



Havergal  
COLLEGE

The joy of being girl.™



## Boarding Program

Welcome...to challenging yourself beyond your own expectations, to discovering your voice, to making new friends and to deciding how you will make a difference in the world.

## A Havergal education

Behind the ivy-covered walls of Havergal College, girls develop into extraordinary young women with inquiring minds, global capability and self-awareness. A Havergal girl is encouraged to investigate and explore the world around her while discovering her own unique capabilities. She is not afraid to ask questions and take risks. She is an excellent communicator who is adaptable and confident. She balances a variety of opportunities while living her life with passion and confidence, knowing she possesses the academic and life skills to make a difference and be effective anytime, anywhere and with anyone. As an Old Girl, she will join our proud continuum of 8,000 alumnae who are networked to each other around the world.

**Mission:** Preparing young women to make a difference

**Values:** Imagination, Diversity, Excellence, Altruism, Leadership, Spiritual Life

## The joy of being a Havergal boarder

Havergal College Boarding School is a very special place for girls. It is a home filled with friends, laughter and the pursuit of academic excellence. Nestled in a historic building, Havergal's Boarding School is home to approximately 50 international students from Grades 9 to 12. Boarders will make connections with other boarders, day girls and exchange students. Small and supportive, boarding at Havergal provides unique experiences filled with opportunities to learn, grow, explore and to make friendships that last a lifetime.

## Where is Havergal?

Havergal is located on a beautiful 22-acre campus in the heart of Toronto, Ontario. The largest city in Canada, Toronto is the most multicultural and diverse city in North America. It is also more community-oriented and safer than other urban centres around the world. Over 100 different languages are spoken here. A truly cosmopolitan city, Toronto houses international museums and galleries, is a world centre for live theatre, home to major league sports teams and offers many choices for shopping and dining. Situated in one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods, the school is conveniently located just 20-minutes from the Toronto Pearson International Airport.

### An International Experience: Welcoming Boarders from Around the World Since 1894



## Boarding at Havergal



**Orientation week was full of new memories, new experiences and new friendships. A Grade 9 boarding student reviews her first weeks of school....** Ever since I decided to come to Havergal, I looked forward to the day that I could call myself a Havergal student. As August came to an end, my anticipation and excitement grew. It was finally September 5—move-in day for boarders. When I pulled up to the entrance of Havergal, all my nerves were set aside as a group of students (Prefects and Junior Dons) welcomed me and helped me unload my suitcases. At this moment, I realized that Havergal was going to be my new home for the next four years! We entered the school and went upstairs to the Boarding School. I met my new roommate (she's from the Caribbean, and she is so nice), and got settled in. That night, we had our first meeting with the whole Boarding School. We went over safety procedures and started to learn everyone's names.

# What makes Boarding at Havergal so special?

Boarders and their parents say that the friendships and connections students form at Havergal are lifelong. They also highlight the tremendous academic advantages of living on campus. Residence Dons—dynamic young women with teaching and coaching responsibilities—live in the Boarding School and act as advisors, mentors and role models. They are available day and night for advice, counsel and support. Around-the-clock security is provided, as well as a Wellness Centre (with Registered Nurses) and excellent food services (international cuisine).

Living in residence allows boarders to focus on their education in the Senior School. Boarding students experience all the advantages of Havergal’s excellent academic program, which draws upon the best contemporary and traditional approaches to teaching and learning. Boarders will benefit from extended access to school resources such as the library, computer labs and athletic centre, as well as supervised study time every evening.

Students at Boarding Schools considered themselves more prepared academically for university than private day students or students in public schools.†

When girls need extra help, the Dons are a willing and very helpful resource. Boarding staff work closely with teachers, guidance counsellors, health care providers, parents and staff to ensure that boarders have the tools and opportunities to achieve their full intellectual, creative, spiritual and physical potential.

At Havergal, boarders will develop their independence, self-reliance, confidence and leadership skills while being supported in a family setting (each boarder is in a smaller family led by a Don). They will be fully engaged in our student body, with day girls and school life through classroom learning and co-curricular programs, teams, clubs and other school activities. Student leadership

opportunities are plentiful within the boarding and school community. Outside school hours, boarders can take advantage of the multitude of events and activities developed exclusively for them, including recreational programs (fitness, swimming), outdoor education, The Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards, cultural events (museums, galleries, sporting events), trips to Canadian landmarks, creative classes (ceramics, pottery), study skills and time management workshops, health and wellness seminars, to mention just a few.

A Havergal education serves boarding students well in achieving their academic and personal goals in preparation for university and beyond. Students will be prepared for a lifetime of learning, leadership and limitless possibilities so they can pursue their dreams.

† Research compiled by The Association of Boarding Schools



## Beyond Havergal

In the last few years, Havergal boarders have attended the most respected universities worldwide, including:

Harvard University, Imperial College London, McGill University, Oxford University, University College London, University of British Columbia, University of Edinburgh, University of Hong Kong, University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto, among many others.

As Havergal alumnae, they will join an ever-growing network of more than 8,000 members in over 50 countries.



Then, all the new boarders—24 of us—had a chance to meet each other and to get to know the Residence Dons. Everyone was so friendly... we were on our way to becoming a family.

The next day, I was so excited that I woke up early to register for classes and get my photo taken for the yearbook. Navigating the halls of Havergal for the first time was a bit confusing, but there were always helpful girls who pointed me in the right direction. That night was the Boarder Welcome Reception with our families. After speeches by the Principal and School Captain, I was ready to begin my year at Havergal. School orientation started on Wednesday at 8:20 am. I met my teachers (they are great) and attended various information sessions—very helpful.





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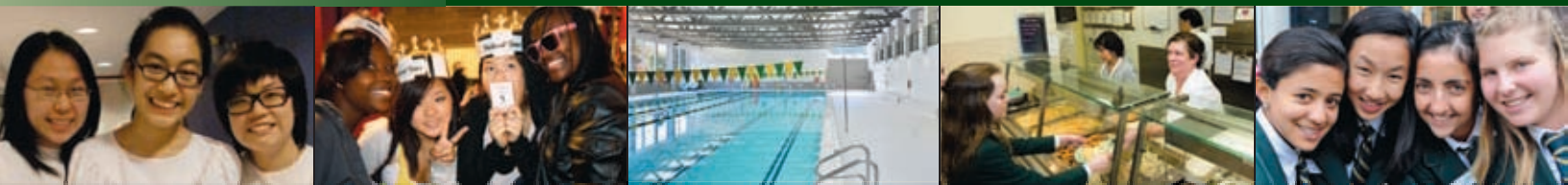
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### *Boarding at Havergal...*



The next couple of weeks flew by—I joined the debating club and the Senior Choir. The Boarding School also ran special activities, including: a boat cruise in the Toronto Harbour; a entertaining dinner at Medieval Times; and trips to the Toronto Zoo and the Art Galley of Ontario. Now that I'm all settled in, I'm enjoying Havergal's facilities—I can do my laps in the pool and practice the piano in the Music Tower. The school also keeps us well nourished—the food here is awesome! And most importantly, I've made new friends in boarding—it's like having 50 sisters! I have definitely found my new home. 🍀

A leading independent university-preparatory school for girls, Havergal College has been preparing young women to make a difference since 1894.

Discover the Havergal difference—book a visit to our beautiful 22-acre campus. Call 416.482.4724 or email [admissions@havergal.on.ca](mailto:admissions@havergal.on.ca).

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