



**FORT ERIE**  
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# Pre-departure guide 2026



Our team is so excited to  
welcome you on campus!  
Welcome to FEIA!



**School Principal**  
William Cockburn

“FEIA is more than a school. It’s a place  
where students are known, supported, and  
encouraged to become their best selves.”



A group of diverse students are riding scooters outdoors. They are smiling and talking to each other. The background shows trees and a building. The text "Before you depart" is overlaid in white.

Before you depart



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# Packing list

## Essentials

- ✓ Casual clothing for use outside of school
- ✓ Athletic wear
- ✓ Lace up shoes for school
- ✓ Jacket
- ✓ Sneakers
- ✓ Formal wear and shoes for celebrations, dances, etc. (Blazer/ jacket, shirt/tie, dress, shoes, etc.).
- ✓ Laptop
- ✓ A cell phone: *Very important for communication*
- ✓ Personal toiletries
- ✓ International convertor
- ✓ Prescription medicine including a Doctors' note in English
- ✓ Black trainers/school
- ✓ Comfortable shoes (crocs, etc)
- ✓ Credit card/ debit card

## FEIA will provide

- ✓ Polo t-shirt
- ✓ Regular t-shirt
- ✓ Bedsheets
- ✓ Pillow
- ✓ Linens
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Bathmat

## School supplies needed

- ✓ 4 binder notebooks
- ✓ Lined paper
- ✓ Blue or black.  
All other materials (e.g., art materials, graph paper, rulers) will be supplied by the school.

*\* Please note that supplies can be purchased on arrival to Canada.*



# Packing list

## Do not bring

- X Decorations or clothing with inappropriate content
- X Alcohol, tobacco products, vapes, and any other illegal substance
- X Weapons including knives and imitation firearms, such as airsoft guns
- X Pets
- X Small appliances, e.g., coffee maker, electronic blankets or heaters, hot plates, irons, microwaves, televisions, rice cooker, toaster, etc.
- X Please do not bring a lot of cash. It is advisable students use credit card and / or debit cards.



# Actions for you to take before arrival:



## Academics

Please reach out to Adam Nash for scheduling  
[Adam.Nash@feia.ca](mailto:Adam.Nash@feia.ca)



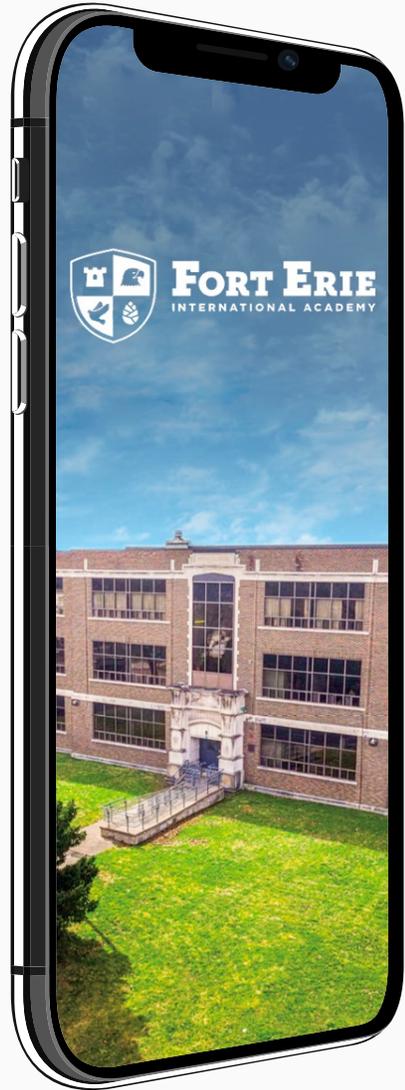
## Flight Details:

To ensure a smooth arrival, please advise of your flight details **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 9th.**

If students do not submit arrival information by that date, we will not be able to guarantee arrival pickup and transfer.

Send flight information to:  
[admissions@feia.ca](mailto:admissions@feia.ca)





# Cellphones

All students are required to have a cell phone for communication with FEIA staff.

This is extremely important to ensure students' safety.

Upon arrival, students will have two options for procuring a cell phone plan.

1. FEIA will provide an opportunity for students to purchase a SIM card that they can easily top up with credit throughout the school year.
2. Students may purchase a cell phone through a third party in Canada. Students must ensure their cell and data service is working properly throughout the year. Students should purchase unlimited talk, text, and data plans.



# Money in Canada

While most expenses for your daily life are covered by FEIA, you will need to pay for personal services, incidentals, and other individual purchases out-of-pocket. In most instances, payment will be made by you at the time services are offered.

Examples are services at medical facilities that are not covered by insurance (deductible, non-emergency dental work, pre-existing conditions), and school club activity fees, sports gear, etc.



## International credit cards

Students can use a family credit card with their parent's permission or endorsement. This is the most convenient and preferred form of payment. Parents appreciate having access to the transaction history.



## Banking in Canada

Students may choose to open a bank account in Canada. This allows parents to wire funds directly from a local bank in the home country. Students under the age of 16 are required to have guardian consent (school Principal) when opening a bank account in Canada.





You are on your way



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# Arrival in Canada!

- ✓ Inform FEIA of your arrival information
- ✓ Arrive on designated arrival dates
- ✓ Pack your important documents and any medications in your carry on bag



## Who will pick me up from the airport and provide transportation to the FEIA?

Students arriving on the FEIA specified move in dates and airport will receive transportation from the approved airport to the FEIA campus. The FEIA team will meet you at the airport outside of customs holding a FEIA welcome sign. If you are arriving prior to or after the specified move-in dates, FEIA will provide a list of recommended transportation companies for you to make your own arrangements.



## When is the earliest I can arrive to Canada?

January 19th is the earliest day students can arrive on campus. If students would like to arrive earlier, they will have to organize transportation from the airport and accommodation. The campus cannot accommodate earlier arrival dates.



## What if one or both of my parents are flying with me? Will they receive transportation and accommodations as well?

FEIA provides transportation ONLY to students. We cannot accommodate parents or family friends arriving with students. FEIA is happy to provide a list of hotels that are near the campus.



## What if I have connecting flights in Canada?

If you have connecting flights within Canada, allow enough time (at least 4 hours) between flights. Canadian customs may search your bag for unauthorized items. Your arrival will be registered electronically. You will only go through Canadian customs at your first entry point.



# Immigration on arrival

What should I have with me when I enter the Canada?

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Study permit
- ✓ Guardianship letter

When entering Canada, you will need to show your passport, study permit and guardianship letter. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival.



## What will happen at border control?

You will be fingerprinted, photographed, and an entry stamp will be placed in your passport. You may be asked to go to another line where an Immigration Officer will look at your documents and ask you additional questions. Please do not let this worry you. This is a normal part of the process, and it may take 2-4 hours or longer to complete.

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## What are some common questions asked by the immigration officer when entering Canada?

### 1. What is the purpose of your trip?

The purpose of your trip is to come to Canada is to study in high school or middle school. You should know the name and location of your school. You should also be prepared to answer questions related to the grade you will be starting and why you chose to study in Canada.

### 2. How long do you intend to stay?

Students should be able to answer when they plan on going home, for example when your current school year ends.

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## Do you have anything to declare?

We highly advise against bringing any vegetables, fruits, or meats into Canada, as these items can be confiscated by border control. You can read more information here: <https://travel.gc.ca/returning/customs>





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# Arrival transportation at Toronto Pearson airport



**19 AND 20  
JANUARY  
5PM**



Students should  
look for FEIA  
sign

**EMERGENCY  
CONTACT:**



**1 (289) 682-9215**



NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME

CAUTION  
SHERIFFS  
CC STUDENTS  
NOT ALLOWED  
TO TAKE  
FROM



Living at FEIA



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RESIDENCE

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# FEIA Residence

## Dining plan

FEIA provides buffet-style healthy meals prepared by qualified chefs in our on-campus dining hall. There are a variety of food choices from different cultures, utilizing locally grown produce whenever possible, to encourage healthy eating habits. We are able to accommodate a wide variety of dietary restrictions and ensure students receive nutritious, delicious, and fresh meals.



# FEIA Residence



## State of the art residence

FEIA allows students to add a small refrigerator and/ or an additional small wardrobe to their room. FEIA will bring students shopping so they can purchase these items if they desire.







## Safety



Our residence halls offer round-the-clock security, ensuring a safe and secure environment for all students.



Additionally, student life counselors live on-site, providing ongoing support and guidance to students in need of assistance, fostering a supportive and caring community.



## First few days at FEIA

Orientation days will ensure students are familiar with FEIA and the residence. Students will:

- Learn about FEIA and the area
- Participate in activities to meet teachers, administration and other students
- Learn basics of self care while in residence (i.e. laundry, keeping room clean, etc.)





# Around Fort Erie



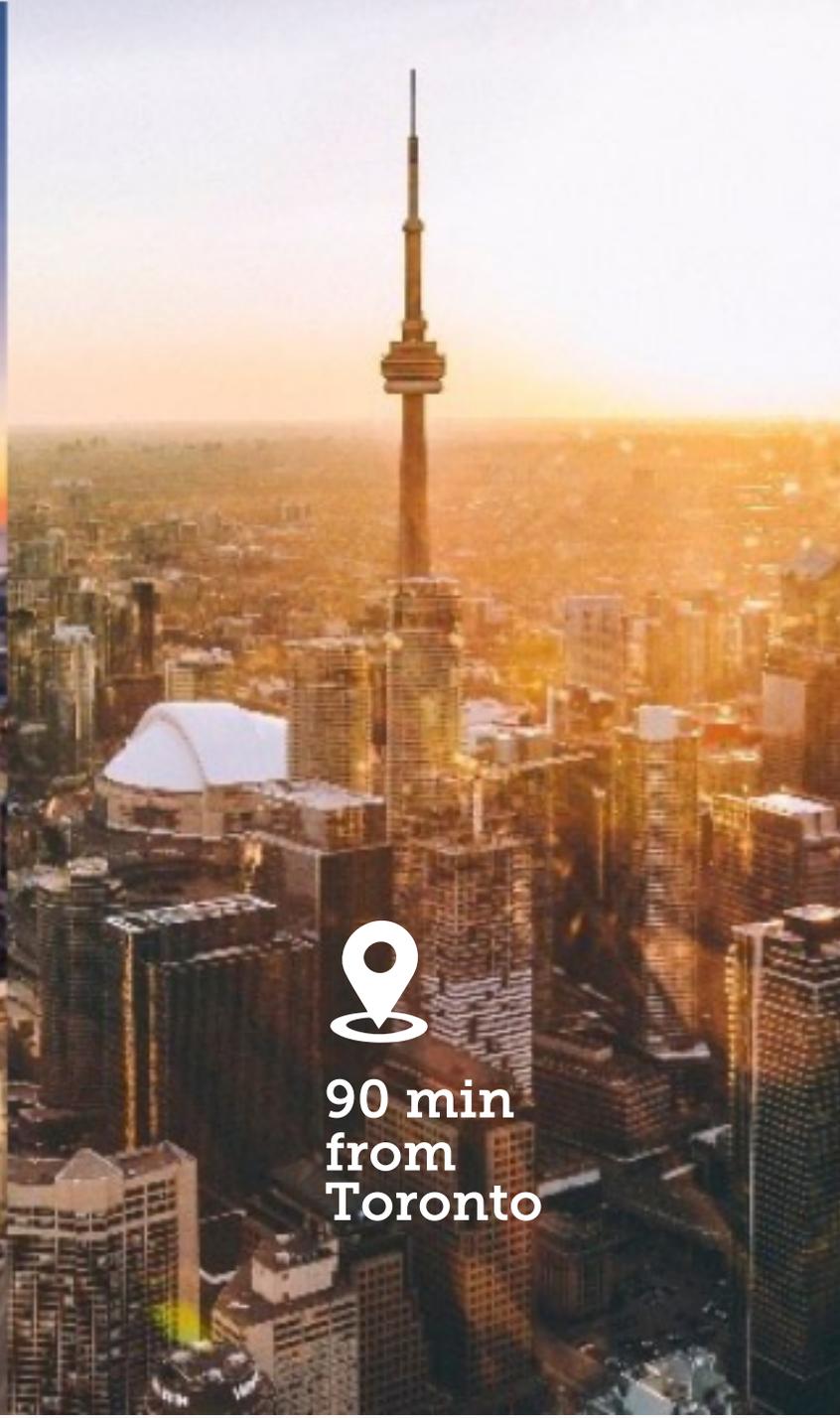
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**20 min  
from  
Niagara  
Falls**



**10 min  
from  
Buffalo,  
USA**



**90 min  
from  
Toronto**

# 5 important tips at Canadian high school and middle school

1.

## **YOUR WORK MUST BE YOUR OWN**

In Canada, academic integrity is important. This means that any work you do for school originates from your own thoughts and evaluations. Even answers found from outside sources must be either rephrased so that they reflect your own thoughts and word choices, or attributed to the source.

2.

## **CANADIAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT**

A marathon is a long race that requires consistent effort, while a sprint is a short race that requires a quick burst of effort. Canadian school is more like a marathon, where your consistent contributions and efforts will be rewarded.

3.

## **READY TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**

A Canadian classroom is full of activity, with lots of discussion, debate, and vocal participation. Understanding the material is important, and Canadian teachers like to see that students are able to show their understanding of the material and contribute to the discussion.

4.

## **TECHNOLOGY IS FOR SCHOOLWORK—NOT JUST FOR SOCIALIZING**

Many of your courses will require that you use a laptop or iPad in conjunction with written or physical materials. Although it is tempting to use your device for other purposes (gaming or browsing the internet), this is something that is not permissible in school and can lead to disciplinary action.

5.

## **SURE TO SCHEDULE ONE-ON-ONE TIME**

Make appointments with teachers and guidance counselors – this will afford you even more one-on-one time with some important people in the school so you can build a relationship.



# Parent communication

FEIA is committed to providing parents with communication and updates on your students. You will receive more information on this prior to arrival, but you may always contact us here:



Telephone:  
1 (289) 682-9215



Email for general communication:  
[communications@feia.ca](mailto:communications@feia.ca)



Email for emergency (only serious health and safety concerns) communication:  
[urgent@feia.ca](mailto:urgent@feia.ca)





**WELCOME TO FEIA!**  
**We will see you soon!**



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