



**Highland Secondary  
Grad Parent  
Orientation Evening  
2017/18**

# Goals for the Evening

- What's it like to live with a Grad
- Grad Requirements
- Post Secondary
- Bursaries and Scholarships
- Getting Information
- Grad Events
- Grad Costs
- Getting Involved

# What is it like to be a grad?

- Met with grads already – very excited (122)
- Ups/downs – mature/confident and sometimes crashing in the spring – exciting and scary
- Trying to decide what to do in the “real” world
- Leaving home and friends
- Parents can help with goal setting and transitions [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca)
- It’s not necessarily all about university – at least not right away – some want to travel and some go right into employment

# What are the Graduation Requirements?

- 80 credits (48 core academic, 28 electives, 4 grad transitions, 4 @ grade 12 level, 4 in applied skills or fine arts)
- Grad Transitions:
  - DPA, 30 hours of Work Experience, Transitions Package deadline Feb 3rd
- Who gets to walk the stage?

# University Admission Requirements

- The rule of thumb for university admission in BC (it will be similar elsewhere!) is four academic Grade 12 courses:
  - English 12, plus three others, with the minimum mark for any one course being 67%
  - sometimes a fifth, non-academic Grade 12 course
- Admission minimum averages are usually in the 75-82 % range, depending upon the program for which you're applying.
- Most universities now calculate the admission average and scholarship scores based on the final mark for the courses required for admission to the program (not all marks)
- High school graduation is required.
- Specific course pre-requisites, including mathematics and second languages, vary from university to university and program to program. Check calendars and/or websites for specifics.

# College and Trades School Admission Requirements

- admission requirements vary from program to program and institution to institution.
- University Transfer programs require English 12 (C or C+) and other program-specific requirements.
- You must consult the appropriate institution's calendar or website for specific current information.

# Admission Deadlines

- Usually the end of February or beginning of March
- Some colleges and universities allow for year-round application (eg. NIC, Camosun) or early application (eg. VIU, UVIC).
- Some college programs have numerous start dates.
- Most Post Secondary Institutions have a deadline for completion of online courses
- Check the calendars in the Counselling Office, or, better yet, the school's website for specific dates and requirements (application forms, fees, etc.).



# So, What's it all going to cost?

<b>Estimated costs for one year of University Transfer (September to April) *</b>		
	<b>NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE</b>	<b>URBAN UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	\$0 (Live at home)	\$6,000
<b>TUITION*</b>	\$2,685	\$5,200
<b>BOOKS &amp; SUPPLIES*</b>	\$1,200	\$1,700
<b>FOOD</b>	\$0 (Live at home)	\$1,600
<b>PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	\$1,600	\$1,600
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$280	\$520
	<b>\$5,765</b>	<b>\$16,620</b>

\* Based on a course load of 10 university transfer courses per year.



# How do we apply for bursaries and scholarships?

- Mr. Swanson visits every grade 12 class
- Important Dates & Times Handout
- Bursary Booklet (comes out in February)
- Check school website
- Make an appointment with Mr. Swanson
- Volunteering!!

# Where do we get information about Graduation activities?

For students:

- Advisory Group
- Assemblies/Meetings
- Lunch time presentations
- Grade 12 Notice Board in Blue House
- In English 12 or Communications 12 classes
- Facebook

# Where do we get information about Graduation activities?

For parents & students:

- Daily announcements
- Website: [www.highlandsecondary.ca](http://www.highlandsecondary.ca)
- Important Grad dates handout
- Newsletters
- Email

# What are the traditional graduation events?

- Grad Clothing
- Dessert Night
- Fashion Show
- Ford Test Drive Fundraiser
- Legacy Project
- Commencement Ceremony
- Dry Grad Party

# How much does graduation cost?

- Grad costs \$20,000-\$25,000 (Ceremony & Mnt. Washington Dry Grad)
- Fund Raising (silent auction, Burger & Beverage Evening, Poinsettia sales, Concessions, tickets, Ford Test drive) \$4000-\$8000
- Grad fees are approximately \$125.00
- Cinderella Project
- Grants: Community donations, school district, Liquor Store Dry Grad

# How can my graduate become involved?

- Student grad council/work groups
- Legacy project
- Fundraising
- Participating/Performing at Events

# How can grad parents become involved?

- Check out the school website on a regular basis
- “Choose BC” Night September 20<sup>th</sup>
- Mid-Island Canadian Universities Event, Dover Bay Naniamo Oct. 5th
- NIC Advisor at Highland am Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Silent Auction Donations
- Grad Photos Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to Dec 8<sup>th</sup>
- Baby Photos needed for Dessert Night Nov. 30th
- Sign up to be on the Grad Parent Council and/or Worker Group
- Grad Parent Council Thursday October 13th



- Questions
- Please sign up to assist
- Executive Meeting next Wednesday in the library

