

Delta Secondary School



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"Striving to develop disciplined and responsible learners."

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This school year your son/daughter will be taking part in the **Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)** in their Planning 10 class. www.goypi.org

YPI is an international initiative designed to support young people in developing community awareness. Students are taught about philanthropy and charity through an experience of giving that highlights the positive impact they can have on their community.

Students will work in teams to research social issues and identify a local charity, in the Greater Vancouver area, they believe is making a positive change. They then learn how to assess the charity's management, strategy, staffing arrangements and services. Possibly the most important aspect of YPI is the site visit students are asked to make to their chosen charity. By visiting a charity, your child will develop a real understanding of some of the challenges facing the community and will, we hope, be inspired to work to change society for the better.

Students will use their research to make presentations on the reasons their chosen charity is most deserving of support. The team judged to have made the most compelling presentation will be given a \$5,000 grant to award to their charity.

During this process, students develop skills in research, analysis, presentation, and communication, which all contribute to their growth, confidence, and citizenship.

We are excited to be one of the schools participating in YPI and hope that you will fully support and encourage your son/daughter in researching and visiting a local charity. Visits should occur between January 21 and February 16. Planning 10 teachers do not supervise site visits to charities and students are expected to arrange this visit in consultation with their parents/guardians.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. Pierce
Ms. L. Pilling

Ms. S. Guichon
Mr. D. Cowen

Planning 10 teachers



Important Dates:

January 7 – January 14
January 15 – January 20
January 21 – February 16
February 6 – February 19
February 24 – March 3
March 11, 3:15 PM
April 10, 7:00 PM

Students research social issues and charities.
Students contact their charity and arrange for a site visit.
Students visit and interview their charity.
Students prepare their group presentations.
Students give class presentations on their charity.
Semi-Finals, top 8 student groups compete.
Finals, top 4 groups compete to win the grant for their charity.