



Apply Now for Cortes Island Academy!

September 2025- January 2026



Are you a high school student (Grades 10-12) looking for an unforgettable, hands-on learning experience?

Students will earn **24 high school credits** in **Science, Outdoor Education, Art, Social Studies, English, and Career Education**, all contributing toward their diploma



A mind stretched by new experiences cannot go back to old ways

About Us

Now entering our fourth year, Cortes Island Academy has welcomed students from across British Columbia, Alberta, and Internationally. Cortes Island Academy offers a one-of-a-kind, place-based high school experience. Here, education goes beyond the classroom—students earn credits while engaging with their environment, guided by scientists, local knowledge holders, and thought leaders.

Each semester is designed around a central theme, and for Fall 2025/2026, we're diving into Marine Ecology. Through art, science, and experiential education, students will explore ocean ecosystems, deep ecology, and citizen science, while working on real-world projects that make an impact.

Why CIA?

Innovative education is essential, especially in rural areas. Cortes Island Academy provides an immersive, hands-on alternative to traditional high school, fostering critical thinking, leadership, and connection to place. Whether studying marine life in the field, producing investigative podcasts, or collaborating on community-driven projects, students graduate with knowledge, experience, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Marine Ecology Semester



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72

Our Marine Ecology semester immerses students in **hands-on learning**, guided by scientists, thought leaders, and the natural world itself. Through a **place-based, project-driven curriculum**, students will explore marine ecosystems and **create impactful projects** to share with the community.

This semester will feature leading marine scientists from the **Hakai Institute**, **Indigenous knowledge holders**, and **local educators**.



Apply Today!

Don't miss your chance to be part of this incredible community! Visit our website at cortesislandacademy.ca to learn more about our program & apply.

Application Details:

- * Application Period: Open until March 23, 2025
- * Contact: Have questions? Reach out to us at apply@cortesislandacademy.ca