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What Matters at Maples Collegiate

"Studying the past four years at Maples Collegiate have been the best four years of my life."

- Darryl

With approximately 1200 students and over 100 staff sharing their stories, experiences and perspectives every school day, learning takes many forms.

What matters is that the school makes each and every individual feel connected, engaged and inspired...and that's something that makes everyone's high school experience more meaningful.

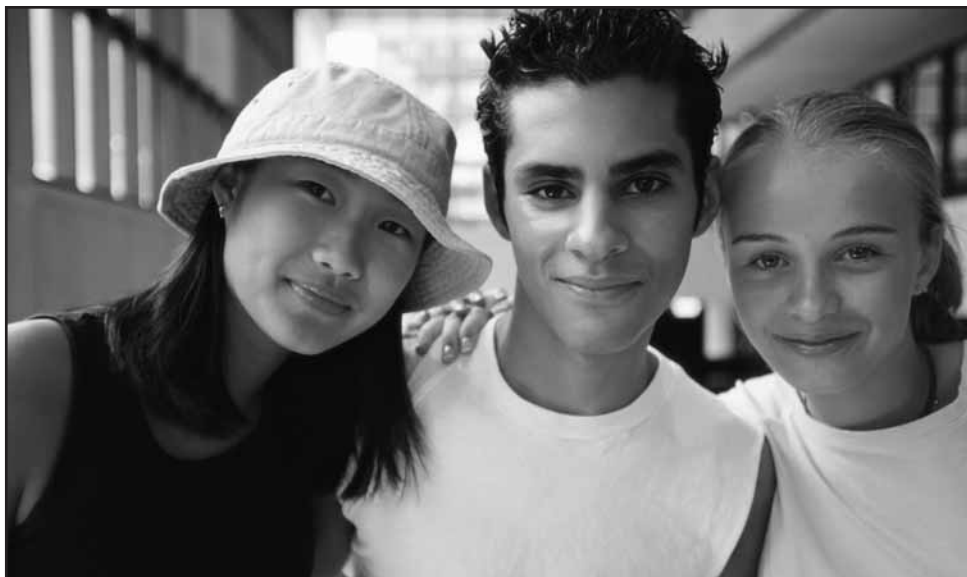
Learning Matters

"I think what is great about Maples Collegiate is that the school gives students an opportunity to choose what they want to take that will then help them enter university or college after they graduate."

- Luna

Naturally, Maples Collegiate offers the full range of core academic courses for grades 9 through 12. The school also offers Seven Oaks School Division's First Year University Now program, enabling high school students to earn first year credits from the University of Winnipeg at no cost. The school offers a variety of vocational programs which combine classroom theory with hands-on work experience so students can enter the workforce directly after they graduate.

But Maples also provides a myriad of other opportunities for students to explore their interests, discover their



talents and ultimately get inspired to see the possibilities their futures hold.

Some find their inner artist, musician or dancer through the school's well-known arts programming, which includes art theatre, band, choir and dance. Others learn about leadership, team-building and strategic thinking through sports. Self-Directed Wednesdays are also popular with the students because they get to plan their day themselves, choosing the activities **they** want.

The school also uses technology to get students excited about learning. For example, there are a growing number of students involved in the dynamic multimedia/film studies taught in the school's Mac (computer) Lab. From the first draft of the script to the final cut, students learn how to use technology and programs to bring their imaginations to life in film. They even

have the opportunity to screen their work for an audience at the Maples Short Film Festival (being held on June 6th this year).

When students are given the ability and opportunity to make their own choices about what they're learning, they find things they are passionate about. That's what brings their education to life...and what inspires them to follow their dreams.

Support Matters

"I think it's neat how the students can create such great relationships with the teachers and staff."

- Melissa

Education is about creating an environment that supports learning. Maples Collegiate is exactly that kind of environment.



Maples Matters

"There are a lot of ethnic backgrounds at Maples, making it one of the most unique schools. It's a very welcoming school from students to staff."

- Brett

If there is one thing that stands out most at Maples Collegiate, it's the pride the students and staff have in their school – and in themselves.

Maples Collegiate is one of the most diverse high schools in Manitoba, home to people of different ages, cultures and social backgrounds. That diversity is celebrated at the school. It's a point of pride for everyone that they come together as a school, respecting their differences and individuality while still welcoming each person as part of a bigger community.

Students also take that sense of community with them beyond the school grounds. At Maples, students are all given volunteer opportunities and many spend countless hours of their own time making a real difference in the lives of others around them.

But mostly, at Maples Collegiate, you'll find a high school where students want to be. It's a place where they learn to be great students and great people. It's a place where friendships are made and futures are launched.

That makes Maples Collegiate more than just a high school...and that's what really matters.

It starts by building good relationships between the staff and the students. When a student first comes to Maples Collegiate, they are assigned a teacher advisor for their entire time at Maples Collegiate. That teacher advisor gets to know a student well in those four years and that helps them provide advice, information and guidance that can make a real difference to the student as an **individual**. It's no longer a matter of a teacher talking in general to a large group. It becomes two people having a conversation that results in positive choices, both in school and in life.

That kind of open communication is encouraged among all the staff and students at Maples Collegiate. Students often just stop and talk to a teacher about something that happened during the day, a movie they saw or anything else that's on their mind. The key is the mutual respect from both sides. Teachers respect their students as young people with their own ideas, opinions and identities

while students trust their teachers' authority and experience.

Student support also applies to classroom learning. To ensure that students keep up with what's going on in class, Maples Collegiate has established a Learning Centre. The Centre works hand-in-hand with the classroom. If a student is struggling in class or just wants more help with a specific assignment, their teacher will arrange for them to go to the Learning Centre. There, students will find all the resources they need to complete assignments, develop academic skills and research information online, all with on-site assistance. And once they're caught up again, they return to the classroom without any concerns about falling behind.

That kind of support lets students know that they've got everyone at Maples Collegiate on their side...and that gives them the confidence they need to succeed.

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