

# CAPISTRANO VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

## *International Prospectus*



As a prime college preparatory school, Capistrano Valley offers students the experience of a rigorous academic program grounded in a Christian worldview. CVCS welcomes qualified international students to join us for an exceptional high school experience. CVCS is approved to issue form I-20 for F1 visa students. Currently, we enjoy a diverse student body community with more than 10 countries represented.



### OUR HISTORY

CVCS, founded in 1973 is a Christian, college-preparatory, co-ed school serving Junior Kindergarten through 12th grade. Located in San Juan Capistrano, California, serving families in South Orange Country and beyond. CVCS is owned by Premiere Christian Education Group. We recently celebrated 40 years of academic excellence and growing Christian leaders.

### OUR MISSION

To provide educational excellence in a Christ-centered environment. Our vision - To be recognized for developing leaders prepared to impact our world for Christ through effective academic and educational practices based on a Biblical worldview.

### OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Capistrano Valley Christian has been operating a successful International Student program for over 10 years. Our students come from all over the world and allow us to engage in cultural diversity currently represented by more than 10 countries. Many of our students stay to receive their diploma and are accepted at top universities around the USA. Other students come for a semester abroad.

### OUR HOMESTAY PHILOSOPHY

At CVCS we believe that it is in the best interest of the International student to live with American families who are actively involved in our school community. This provides enhanced academic



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### ACCREDITATION/CREDENTIALS

- 2010 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence - Schools honored with the Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to achievement and to ensuring that students learn and succeed.
- Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)



### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CVCS prepares students for admission into college and for achievement and success in the college environment. We also work hard to provide and encourage:

#### Opportunities | Participation | Success

in a variety of extracurricular activities and programs. At CVCS 75% of our high school students participate in athletics or in the performing arts program. Our mission to provide educational excellence in a Christ-centered environment is accomplished by an integrated, distinctively Christian worldview education.

In addition to our University of California accepted core curriculum, we also offer 14 honors and advanced placement courses. With our small class size (average 16:1), caring and committed Christian teachers work closely with students assisting them to reach their fullest potential.

### DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

CVCS has partnered with Grand Canyon University to offer a dual credit program for our high school students. This program allows students to earn college and high school credit at the same time for courses taken online through Grand Canyon University. Combined with AP coursework, a student could potentially complete up to two years of college prior to entering a university, at a much reduced cost. Scholarship opportunities and financial aid are also available to international students in this program who choose to attend Grand Canyon University after high school.

## ONE TO ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

Unique to CVCS is our focus on technology. The most effective element of our technology program is the way it is integrated with classroom instruction. Our technology curriculum meets all International Standards of Technology Education (ISTE) standards. All high school students participate in our 1 to 1 tablet PC laptop program.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



We also encourage and create opportunities for active participation in extracurricular activities. CVCS gives students the opportunity to join many

honor societies and clubs. We offer National Honor Society (NHS), California Scholarship Federation (CSF), National English Honor Society (NEHS), Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS), and the French Honor Society (FHS). Students qualify based on academic achievement and awards, and are able to exercise their leadership abilities in these societies.

## THE ARTS

High School Performing Arts at CVCS offers choir and performing arts classes during school hours, which include an intense curriculum in music theory, vocal performance, drama, dance, stagecraft, and entertainment technology. After school music instruction in band and orchestra is also offered. Yearly performances include a fall musical or drama production, full-length spring musical, and a year-end showcase production.



## ATHLETICS

Capistrano Valley Christian offers Athletic programs that foster a Christ-like attitude towards competition and sportsmanship. Many students participate in more than one sport per year. Both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams exist to allow every level of athlete to participate.



## OUR FACULTY

Over 20% of our high school faculty has advanced degrees and the average faculty teaching experience is 12 years. Our students consistently perform above the national and California averages for college SAT, ACT, AP tests, and our graduating students are annually accepted at prestigious colleges and universities.



## COLLEGE COUNSELING

Capistrano Valley Christian offers the services of a full time staff college and academic counselor to assist students and ensure that all graduates find and qualify for a unique college experience. CVCS graduates enjoy entry into many prestigious universities and colleges. For a current list go to our website at [www.cvcs.org](http://www.cvcs.org).



## SERVICE AND MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Service is essential to growing Christian Leaders and CVCS places a strong emphasis on this by providing opportunities for all students to engage in service, both in and out of our country. Students are required to perform 20 hours of community service each year and are also encouraged to join in one of our many mission trips to serve both locally and abroad.



## TUITION AND FEES

The cost for a full academic year at CVCS would average approximately \$25,000. Homestay fees average \$1200 per month for a private room, transportation and meals.

### ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

- Uniform expense averages \$300-\$400 (one time)
- Textbooks range from \$300-\$500 annually
- Airfare for student travel at Christmas to home country (if desired)
- It is suggested to have a credit/debit card for incidental expenses (non-uniform, clothing, shoes, weekend entertainment, athletics, etc.)



## ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Capistrano Valley Christian is located in beautiful Orange County, in the historic town of San Juan Capistrano, less than 5 minutes from Dana Point Harbor. Ocean breezes, sunny skies and sandy beaches are the norm. Nearby attractions include Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Universal Studios and much more.

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

### Late August:

NEW International Student Orientation

### September – January:

1st Semester (2 week Christmas vacation in December)

### February – mid June:

2nd Semester (one week Easter/Spring break in early April)

### Graduation/End of School :

Mid June (online summer school available per request)

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