

# A LETTER TO PARENTS



**DEAR PARENT,**

Thank you so much for sharing your son or daughter with us over the coming 8 months! We have been so impressed with the applications, interviews and references we have received, and realize that God is once again sending us a group of amazing students to take part on our foundational leadership college program.

If you have not yet had the opportunity, please look over the materials we have sent to each student, outlining the courses, leadership and program of this partnership between Qwanoes and Briercrest. We will be encouraging your student to keep you informed of all that is happening here at Camp Qwanoes. However, if at any time you require additional information please contact us using the contact information below. Over the year you can regularly check the student blog <<http://kaleo2013.blogspot.com>> where you will find weekly schedules, and occasionally a few pictures, and stories. Briercrest College & Seminary also offers information to parents on their site <[www.briercrest.ca/college/parents](http://www.briercrest.ca/college/parents)>.

We understand the privilege and responsibility it is to care for and be involved in the development of your son or daughter. Qwanoes has served in this role in the lives of thousands of children, teens and college students over 45 years of ministry, and we do not take it lightly. We are a member of Christian Camping International and are accredited under the stringent standards of the BC Camping Association. Qwanoes is also an accredited member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

We want to anticipate your questions and concerns. Kaléo program events that take place off-site will include transportation provided by regularly maintained Qwanoes vehicles, driven by Qwanoes staff with a BC Class 4 or higher license as required. Kaléo leaders have the appropriate first aid training, and staff and students are trained in the safe and effective use of our on-site challenge course.

We will make every effort to ensure the safety and comfort of each student, while challenging them to stretch their personal boundaries and faith in God. Although many of our activities will include elements of adventure with *perceived* risk – to take students outside their comfort zone – our first concern is to minimize *real* risk, whether to body, mind or spirit. No one will be permitted to push your son or daughter to unreasonable limits of discomfort or exhaustion; instead, we will make every effort to challenge them within policies designed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants.

Our ultimate goal is to see each student grow into a leader after God's own heart, one who bears the image of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we have carefully selected leaders who we feel are the kind of people you would want your son or daughter to become, and who are ready to say as the Apostle Paul did, "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ."

Please come and visit! Qwanoes is a youth-oriented, high-adventure, non-profit Christian camp situated on 54 acres of magnificent scenic waterfront property on Vancouver Island. We are committed to standards of the highest quality and are constantly striving to improve our service. We would love to have you drop in this summer and see this place in action, or come to visit your student during the time they will be with us. Please call or email to make arrangements.

We look forward to welcoming your son or daughter this fall!

In His Grace,

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Camp Qwanoes