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WHAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR FIRST YEARS... SO FAR

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A word to second-years

gratitude and empathy – understand your second-years and



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UWC VALUES

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

CELEBRATION OF DIFFERENCE

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INTEGRITY

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPECT

COMPASSION AND SERVICE

RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

A SENSE OF IDEALISM

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

ACTION AND PERSONAL EXAMPLE

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Change is a constant at Pearson

everyone is outside their comfort zone

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My privilege and my priority

At the beginning of the Academic Year I meet **one-on-one** with each first-year as part of student rotations

89 students so far

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Lots of firsts:

- √ Time away from home
- √ Time in a new country
 - √ Flight
- √ Person in my family to get an international education or degree
 - √ Time sharing a room

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Lots of firsts:

√ Sighting of a raccoon

√ deer

√ orca whale

What else?

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**Not an evaluation,
but a conversation...**

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Now that you are at Pearson and as you think about the next two years:

- What do you want to do, learn, see, contribute over the next two years?
- What matters most to you?
- What do you worry or wonder about?
- What do you want to know?

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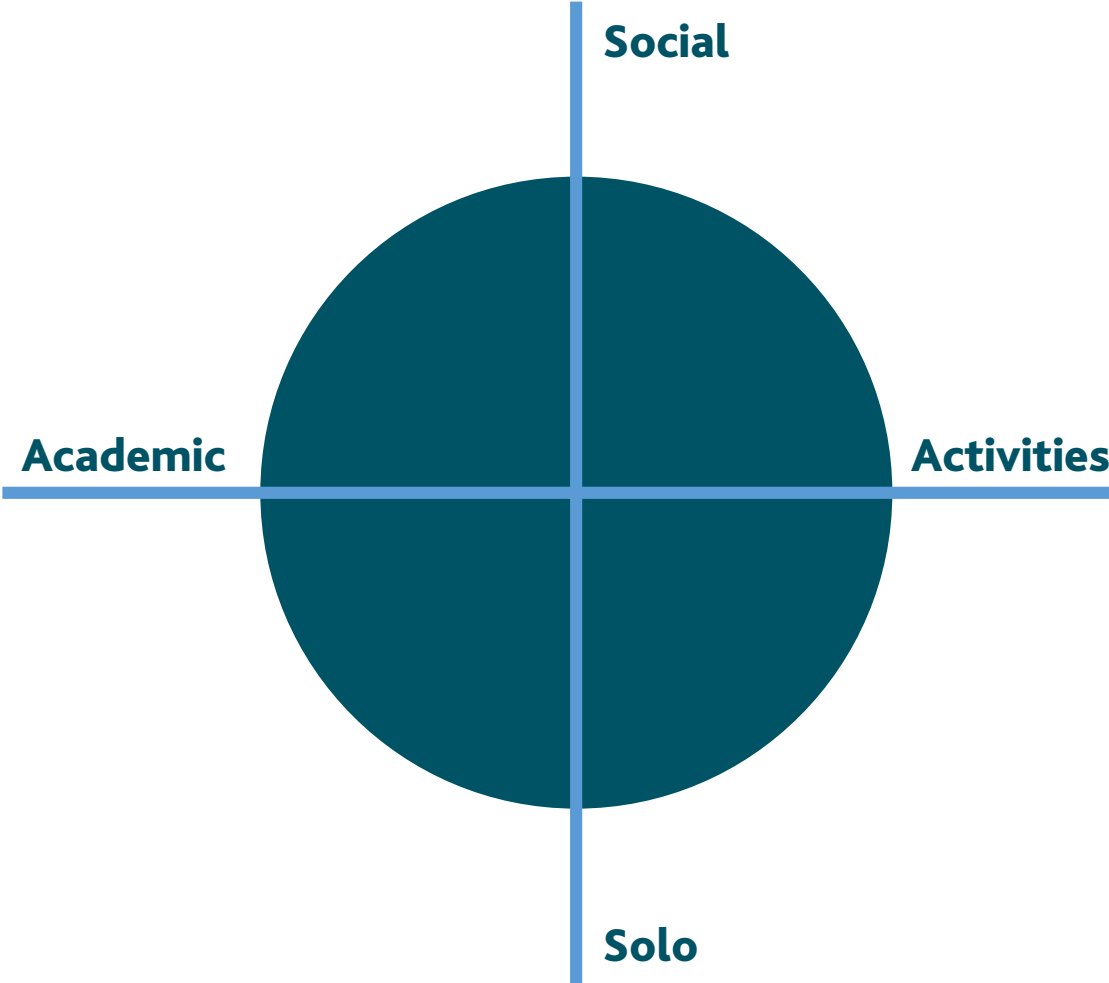


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We are here to help.

Getting support from peers and adults
– you and your friends should not be shy to ask for help



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My role as President and Head of College

Who is in charge? Who does what?

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My mandate
to renew and re-found Pearson
for the next 50 years.

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