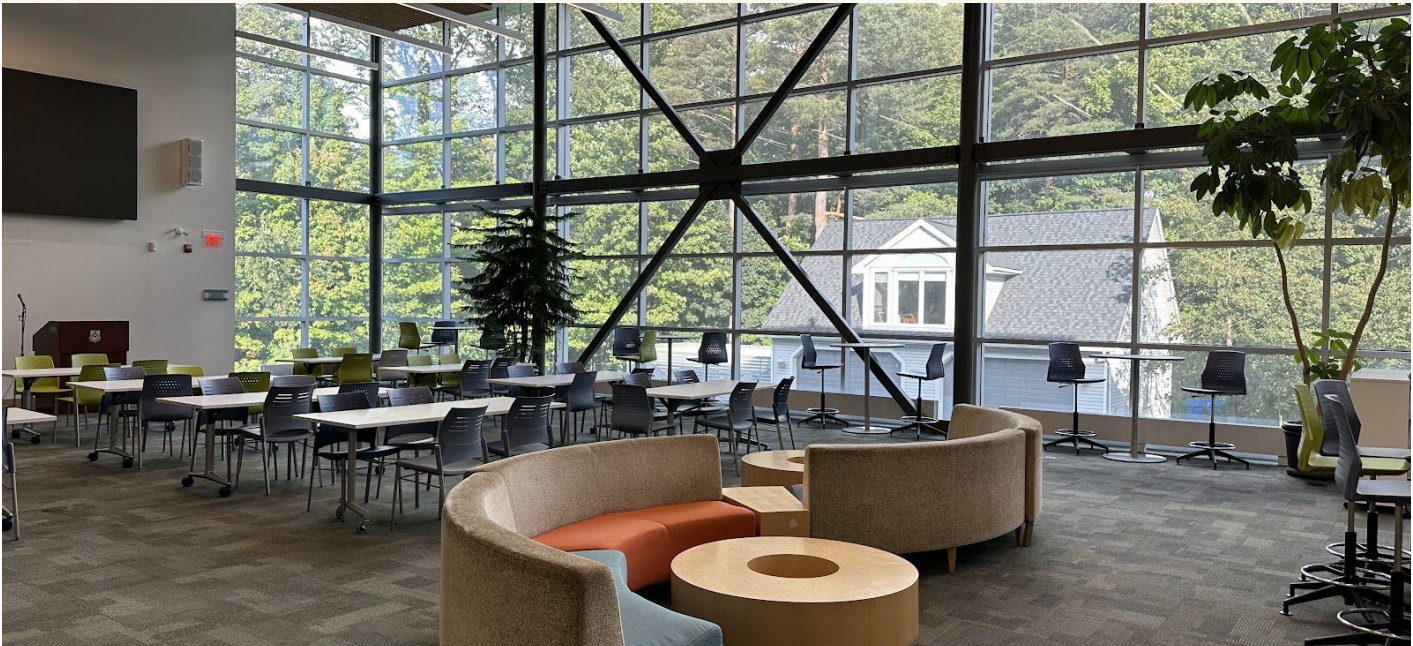


Crescent School

Toronto, ON, Canada



Century-old boys’ school on 30 acres in midtown Toronto

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	63/100
Academic outcomes	65/100
University placement	62/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	65/100
Facilities	66/100
Transparency	59/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Crescent School has a clear proposition: an all-boys, non-religious day school in Toronto with a long institutional memory and a strong internal logic. Founded in 1913, it has had time to refine its model, and the model is unapologetically gender-specific. The school’s core pitch is character, but not in the vague, sermon-heavy way many schools use the word. Here, character is tied to relational learning, mentoring and “character-in-action” programmes that push boys into responsibility beyond the classroom. On a 30-acre midtown campus, with a **9:1** student-teacher ratio and an average annual fee of **C\$46,270**, Crescent sits in the expensive end of Toronto’s independent day-school market and needs to justify that cost. The breadth of activity on offer — robotics, business, arts, athletics, outreach, global trips and summer academics — goes a long way towards doing that.

What puts Crescent on a shortlist is the coherence of the place. Plenty of schools bolt leadership and service onto an academic core; Crescent has built them into the school’s operating system. The Ontario curriculum gives parents a conventional academic framework, while the school’s real distinction lies in how deliberately it targets boys’ development from Grades 1 to 12. That focus will appeal to families who want **structured challenge**, **close adult mentorship** and a school culture that prizes work ethic as much as raw attainment. It will appeal less to families who want a fully co-educational environment, a more informal culture, or lower-fee flexibility. Crescent knows what it is, and that clarity is one of its strengths.

The best fit is a boy who will use the platform. This is not a school for a child who wants to drift anonymously through the week. It suits students who respond to **high expectations**, who benefit from strong routines and visible pastoral scaffolding, and who are ready to throw themselves into teams, clubs and service. Boys with interests in robotics, enterprise, leadership and outreach have real room to build a profile here, and boys who need teachers to know them well will gain from the scale and staffing ratio. For the right family, Crescent offers **serious pastoral intent**, **purposeful breadth** and **an adult, organised atmosphere** shaped over more than ***100*** years.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• All-boys education from ages 8 to 18. • Toronto location suits families wanting Canadian schooling. • in English throughout. • CAIS accreditation offers external quality assurance.	• Day school only; no boarding for overseas families. • Boys-only model will not suit every family. • No places below age 8 for younger siblings.

ADMISSIONS

Crescent is a Toronto boys' day school for Grades 1-12, which in this listing equates to ages 8-18. The obvious entry structure is by school division — Lower, Middle and Upper School — rather than a single sixth-form-style intake and families apply through the school's online application form. Crescent says prospective families can attend an Open House or take a virtual tour, but in the material provided it does not publish the exact assessment format, testing requirements, interview sequence or decision timeline. What is clear is that admissions are framed around fit with the school's longstanding emphasis on boys' education and character development: "relational learning, mentoring and character-in-action" are presented as central rather than decorative. That suggests selection is likely to look beyond raw academics, though Crescent does not publicly spell out how this is measured in the source material here. Financial support is available in some form: the website menu lists "Financial Assistance" alongside tuition and fees. Specific deadlines, priority rounds and aid criteria are not given in the sources provided.

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