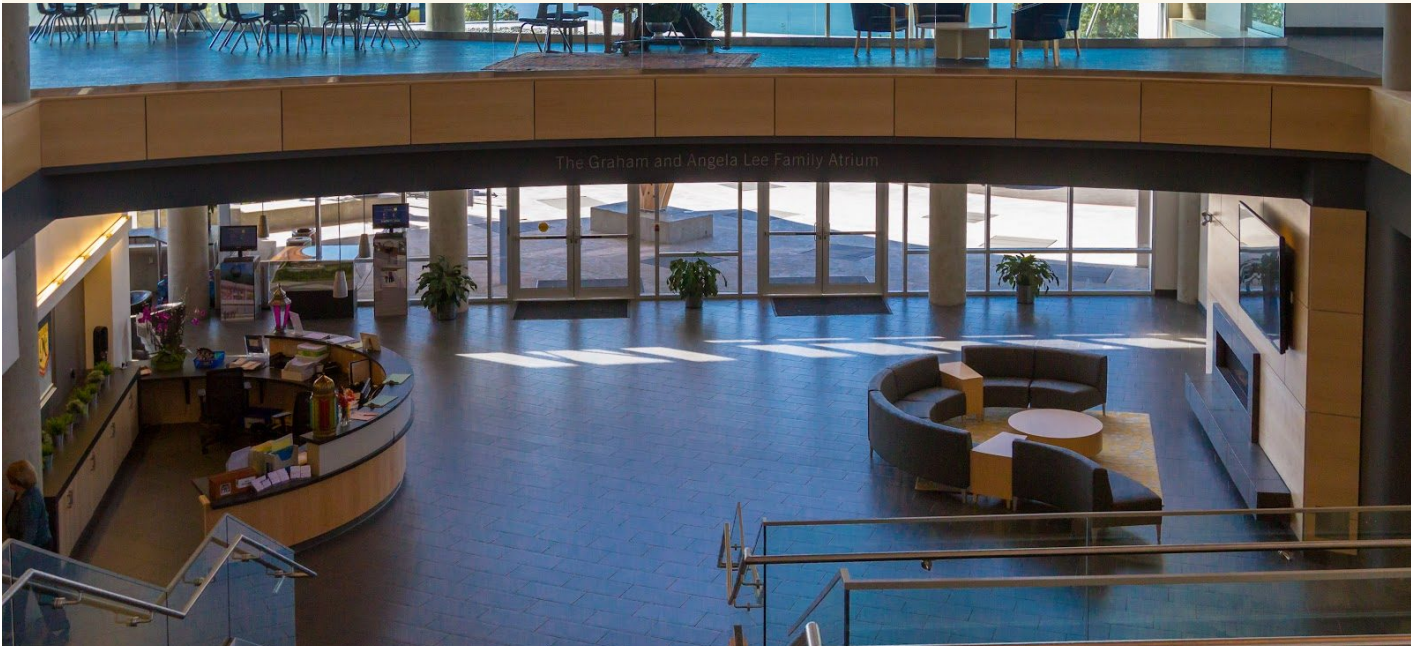


Mulgrave School

West Vancouver, BC, Canada



On Cypress Mountain's forested slopes, one of only two full IB continuum campuses in Vancouver runs preschool through diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	66/100
Academic outcomes	68/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	66/100
Alumni network	65/100
Facilities	69/100
Transparency	58/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

On Cypress Mountain’s wooded slope, Mulgrave sells a rare proposition in Vancouver: a full IB continuum from age 3 to 18 on one campus, with no handover between primary, middle and diploma years. That matters. Families who want the IB’s inquiry-heavy, writing-heavy arc do not need to switch schools at 11 or 16, and students get a coherent academic culture from preschool onwards. The school is independent, non-religious and day-only, founded in 1993, with a strikingly low ****7:1**** student-teacher ratio. It also holds CAIS accreditation, which gives parents at least one external quality marker beyond the school’s own claims. At an average annual day fee of ****CAD 32,433****, Mulgrave sits in the ***premium*** end of the Vancouver market, and it prices itself accordingly.

What distinguishes Mulgrave is not mystique but fit. The school’s stated emphasis on sustainability and environmental justice, its location in West Vancouver, and references to spaces such as the SOLE Centre point to a programme built around discussion, projects and applied learning rather than rote grind. That will suit students who like ideas, who enjoy crossing between classroom work, outdoor education and co-curricular life, and who can use a campus community well. The school also pushes hard on wellbeing and community language. Parents should read that as a serious pastoral pitch, not a soft academic one: the IB demands organisation, stamina and intellectual range, and a school running the full continuum has to support students through that long stretch.

Mulgrave belongs on a shortlist for families who want **continuity**, **international-mindedness** and a smaller-scale adult-to-student ratio than many big-city independents can offer. It will appeal most to engaged, outward-facing children who thrive in a structured but not narrow academic environment, and to parents who want English-medium education without a religious frame. It is less suited to families hunting for a traditional exam factory, a large urban campus with a sixth-form-only intensity, or a bargain. Mulgrave’s case rests on coherence: one site, one educational philosophy, ages 3 to 18, and enough staff attention at **7:1** to make that breadth feel **deliberate** rather than diffuse.

STRENGTHS

- Ages 3-18 on one West Vancouver campus
- CAIS-accredited school offers external quality assurance
- English instruction suits families seeking anglophone schooling
- Notable athletics, including BC AA golf title

TRADE-OFFS

- Day-only school; no boarding for overseas families
- Canadian curriculum, not IB or British pathways
- West Vancouver location may mean longer cross-city commutes

ADMISSIONS

Mulgrave is a co-educational day school in West Vancouver for ages 3 to 18, so the main entry bands run from preschool through the senior grades. The school's admissions page, as provided here, indicates applications are open for 2027-28, with a published deadline of 1 December for Preschool (age 4) to Grade 11, and 1 February 2027 for Preschool (age 3). That suggests a standard annual cycle rather than rolling entry, though the school does not, in these extracts, set out fuller detail on occasional in-year places.

The public material supplied does not spell out the assessment format, so it would be wrong to assume the usual mix of testing, school reports, interviews or classroom observation without checking the current admissions pages directly. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid arrangements are stated in the extracts here, so families should not presume need-based support is available. What does come through is that selection is tied to fit with a broad school life: academics sit alongside wellbeing, athletics, sustainability and wider participation, rather than admissions being framed in purely exam terms.

WTS RATING 

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