

YOUR
true self



Santa Catalina School



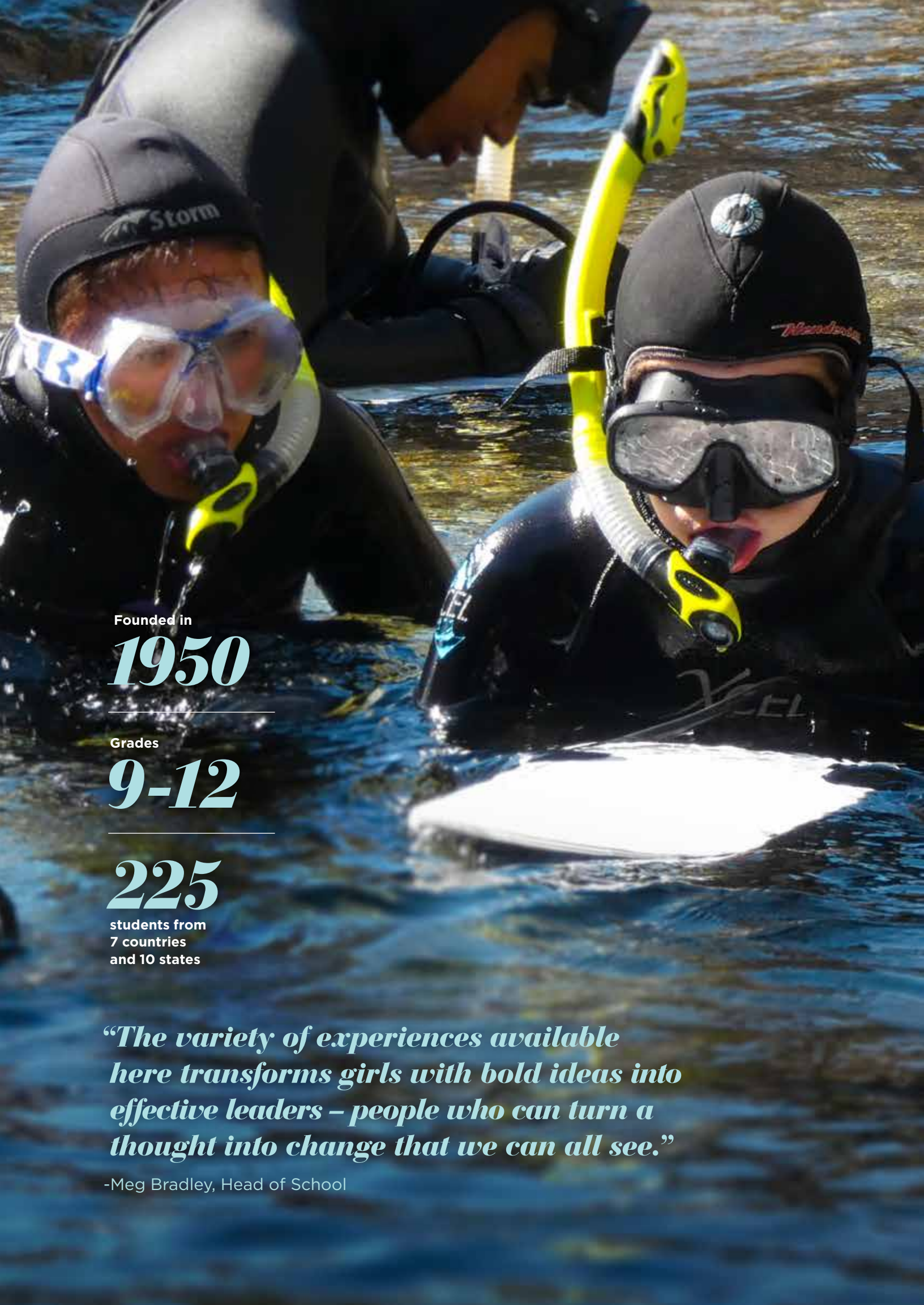
VERITAS. It's our motto
and our *modus operandi*.
We seek truth and self-
knowledge at every turn.

**THAT'S WHAT
WE CARE ABOUT**

at Catalina.

So speak your mind. Own your ideas.

Follow your dreams, and don't ever stop going after what you want. Because this is about you: the person you are today and the even more amazing person you're about to become.

A photograph of two students in scuba gear in the water. The student on the left is wearing a black wetsuit with 'Storm' on the hood and blue and white goggles. The student on the right is wearing a black wetsuit with 'Manduca' on the hood and black goggles. Both are holding yellow and black snorkels. A white surfboard is visible in the water in the foreground.

Founded in

1950

Grades

9-12

225

students from
7 countries
and 10 states

“The variety of experiences available here transforms girls with bold ideas into effective leaders – people who can turn a thought into change that we can all see.”

-Meg Bradley, Head of School

Truth: Santa Catalina has the largest all-girls boarding program west of the Mississippi.

BUT FIRST, YOU SHOULD KNOW: There's a Santa Catalina type.

It's true. Catalina students are fierce, funny, confident, down-to-earth, and intellectually ambitious. They're also kind – and incredibly caring. They're people you would want to be friends with. Forever.

Everyone here is on a path of self-discovery. So, bring us

that spirit that makes you “you.” Bring the fire that fuels your thinking. And bring us that compassion that connects you to others.

You want to change the world? Start here. Then get ready to take the lead.



Truly spirited. Spirituality is a way of being at Catalina. Each and every day, we manifest our Catholic identity by recognizing and celebrating our diverse community and by coming together to explore questions of meaning and purpose.



THE TRUTH IS... you're brilliant.

We see it, and we want to help you go supernova. Our academic standards are high. They have to be, because the complexities of the world demand it.

At Catalina, we'll challenge you to ask deeper questions, take braver chances, make bolder mistakes, and then try again.

And our teachers are right there with you. Every academic department is represented by at least one resident faculty member. They know your strengths, challenges, and interests and will make sure you have all the support (and encouragement and inspiration) you could ever ask for.



Do college-level work, earlier. Our Advanced Topics courses allow for intensive, college-level study around specialized topics. Courses are honors certified by the University of California and delve into everything from Mandarin Chinese to multivariable calculus to women in America to international relations.

True success comes with a plan. At Catalina, we call it the Journey Program. You'll set goals, map out plans, log achievements, and record it all. Sure, it's about your personal growth and self-reflection, but it's also part of a bigger plan to prepare you for college. And life *after* college.



Our Marine Ecology Research Program (MERP) is where learning gets deep. And one of the most biodiverse regions in the world becomes your classroom. Get ready to do real-world science with actual professional scientists. This is the hands-on, feet-wet, neuron-firing, award-winning kind of true learning that takes you beyond the classroom.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING:

*To filter your POV through an Emily Dickinson poem.
To discover mathematical patterns in nature.
To test a scientific hypothesis on the banks of
Monterey Bay.*



8:1

Student-to-faculty ratio

12

Average class size

82%

of faculty hold
advanced degrees

7

teaching faculty hold PhD's





“BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE

**and you will set
the world on fire.”**

—Saint Catherine of Siena, patron saint of Santa Catalina

*She was a mystic, author, activist, and diplomat. And one of the
most influential voices in Medieval Europe.*

A young woman in a black leather jacket and purple top is performing on stage, singing into a microphone. She is wearing a black ruffled skirt and fishnet stockings. In the background, another person is standing on a raised platform, wearing a black t-shirt with a graphic and a blue plaid shirt tied around their waist. The stage is lit with blue and green lights, and there is a large white umbrella-like structure on the left.

STEP INTO

your most
authentic self.

That's where true power lies. At Santa Catalina, we live by the fierce wisdom of Saint Catherine – and like her, our students just seem destined to make their mark.

So don't hold back. Take the stage. Rush the field. Burst into song. Your passion is about to set the world on fire.



Built to inspire

THE VISUAL ARTS

True story: Before the school was here, these grounds were home to a community of artists. And one of those artists? None other than Salvador Dalí.

Art is part of life at Santa Catalina. It's in the sunsets and the landscape. It's in the sketches and brushstrokes. In the dark

rooms and light-filled studios. It's off campus, too – on field trips to visit museums, galleries, and stunning private collections.

Self-expression is an art form. And Catalina students are masters at it.



Space to Create

- Light-filled studios
- Full black and white photography dark room
- Digital media lab

Visual Arts Offerings

- 2-D Foundations, Intermediate, Advanced
- Studio Art Seminar
- 3-D Media
- Digital Media
- Photography

Light up the stage

THE PERFORMING ARTS

From improv to dance to musical theatre, the art of performance is undeniably thrilling. So, breathe deep and dive in – to our theatre, music, and dance programs. Catalina students do three performances a year and our theatre tech program (lighting, sound design, set design, costumes, and props) is as popular as our performance track.



Performance & Practice Spaces

- 500-seat professional theatre
- 150-seat recital hall
- Dance studio
- 6 music studios for private instruction and practice

Private music lessons. In addition to music courses and chorale groups, private lessons (voice and instrument) are also available.



GO FOR PERSONAL BEST AND TEAM TRIUMPHS. Go Cougars! ATHLETICS

Catalina athletes compete (and win) in league and regional competition at the varsity and junior varsity levels. Just as important? They get noticed for their

great attitude on the field and off. Within our division, we've received the "Exemplary Sportsmanship" award 18 times in the past 20 years.

Sports

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| Basketball | Soccer |
| Cross Country | Softball |
| Field Hockey | Swimming & Diving |
| Golf | Track & Field |
| Lacrosse | Volleyball |
| Tennis | Water Polo |

Lessons

- Horseback Riding
- Tennis

Facilities

- Full gym for basketball & volleyball
- Six outdoor tennis courts
- Running track
- Athletic field
- Weight room
- Competition-sized pool
- Workout room





True community

At Santa Catalina, boarding and day students come together to create a powerful sense of community. Our international students come from places like Asia, Europe, and Latin America, and they bring their own culture and traditions that consistently enrich the Catalina experience.

As for our day students, they get to share all they know and love about this beautiful area – including the best places to hike, kayak, and paddleboard.



Caring for community needs.

Service is a huge part of the Catalina experience. You'll find our students helping out at the Monterey Food Bank, volunteering at the Family Resource Center, and participating in beach cleanups and habitat restoration all across the peninsula.



There's a lot of peer pressure at Santa Catalina. The good kind. The kind that convinces you to try out for the play, or submit a story for publication. The kind of "you can do it!" energy that powers true sisterhood.



Road trip, anyone? Just 15 minutes southwest of Santa Catalina is the city of Carmel, a historic (very dog friendly) community of artists, writers, poets, and creatives. If it's the outdoors you crave, head 45 minutes south on the world-famous Highway 1 and marvel at the unmatched glory of Big Sur.





Do more, explore more, connect more.

There's no end to what you can do here. Experience international relations in Model UN. Educate about well-being as part of the Student Health and Wellness Committee. Make some noise with Lady Rhythmics.

Of course, we also have groups for movie fans, podcast makers, history buffs, culture seekers, and wildlife lovers. Anything that piques your interest, you can pursue.



"Ring Sisters" for life!

Costume parties, scavenger hunts, and more. Ring Week is when seniors plan a week of themed activities and juniors receive their coveted class rings. Is it fun? Yes. But it's really about sisterhood – celebrating the lifelong friendships that are forged while you're here.



TEDxSantaCatalinaSchool. Organized and managed by students, our annual TEDx event features presentations from students and experts on topics ranging from creativity and transformation to altruism and abundance. It's all presented in front of a live audience. And streamed around the globe.

Traditions. Boarding student or day, freshman or senior, you'll bond through programs like Big Sister-Little Sister. Through whitewater rafting trips. At Halloween Dinner. And at Candlelight Mass. Traditions run deep here.

GET READY FOR....

Big/Little Sisters

Birthday Desks

Parents' Weekend

Halloween Dinner

Cougar Day

Kris Kringles

Candlelight Mass

Ring Week

*Junior-Senior
Prom*

*Father-Daughter
Weekend*

Spirit Day

Cake Auction

Class Night



On average

80%

of seniors are accepted
into their first-choice
college or university

27

college workshops for
parents and students

Class of 2020:

49

students with

235

acceptances to

130

colleges in 27 states,
D.C. and 2 countries





Live your truth – IN COLLEGE AND BEYOND.

One hundred percent of Catalina students go on to college. It's a statistic we're proud of. And it's permission for you to pursue what truly sparks you.

Our graduates go on to study everything from engineering to fine art to social justice to marine science. So be the hero of your story. Focus on the type of person you want to be, and, trust us, the colleges will come running.

College Counseling. Our college counseling program is a sophisticated system that moves beyond box-checking and helps you become the architect of your own application process. You can start thinking and dreaming sophomore year. Researching and organizing junior year. Applying and celebrating senior year.

Need college information? We have a night for that. Several, actually. There's a financial aid night. A college night for juniors and parents. Even an athletics recruitment information night.





Discover the true you.

VISIT

You have to see this place.

Call 831.655.9356

or email admission@santacatalina.org
to schedule your visit.

Questions? We'd love to hear from you.

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