

Welcome to our new website, and to Porter Creek Secondary School! Porter Creek Secondary is on **the traditional territory of the people of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council**. We have incorporated First Nations ways of knowing and doing throughout our course offerings, and in special activities and projects. We continue to work with our First Nations partners, Elders, and knowledge keepers. In 2017-2018, we had a variety of **elders and knowledge keepers** in the school to teach hands-on workshops – including Moose hide mukluk making, sap collection, and drum making. We also began a new section of our popular **LEAD program focussed on First Nation ways of knowing and doing**.

Porter Creek Secondary is a comprehensive school, with a variety of curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular offerings that allow us to meet the needs of our diverse student body. We have a balanced approach, which values academic success, with the knowledge that school connection with teachers and staff is the cornerstone of all success. Our wide array of offerings reflect the value we place on students being able to have a variety of experiences in high school so that they can develop their a passion to pursue after high school.

Some further highlights at PCSS:

- **PCSS has the most on-site experiential programs and courses in the Yukon, and in addition to our shop offerings, they are a key part of our school.** We offered Science and Socials experiential (**SASE**), Fashion Art Design School (**FADS**), Foods and Cook Training (**Student run Cafeteria**), Leadership and Athletic Development (**LEAD**), as well as **Cosmetology, Aesthetics, Hairstyling, Textiles, Robotics, Woodworking, Carpentry, Mechanics, Metalwork and Sled Ed**. The school connections made in these programs overflow to success in other aspects of school.
- In 2017-2018, the **“Our School” survey showed that we have Advocacy rates 125-150% of the Canadian averages** – reflecting the strong relationships between students and staff – a key indicator for success in high school
- The focus of our **school growth plan** for 2018-2019 is developing a sense of self and place through embedding First Nations ways of knowing and doing, and thus enhancing further students' sense of Pride.

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