

## Vancouver Island Students Hit the Slopes and the Comox Valley for Project Week

*Experiential learning week activities offer leadership and learning opportunities*

**Metchosin, B.C., 9 March 2023** - With spring break just around the corner, a select group of international students from nine countries across the globe will take to the slopes to learn the art of snowboarding, skiing and snowshoeing and the significance of the land upon which they will be learning.

Project Week is an annual springtime off-campus learning opportunity organized by Pearson College UWC which sees more than 200 international and Canadian high school-aged students take on learning, service and fun activities across Vancouver Island, in Sea to Sky country and throughout the Lower Mainland.

From Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17, students from countries including Australia, Colombia, Japan, and Wales will participate in an intensive Canadian winter season experience including snowboarding, skiing, and snowshoeing sessions with their lead teacher and instructors. The program will take place at Mount Washington Alpine Resort, renowned for being the only facility offering stunning, accessible alpine terrain on Vancouver Island.

Project Week is not just about learning a new skill but also an opportunity for international students to lead their peers while experiencing Canadian culture and learning more about the original Indigenous stewards of the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation in the mountains of the Pentlatch, E'iksan, Sahtlout and Sasitla peoples.

In addition to slope side activities, students will also trek out to Comox Valley communities and locales, taking part in nature walks and interacting with area residents and business. By offering these opportunities to try new things, meet new people, and explore local cultures, Pearson College UWC offers international students an immersion in B.C. heritage and customs and a chance for them to share their unique and individual stories with local residents.

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### About Pearson College UWC

*Founded as Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific (Canada) and located along Pedder Bay on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew (Beecher Bay) First Nation.*

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