

## Vanier College

### **Declaration of Intent: International Cooperation, Exchanges and Training**

The Mission Statement of Vanier College fosters an appreciation of Vanier's rich cultural and ethnic diversity of its students and staff. It also advocates the development of civic, social and environmental sense of responsibility at both local and global levels. The Declaration of Interculturalism at Vanier College elaborates on these commitments, emphasizing the value of providing a welcoming learning environment that encourages openness to all. The Declaration of Intent: International Cooperation, Exchange, and Training builds on the community's acceptance of these values and situates Vanier in a global context. This Declaration recognizes the importance of opening students to the world. It also recognizes the many contributions of faculty and staff in this area in terms of program development and implementation and student life.

In particular, it is the intent of Vanier College to...

- **Provide our students with an education that will equip them to live and work in a global context.** Students require the skills and knowledge to function in a global environment as well as attitudes of tolerance and understanding. Our programs, courses and student activities will integrate, where appropriate, dimensions of an international and intercultural nature.
- **Encourage the active participation of students, staff, and faculty in the various education projects for the benefit of the College and all concerned.** By working in partnerships with other Canadian colleges and educational institutions, in addition to those in other countries, Vanier participants could develop intercultural sensitivities, gain new insights into curricula, and acquire new language skills.
- **Encourage student, staff, and faculty mobility.** Exchanges within Quebec and Canada and with partner countries will promote the exchange of knowledge, the understanding of other viewpoints, and the solving of problems within a worldwide perspective. Institutional linkages will be promoted.
- **Welcome international students.** We value the contribution of these students to our community and will endeavor to help them become part of our community. At the same time, we acknowledge the priority of the needs of students from Quebec and Canada.
- **Further develop projects of an international nature that will contribute to the College.** Projects such as the International Baccalaureate Program, the Commerce Major in International Business, the Social Science Major in International Studies and the Vanier College Language School should enhance the reputation of the College and provide programs of a high quality. Other projects could involve cooperation with foreign countries where the purpose is training or technological transfer. These projects should be sustainable, favour human rights, and take into account issues of an environmental, economical, political, cultural and social nature. International projects would draw on the skills and expertise of the personnel of the College as well as fostering further development of these and other skills. Any such projects should be auto-financed, and if possible, contribute additional funding to the College.

On a yearly basis, a report will be made to Academic Council on activities understanding, and consultation will take place on future plans.

Approved by the Board of Directors  
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