



Sunalta Campus Update

1. When is the move, and what are the plans/timelines?

Our anticipated move-in date is set for January 25th and 26th with students' first day being Monday, January 29th, 2024.

2. Where is the new site? (address/area)

Officially called the Sunalta Campus, it is located at 1817 10th Ave SW in the Sunalta Community.

3. What are the hours at the new school?

The hours will be the same as the Spruce Cliff location, from 8:45 am to 3:15 pm.

4. Did you buy the whole building?

Yes, we did, and the entire 20,000 square feet on the second floor is being renovated for CQCS.

The main floor is occupied by two tenants whose rent will go towards our mortgage costs.

5. Will my tuition increase because of this new school?

No, your tuition will not rise to pay for the Sunalta Campus.

Please note that inflation affects our staffing costs, facility management, and educational programs, much like it impacts various organizations. We are in the process of assessing our financial position and thoroughly exploring all available options before arriving at any decisions regarding potential tuition fee adjustments.

6. Will there be other new schools in the future?

Our next big project will be to find a new facility for our remaining classrooms. The lease at the Spruce Cliff location will be up in 2025 and cannot be renewed.

7. Who is moving to the Sunalta Campus? How was this decision made?

Our High School students and CQR Young Adults program will all be under one roof now! As the CQR program is set to transition to the new campus, we are aligning our efforts with our high school students who are likely to continue into our adult program upon high school graduation.

8. Will there be a principal at the new location?

The Administrative team overseeing the Sunalta Campus includes:

Allie Gauthier, Vice Principal for CQS High School

Rahel Mulugheta, CQR Program Director

9. Will my child be safe in Sunalta?

The safety of the Quest community is paramount, and we have done extensive risk management to ensure everyone will be safe in this inner city environment.

We are confident that we have created a safe and secure environment. Surveillance cameras have been strategically placed both inside and outside the campus premises to enhance security. The staff have taken comprehensive training in areas such as Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Intervention (ASIST), Medication Training, Food Safety, and Protocols and Policies Training. Additionally, Rahel, Allie, and their teams have received specialized training from Alpha House, specifically in the Engaging Vulnerable Persons workshop.

10. Will the Sunalta Campus have safe doors like Spruce Drive? Will people need to be buzzed in?

Safety is paramount, and we will have secure doors. Visitors must buzz in before entering the building. The main door is always locked during school hours.

11. Will Quest students get 'first dibs' on CQR?

Yes, Quest students will have priority to register for the CQR program.

12. Is there parking for drop-offs? Will Calgary Transit Access be notified?

We have received city approval to establish a designated pick-up and drop-off zone directly in front of our building on 10th Ave. The city is currently in the process of updating the signage to reflect this change of use. Marian Bobak, our Director of Facilities, has been in contact with Access Calgary to ensure all students using their services have updated information regarding the location of the school. Marian has supplied all names and Access Calgary numbers for those students transitioning to the Sunalta Campus. This also applies for all students that will be using before and after care at the Sunalta Campus.

13. Is the lift always operational or on an individual basis with help?

The lift is always available for people who have mobility challenges. Please note the elevator can only carry two people at a time: a staff member and one student/participant.

14. Do you know if/when PDD will start direct billing?

No, we do not have an exact date for the direct billing at this time.

15. How will the school vans be divided and shared?

The school currently has three vans. Two of them will be parked at the Sunalta Campus for CQR and High School students. The third van will stay at the Spruce Drive location.

16. Will my child still have access to the same resources/faculty/therapies?

Yes, including music therapy. The therapists have scheduled time to work at the Sunalta Campus with the students and consult with educational team members.

17. Will CQS & CQR do activities together or remain separate? Are there shared spaces?

CQR and CQS will share space on the new campus, but their activities will typically be separate.

18. Will my child still be connected to their former school and teachers?

Yes, students at both the Spruce Cliff and Sunalta sites will continue to come together for whole-school activities and assemblies throughout the school year. The students will also continue to have their classroom educational team (Teacher and Instructional assistants) as they transition to the new site.

19. Will students still have access to a gym?

Our high school students will continue to use the Salvation Army gym until the end of the school year.

20. Will volunteering programs continue at the new site?

Yes! We hope there will be additional opportunities with the location and new relationships that develop.

21. Will there be before and after-school care available at the new location?

Yes, there will be Before and After Care at the Sunalta Campus. This will be offered until the end of the current school year and re-evaluated for the 2024/2025 school year.

Who do I contact if I have other questions?

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our leadership team:

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