



Founded in 1946, Besant Hill School is a small, elite boarding high school in California, offering students a nurturing environment where they can flourish and feel free to be themselves.

Located in Ojai, just 90 minutes north of Los Angeles, Besant Hill sits on a beautiful 520-acre campus just 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Students study in a serene and calming environment, while still having easy access to some of the best educational, professional and recreational resources on the west coast.

With a 4:1 student-to-teacher ratio (one of the lowest ratios in the whole country), students receive personalized learning experiences through small class sizes, as well as programs like **Dual Enrollment, Instructional Support, Capstone, Outdoor and Sustainability Education and 4-Year College Planning.**

With multi-tiered ESL coursework and a comprehensive residential program, Besant Hill is a home away from home for international students from more than 20 countries.

- Year Founded: **1946**
- Total Enrollment: **Up to 100**
- Open Grades: **9-12, Post Graduate**
- Faculty with Advanced Degrees: **80%**
- Faculty-To-Student Ratio: **1:4**
- Number of Courses Offered: **63**
- Colleges Visiting Campus: **50+**
- College Placement: **100%**
- Number of Countries Represented: **20+**

College Acceptances in the Past 3 Years

- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Southern California
- Boston University
- Case Western Reserve
- Chapman University
- Fordham University
- Franklin University Switzerland
- Loyola Marymount University
- Michigan State University
- New York University
- Oberlin College
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Richmond American
- University London
- Rutgers University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Santa Clara University
- Syracuse University
- The American University of Paris
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Connecticut
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Michigan
- University of Washington
- Northwestern University



Besant Hill School

Individualized Learning.
Supportive Community.



Dual Enrollment: Go Further, Sooner.

Besant Hill's Dual Enrollment program allows high-achieving, ambitious students to earn up to one full year of college credit before entering university.

Accelerated University Pathway: The program allows students to earn college credits in high school – shortening time-to-degree at top U.S. universities while building maturity, independence, and readiness for rigorous academic expectations.

Significant Cost Savings: With reduced dual enrollment tuition rates, families may save an estimated \$20,000–\$60,000 in future university tuition and housing expenses.

Competitive Admissions Advantage: Graduating with university-level credits on their transcript demonstrates proven academic capability, making students highly competitive applicants to Top 50 and Top 100 U.S. universities.

Rigorous College Preparatory Curriculum and College Planning

For academically ambitious students, Besant Hill offers a **Dual Enrollment** opportunity that allows students to earn up to one full year of college credit before entering university – accelerating their pathway to top U.S. institutions while strengthening academic maturity and readiness.

The school's unique **Instructional Support Program (ISP)** further equips students with essential learning strategies, emphasizing organization and time management skills for success in high school, university, and beyond. Students receive individualized and small-group academic support across core subjects and can choose from more than 60 courses, including 20+ in Fine and Performing Arts, alongside a competitive and engaging fitness program.

The College Counseling Office partners closely with students and families from day one, creating a personalized four-year academic and college plan. With more than 50 colleges visiting campus annually, graduates have earned admission to institutions such as Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, NYU, and Northwestern.



Personalized Learning Experiences and Signature Programs

Capstone Program: In this program, seniors take their education outside the classroom and further pursue their interests and passions. Recent projects include art shows, environmental sustainability research projects and stage productions.

Outdoor Education Program (OEP): Learning opportunities take place in various settings across California. Students develop life skills through activities such as rock climbing, backpacking and whitewater rafting.

Experiential Learning and World Travel: Faculty members and students create meaningful, curriculum-based trips to support specific educational objectives. Past trips have been to Ecuador, Italy, Cuba, Greece, Australia and Nepal.

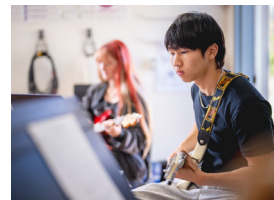
A Global Community with Robust Residential and ESL Programs

Three levels of English as a Second Language (ESL) are offered.

International students work with the school's ESL teachers, Director of International Student Programs, the Director of Teaching and Learning and the College Counselor to set future goals and exceed their potential.

Signature Electives in the Arts and Athletics

- Music Ensemble
- Art History
- Surfing
- Music Theory
- Film
- Golf
- Chamber Singers
- Digital Arts and Photography
- Swimming
- Performing Arts
- Bookmaking and Publishing
- Dance
- Acting
- Circuit Training
- Studio Art
- Aquatics
- Ceramics
- Yoga
- And Many More



Accommodation

Besant Hill's residential life offers a supportive, close-knit boarding community with comfortable living spaces, on-site faculty mentorship, and a strong balance of independence, wellness, and connection. **99% of faculty and their families live in the dorms as dorm parents.**

The International Residence includes:

- Single-gendered dormitories
- Double rooms with built-in desks, closets and shelving space
- Comfortable study and social spaces in each dorm
- Laundry and kitchen facilities in every residential building
- Farm-to-table food catered to students with a full salad bar and hot meal options for every meal
- Basketball, volleyball & tennis courts, pool, and gym
- 24/7 staff supervision and support
- Weekend trips to the beach, movies, shopping malls, hiking, Universal Studios and more



Admissions

Open grades for applications 9-12, Post Graduate

Language requirements All tests accepted

Application Online application
3 years of transcripts

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