



HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2026-2027 SCHOOL GROWTH PLAN HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOOL FOCUS

Creating a caring, inclusive learning community where every student feels safe, valued, and connected while strengthening social awareness, responsibility, attendance, and engagement through experiential learning.



WHAT MAKES HORNBY UNIQUE

A small kindergarten to Grade 9 rural community school where learning is deeply connected to nature, the island community, and outdoor experiences. Students benefit from personalized learning, strong family partnerships, place-based education, and meaningful relationships with staff and community members.



KEY PRIORITIES



Build students' social awareness, empathy, and respect for others.



Improve attendance and reduce chronic lateness.



Expand experiential and outdoor learning opportunities.



Strengthen indigenous learning through authentic relationships with K'omoks Nation and local knowledge holders.



Continue improving literacy and numeracy in the early years.



EVIDENCE GUIDING THE WORK

- ✓ Early literacy and numeracy results are on par with the district, while Grade 4 and 7 FSA results remain slightly below district averages.
- ✓ Attendance and chronic lateness are significant challenges, making regular participation in learning a key priority.
- ✓ Student wellbeing, belonging, and strong relationships continue to guide school planning.



SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE



Students demonstrate kindness, empathy, and respect.



Students participate actively in learning.



Students attend school more consistently.



Students strengthen literacy and numeracy skills.



Students develop a strong sense of belonging, confidence, and connection.



Students connect to their school, community, and the land.



HOW WE'LL GET THERE

- ✓ Experiential and land-based learning that connects students to place and community.
- ✓ Learning through play and hands-on experiences across all grade levels.
- ✓ Indigenous perspectives and authentic partnerships with K'omoks Nation and local knowledge holders.
- ✓ Strong family and community partnerships to support every learner.
- ✓ Personalized supports and inclusive practices that meet individual needs.
- ✓ Regular literacy and numeracy assessments to monitor growth and guide instruction.
- ✓ Collaborative staff learning and inquiry to strengthen teaching and student outcomes.
- ✓ Continued focus on building positive relationships and improving attendance every day.