



THE RICHMOND SCHOOL (*COLEGIO BILINGÜE RICHMOND*)

SCHOOL PROFILE

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THE SCHOOL

The Richmond School (Colegio Bilingüe Richmond) was established in 1989. It is an independent day school and offers a Pre-School through Grade 11 (the equivalent of grade 12 in the USA) educational program in English and Spanish to 628 students from the international and national communities of Bogotá. The Secondary School prepares students for university study; 100% of the graduates attend institutions of higher learning in Colombia. The Richmond School has 39 classrooms, a library, four science laboratories (including one specifically for Pre-school and Primary students), two computers rooms, two art rooms, 2 music rooms, a dance room, a theater, and over 22,000 square meters of playground and sports facilities.

The school year of 187 days is divided into four quarters of approximately ten weeks each. The school year begins in mid-August and ends in mid-June. There is a week long October break, a four week long Christmas vacation and a break for Holy Week. The school day begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. for Secondary students while for Primary students the day begins at 8.30 a.m. and ends at 3.30 pm. There are extra-curricular activities in sports and the arts after school.

The Richmond School aspires to be an educational leader and cultivates ethical, creative, social and intellectual qualities in its students. The Richmond School community is committed to providing a caring and dynamic

environment which prepares students for higher education and a life of challenge, change and purpose.

The Richmond School

- Supports experiential educational as a important tool for learning
- Fosters a culture of high expectations
- Considers itself a community of life long learners
- Encourages teamwork
- Believes in the importance of giving service to others
- Appreciates individual, cultural and international diversity
- Promotes positive relationships between the school and the Colombian community
- Provides every student with the opportunity to express themselves artistically
- Creates a warm and supportive atmosphere.

THE FACULTY

The 52 faculty (51 full time and 1 part- time) for the Secondary and Primary Schools have an average of 7 years teaching experience. Ninety percent hold university degrees (42% of these hold post graduate degrees). Sixty percent are bilingual. Two nationalities are represented on the faculty. We believe that small classes, with individualized attention hold the key to learning. Thus, the faculty- student ratio is 1 to 13 and the average class size is 22. The Richmond School actively promotes the professional development of its faculty.

THE STUDENTS

The 676 students of CBR (318 in Pre-school and Primary and 358 in Secondary) represent 6 nationalities. An atmosphere of respect, tolerance and open-mindedness is encouraged and promoted.

THE CURRICULUM

The Richmond School is one of the leading schools in Colombia. On the Colombian national secondary leaving exam (ICFES), it ranks within the top two percent of all schools in the country.

The Richmond School is accredited by the Colombian Ministry of Education.

Richmond School graduates are presently enrolled in the following universities

Universidad Nacional, Colombia
Universidad Janvirana, Colombia

Universidad Los Andes, Colombia