
{residential life}

school life

Oak Grove provides a challenging college preparatory program while striving to develop in each student a self-reflective capacity that leads to inner honesty, independence and integrity. Developing a capacity for serious inquiry and questioning are considered vital for more sophisticated academic work as well as a balanced approach to living.

All academic courses are pre-approved by the University of California and provide a solid preparation for college. Oak Grove offers SAT preparation and college counseling for grades 11 and 12.

camping & travel

Two all school trips are planned each year. The fall campout is designed to orient and integrate new and returning students and teachers. The spring trip is intended to stretch the capabilities of the students through a curriculum-based camping/backpacking or travel experience.

electives

Course offerings vary according to student interest but typically include: ceramics, photography, digital design, studio art, drama, music and horticulture. After-school sports are also offered as part of the Condor League.

boarding

Our family-style boarding facility, Besant House, provides a warm, nurturing home for 15 American and International students. Single rooms offer privacy and a quiet study place for each student. House parents work with students to achieve a safe, friendly environment through house meetings and personal attention.

Study time is held each evening with faculty and houseparents available to give assistance. Computers and other resources are also available for student use. Weekends combine lively outings with time to relax and pursue individual interests.

relationship

Boarders are encouraged to embrace a wholesome, balanced approach to living by examining their relationship to the environment and to each other. Residents take personal responsibility for their behavior and schoolwork, maintain their rooms, do their own laundry, and take part in general household duties.

Besant House functions like a large family, depending on open and honest communication between all members.

multi-cultural life

Typically no more than two or three students speak the same native language at Besant House. The multi-cultural environment, which includes American students, creates an exciting residential experience. English is the common language among students which assists the students in learning the language quickly.

facilities

Besant House includes a living room, dining room, laundry facilities, recreation patio and computer room. The nearby basketball and tennis courts, soccer field, school library and oak grove offer students opportunity for fun and reflection. The computers at Besant House are connected to the internet and students are encouraged to use email as a way to stay in touch with family and friends. A phone is also available for student use.