



Abstract - The Integrated *Shawnigan Journey*

Shawnigan exists to equip students with the tools they need to navigate their futures. We do this **by inspiring the best in each to create the best for all**. The world is more disrupted and changing at a faster pace than ever before. Current and future generations of Shawnigan students will need to adapt more quickly than past generations and they will be commissioned to tackle monumental political, social, technological, and environmental challenges. British Columbia has recognized that the future of education requires a different approach to equip students with the skills and competencies that will help them become future-thriving contributors. British Columbia's new, innovative, and highly respected competency-based curriculum highlights the lasting benefits of well-developed proficiencies in three broad areas: **a) creative, critical, and reflective thinking; b) communication and collaboration; c) personal and social awareness, responsibility, and cultural identity**. Grounded in research and recognized by leaders in educational thinking worldwide, these are the competencies that will future-proof the education of our children. Key features of the unique Shawnigan Journey add meaning, experience, and intent to each of these competencies.

The Shawnigan Journey will articulate all our current and aspirational programs, why we do them, and how Shawnigan's unique programs infuse the future-proofing competencies for our students. It will show how a boarding campus, connection, and a profound sense of belonging are the accelerants that inspire students to reach beyond their potential, fueling engagement and performance in all aspects of **The Journey**. Student agency will be at the heart of making their learning intrinsic, impactful, and long lasting. Effort and failure will be the ingredients that form the resilience and determination that serve as the catalyst for excellence. *The Journey* will come alive through lived experiential aspects of our curriculum – inspiring moments that matter, infused with the unique culture and geography of Vancouver Island. It will capture the **big ideas** that are at the core of our academic programs. Belonging, civics, physical and mental health, environment, technology, media, reciprocity, and reconciliation will compose the core of our interdisciplinary projects, as our students take on some of the big issues facing them and our planet.

***The Shawnigan Journey* will identify the milestones and the threads that are woven throughout, infusing future proofing and thriving skills and competencies into every individual student.** This clarity will encourage more students to start their Shawnigan Journeys at the beginning, in Grade 8. *The Shawnigan Journey* will be used to track our progress as we embark on *Project Future* and invest in programs, people, and facilities that will inspire the best in each to create the best for all.

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