renowned business

hubs, tech districts, palaces, galleries, museums and more. This guarantees plenty of opportunities for industry placements to develop lifelong personal and professional relationships. For those who enjoy being active, both campuses are right in the midst of many of Milan's green spaces, gyms, and leisure centres.



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PRIMARY CAMPUS**



**CSM VIVAIO
SENIOR CAMPUS**

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