



**LA GARENNE SCHOOL**

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LEARNING THAT LASTS FOR GENERATIONS

# A UNIQUE BOARDING SCHOOL IN SWITZERLAND FOR AGES 5-18

La Garenne School has been delivering exceptional education to international students for over 70 years. Owned and operated by the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of the Swiss Méan family, the school prides itself on its personal approach and individualized education.

Rooted in a culture of authentic Swiss values, our approach delivers academic excellence, while also fostering life principles relevant for today and that will last for generations.

We help our students to recognize opportunities and have the mindset to take full advantage of them - whatever their passion may be.

Located in the charming French-speaking alpine ski resort of Villars, we provide a secure environment and an extraordinary education to boarding and day students from 5 years old.

Our location enables us to also focus on outdoor education, and help our students develop an active, healthy lifestyle.



## Why La Garenne



Activate Individual Talents



Ensure Academic Achievement



Develop an Active Lifestyle

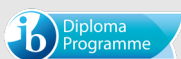


Value Family and Heritage



Prioritize Health & Wellbeing

## Accreditations



## Key Facts

<b>School Founded</b>	1947	
<b>Location</b>	Villars, Vaud, Switzerland	Geneva airport (1h30 min), Lausanne (45 min)
<b>Ownership</b>	Family Méan	Privately, family owned and operated
<b>Ages</b>	5 to 18	Boarding and day students at all ages, small school with 130 students
<b>Languages</b>	Curriculum in English	Mandatory French lessons for all grades, bilingualism with French strongly encouraged
<b>Additional languages</b>	All native languages of students are supported as a second language or private lessons	Italian, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, German, language clubs
<b>Winter Sports</b>	Ski /Snowboard mandatory for all grades 2-4 times a week	Ski team available
<b>Extracurricular activities</b>	25 after school clubs	Wide range includes variety of music, many different sports, politics, business, debating
<b>Excursions</b>	<p><b>Compulsory:</b> Multi-activity expeditions, walking, discovering, exploring, sledging or skiing expedition. Year 1 &amp; 2: 2 days per year Year 3 &amp; 4: 2 x 2 days (overnight) Year 5 &amp; 6: 2 x 2 days (overnight) Senior School: Full weekend exploration programme and regular sport challenges (School run, Obstacle course, Triathlon)</p>	<p><b>Enhanced optional programme:</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Term:</b> Alpine trek and summit  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Term:</b> Weekend winter activities: ski touring and ski mountaineering, ski de fond day, snowshoeing day  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Term:</b> Rock climbing, Via Ferrata in the Dolomites, mountain biking trips, canoeing or Stand Up Paddle across Lake Geneva</p>

## Primary School

La Garenne Junior School is world-famous for its remarkable approach to boarding life from age 5 and upwards. A staff:student ratio of 1:2 means that every individual need is accounted for at this sensitive age. Outdoor learning is a key part of our philosophy. The unique, safe mountain location enables our youngest students to benefit from a holistic education from a young age.

### International Primary Curriculum (5-10)

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English, French, Maths, Science, Outdoor Education, Computing, Sport, Drama, Art, Music

## Secondary School

La Garenne Senior School is a cutting-edge education facility with small class sizes (14 max) that was co-designed with students to harness an environment of innovation, individualism, and interconnectedness. Boarders live in 2-person suites (with private options available) adjacent to the Villars mountain ski lifts and a 2-minute walk from the rest of the school campus.

### International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (11-16) International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (16-18)

#### IB DP subject options:

English Language & Literature, French Language & Literature, Global Politics, Business and Management, History, Biology, Physics, Mathematics Applications & Interpretations, Mathematics Analysis & Approaches, Visual Arts, Chemistry, Psychology

## Admissions - The following process and documentation is required:

1. Admission Form
2. Copies of grades and reports for the last two years
3. Student's passport and vaccination records
4. Motivation letter from student
5. Recommendation from current school
6. Written Sample & "Express yourself" personal video from student
7. Placement tests must be completed for children applying from Year 3 and above (Age 8 and older)
8. Candidates for the Senior School will be interviewed personally

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General & Financial Conditions

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