

Program Overview and Design

Discovery is a year-long outdoor education cohort of students who extend their learning by undertaking challenging outdoor pursuits over the course of their grade ten year throughout British Columbia. Removing students from the distractions of our modern urban existence and engaging them in hands-on opportunities allows them to extend their learning and develop a deeper understanding of themselves, others, and classroom concepts.

Students in the Discovery Program participate fully in all aspects of the regular grade ten curriculum with an additional focus on:

- developing leadership
- understanding risk and decision making
- developing a personal environmental and social ethic
- connecting classroom learning with local field trips
- enhancing outdoor skills through wilderness experiences

Trips are supervised by qualified outdoor education teachers and instructors who connect learning in the field with concepts taught in school, with an emphasis on transferring leadership to the students over the course of the year.

Careful time management and planning allows Discovery students to gain the benefits of this unique learning environment while maintaining a strong academic standing. Our students also continue to be a part of school life and many are involved in competitive sports, theatre, music and leadership opportunities.

Discovery is a year of challenge. Successful applicants show a willingness to take risks, demonstrate leadership potential, and maintain organization with their academic and co-curricular involvement.



Applications to the Discovery Program are made through the cohort program website.

<http://applications.stgeorges.bc.ca>

For more information, please visit the St. George's School website or call the outdoor education office.



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Discovery students participate in over 50 days of field studies across British Columbia to enhance the full grade 10 curriculum

The Discovery Program offers opportunities to develop lifelong skills in these areas:

Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Skills
Develop leadership and communication skills, set goals, take initiative, extend personal boundaries, work with others.

Environmental and Social Awareness
Gain an appreciation for the people and places visited, develop a personal environmental ethic, demonstrate social responsibility.

Academic Integration
Connect classroom concepts with direct experience, view issues and concepts from a variety of perspectives.

Outdoor Skills
Learn and develop skills and practices that emphasize safety in self-propelled outdoor activities in all seasons and under all conditions.



“Discovery was the most meaningful experience of my time at St. George’s - I learned about who I am and who I can be.”

Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice outdoor skills in these activities:

- camping
- hiking
- canoe tripping
- sea kayaking
- snowshoeing
- winter camping
- rock climbing