



# Limestone

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



### Canadian Border Restrictions

As of November 17, Canadian Border Services and the IRCC has approved International Students to come study in Ontario Schools and School Boards that are approved by the Ministry of Education. The IRCC have approved the entire K-12 sector in Ontario. For information on this, please follow the link at

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students/approved-dli.html>

Currently, there are slight differences in the IRCC website and the Ministry of Education website. We will look to clarify those differences for you over the coming weeks. We are very aware that the world is experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 infections and are hopeful that the end is in sight. For those that are looking to travel to Canada, it is always good to look at updated travel advisories before booking flights. For additional information on border restrictions, please see

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>

What does this mean? If your student has an active study permit, they may return to Canada to study either in-person or virtually. If your student does not have a study permit, they can now apply for one. If you need an updated Letter of Acceptance (LoA), please request one and we will provide it to you.

Keep in mind that there is still a 14 day mandatory Self-Isolation period for students when arrive to Canada.



### Schools are open using COVID-19 Protocols

Currently the infection rate in the Kingston area has thankfully been very low for COVID-19. We are working hard to ensure the safety of all our returning or new International students as well as our homestay families students with Limestone. We are following all the current safety protocols from the Kingston FL&A Health Unit. Further information can be found at

<https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/novel-coronavirus.aspx>

Our Chief Medical Officer of Health for the region has been working with the board to help keep our students safe. Schools are open with students taking only one class at a time and using physical distance, cleaning, and school screening protocols.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

### Marketing Kingston to your clients...

Kingston is an active tourist, student, and entertainment destination. As a result, the city of Kingston keeps you informed about news and events. We direct you to [www.VISITKINGSTON.ca](http://www.VISITKINGSTON.ca) This website is updated daily and shows many things that are happening in this happening city! We suggest that you use this website with potential students and parents to show them what Kingston and Area is all about!

## Understanding our secondary timetable

Our secondary timetable has changed in Limestone with students taking ONE class per day, ALL day for 23 days in a row. That means that students in secondary schools will earn one Ontario SS credit every 23 days. This can occur either in-person in-class OR on-line through our Virtual School. This means that International Students may be able to take Virtual classes from their home country or do an intake to travel to Canada (once our borders open to new International students) at regular intervals. This means your students can potentially come to Limestone at various times during the school year including December 15, February 1, March 4, mid-April and mid-May. If your students are looking to come to Canada in Semester II, we will connect directly with you to confirm arrival plans and provide COVID-19 travel and arrival protocols.



### *Limestone Virtual School*

Our Virtual School in Limestone is supporting students both locally and around the world to provide quality education. Students are following the same OCTO-BLOCK timetable and earning a credit every 23 days. For students that have been approved to attend Limestone, this is a great way to stay current with learning until students arrive to Canada. This program features a full range of classes from Grades 9-12. There is both a live component (Eastern Standard Time) and individual component. If this is something that your clients are interested in, please let us know via email at [seitzr@limestone.on.ca](mailto:seitzr@limestone.on.ca)

## PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

We continue to be aware of the Global situation with the COVID-19 virus but through challenge comes opportunity. We are planning for many different things for September 2021 and would like you to be part of that with us. We are planning a full range of new events and activities, a new Instagram campaign, new payment, and application system as well as expanded opportunities in our Focus and Specialist High Skills major academies. We continue to provide our excellent in-house Homestay program. Any of us are available to you for virtual conferencing for potential students or families that you have that are interested in International travel to Canada. Keep up to date on all our news and information at

[WWW.LIMESTONE.ON.CA](http://WWW.LIMESTONE.ON.CA)

[www.studykingston.com](http://www.studykingston.com)

*It is with the greatest of care and responsiveness that we value our agencies working around the world with the Limestone DSB International Education Program. Wishing you continued success and global connections.*

*Sincerely, The International Education Team at Limestone*

### FEES 2021-2022

Please see our updated fees and programs structure for 2021-2022 attached to this newsletter. Please note that students that deferred their placements from 2020-2021 due to COVID-19, will use 2020-2021 pricing as promised. Should you have any questions regarding this, please let us know.

