



RLA 101

Intake Address to Parents
September 2023



Agenda

- ▶ Headmaster
Lieutenant Colonel Peter Stock
- ▶ Admissions Officer
Major Troy Krywulak
- ▶ Academy Principal
Major Bill Simmons
- ▶ Head of School
Captain John Milliken
- ▶ Academy Sergeant Major
Chief Warrant Officer Paul Zahra
- ▶ Advancement Officer
Ms. Sarah Whitaker
- ▶ Family Guild Chair
Ms. Lisa Thompson
- ▶ Q&A

Headmaster

- ▶ Welcome!
- ▶ Positive Behaviour Policy
- ▶ Reward, Celebration and Success
- ▶ Highest Standards of Behaviour and Academics
- ▶ Slick Communications
- ▶ RCAC Cadets



View

- View the Academy calendar

Browse

- Browse pictures of events at the Academy

See

- See the news items and handbook

Open

- Student mail will be sent via PDF to your email

Parents' Portal - parents.rla.ca



Your Tuck Account

- ▶ New parents to provide a \$2500 tuck account
- ▶ Uniform and other academy required items
- ▶ Deductions will be made throughout the year based on requirements, i.e. therapy sessions, off campus adventures, uniform issues, lost items and so on
- ▶ Statements will be saved to your file and shared with you periodically throughout the year (6 times a year)
- ▶ Monitor statements and keep tuck account in credit
- ▶ Top up via an e-transfer (sdetermann@rla.ca) or various other payment methods



Academy Psychotherapist

- ▶ Will interview every new student upon return (no cost)
- ▶ Will be working with some boys when parents concur
- ▶ Parents can pay using their tuck accounts
- ▶ Sessions available throughout the week
- ▶ Parents may request sessions
- ▶ The school may recommend sessions.

Admissions



Admissions

Why do families choose Robert Land Academy?

Meaningful change is a difficult process

Progress is not linear - there will be bumps in the road

Success hinges on a tripartite relationship (Student, Family, School)

Communication must be open, honest, and transparent

Our first challenge will come soon - reinforce the answer to the first question on the slide

The Program

Academics, Athletics and
Operations



Initiatives

- ▶ Off campus exercises and fitness opportunities
- ▶ Clubs and structured activities
- ▶ Student handbook/agendas - What to expect?
- ▶ Senior staff attached to each company
- ▶ Student charges
- ▶ Use of technology and our commitment to monitor usage
- ▶ Letters to and from your son

Skype Calls

- ▶ Skype calls video and/or voice calling once a week (after 3/4 weeks)
- ▶ The academy staff will arrange a suitable night and communicate this with you
- ▶ 15 mins or 2x10 mins
- ▶ You will be provided a skype link, no need for a skype account but it is a better experience if you do



Earned Leave



General

Recognizes students who have attained the rank of Cadet (or higher) and maintain consistently good performance in all areas of Academy life.



Performance

Recognizes the hard work and efforts of students in any of the three following areas of Academy life: Academics, POs (physical fitness), and NCO (leadership and service).



Distinction

Recognizes students who have excelled in all areas of Academy life.

General and
Performance

- Any weekend starting after the Thanksgiving stand down (Sem 1)/ February break (Sem 2) and before exams.

Distinction

- In the last month of the semester prior to exams

- On a leave weekend, the student may depart at 1600 on the Friday.
- Students must return by 1900 on the Sunday

Earned Leave

Blackout Weekends

Mother Son Day

Father Son Day

Annual Inspection

Leaves cannot be taken during exams



Stand Downs

- ▶ Dates are also posted on our parents' calendar on the portal
- ▶ Academy administration staff will communicate stand down travel arrangements leading up to a stand down
- ▶ Students will leave the academy at approximately **1200** (or as per arranged travel times).
- ▶ Returning from stand down must be prompt. No later than **1900** on the date of their scheduled return
- ▶ Students will receive discipline for late arrival, which may include losing future leaves!
- ▶ Students will travel to and from the academy in Civilian attire issued by the academy
- ▶ Academy is closed for the Christmas break - no students on campus.

Safe Return to School

1. Meet at Designated Location: Major Simmons will be stationed in front of Ritchie Hall, our main building, to oversee and coordinate the safe return process.
2. Important Document Verification: Students are required to present their essential documents, such as passports, student visas, PR cards, and money, to Ms. Leoni.
3. Medication Handling: Any prescribed medication must be submitted to the nurse upon arrival and will be returned to the student under supervised care.
4. Electronic Devices and Jewelry Storage: To prevent any potential issues, electronics and jewelry will be securely stored with limited staff access.
5. Timely Arrival and Search Process: Teachers will be present to greet and conduct a thorough search of students between 5 - 7pm.
6. Comprehensive Search Procedure: As part of our comprehensive security measures, a thorough search will be conducted on book bags, civilian bags, pockets, and shoes.
7. Return to Barracks: Once the search process is complete, students are expected to return to their barracks promptly, adhering to our structured routine.



Academy Sergeant Major

- ▶ Why the Military Model?
- ▶ Dress and Deportment (On and off Campus)
- ▶ Academy Haircuts
- ▶ Ranks and Structure
- ▶ Staff Training and CIT

Academics

HEAD OF SCHOOL - CAPTAIN MILLIKEN

CADET CREDITS

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR ROLE

STAND DOWN HOMEWORK

STUDY HALLS AND TUTORING

POINT OF CONTACT





Academy Advancement Officer

- ▶ Signature Project - GivetoRLA.ca
- ▶ The RLA Gala - Saturday April 20 2024
- ▶ Honourary Colonel's Campaign
- ▶ FlipGive
- ▶ Supporting the School
- ▶ Spirit Wear, School Pictures, Yearbook
- ▶ Social Media
- ▶ contact@rla.ca



Family Guild

- ▶ About the Family Guild
- ▶ How can you help?
 - ▶ Profile raising
 - ▶ Help with fund raising
 - ▶ Parent references
- ▶ First Meeting of 2024
 - ▶ September 11, 2023- 7 PM



Questions and Answers

Important Contact Information

- ▶ **Academics** - Ms. Leoni - academics@rla.ca
- ▶ **Finance** - Mr. Determann - accounts@rla.ca
- ▶ **Admissions** - Ms. Wielink - admissions@rla.ca
- ▶ **Advancement** - Ms. Whitaker - contact@rla.ca
- ▶ **Medical/Nursing** - Ms. Sunter - nurses@rla.ca
- ▶ **Communications** - Ms. Aulph - communications@rla.ca

Operations and for everything else/if you are not sure.