



### Project 2000

Two years ago the Board of Governors of our school initiated an intense and comprehensive process of strategic planning for St. Margaret's. As a result, the school's mission and objectives were clearly defined and plans were made to further raise the academic standards at the school, to initiate an ambitious marketing programme and to address the need for major facility improvements.

Tangible results of these decisions since that time have included a 60% increase in student enrolment and significant gains in academic



summer programmes continue to be an important source of activity and revenue for St. Margaret's. Numerous adult groups come every summer to stay at the school, utilizing our facilities for their own programmes. These include flute workshops, art seminars and the annual certification programme for the Dr. Vodder School of Lymphatic Massage.

Girls from three schools in Japan come each summer to study English

### Summer Alive with Activity

at St. Margaret's. They also participate in recreational activities with local students who study Japanese at the school. Others in residence last summer included a group of young students from Columbia, and sports coaches in Victoria for the 1997 North American Indigenous Games.

The ever-popular Computer and Crafts Day Camps and the *Slow Time* programme for youngsters in music, movement and drama were again well attended. School facilities were also rented by the Pac Rim Language

Institute, offering English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) classes for Korean students, and by the Swan Punjab cultural group which provided a children's programme of crafts, games and Indian dance classes.

Last summer St. Margaret's introduced a two-week orientation programme in August for new students enrolled in the school's ESL Programme for the 1997-98 school year. This enabled these students to become familiar with the school campus, to learn the most useful and important English phrases for immediate use, and to have their math and English language skills evaluated before school started. The programme was deemed to be highly successful and will be repeated for next year's new ESL students.

Somehow, amidst all this activity considerable maintenance work took place on campus thanks to school staff and a group of senior St. Margaret's students hired to assist each summer. A new courtyard garden was also developed adjacent to the Senior School last summer through funding provided by the 1996 and 1997 Graduating Classes and last year's Student Prefect Council.



Young participants in the St. Margaret's Punjab Cultural Day Camp held last summer at St. Margaret's.



SMS students, Sian West and Corine Latreille, pose with some of the members of the St. Margaret's student work crew last summer including Ashley Strachan, Pia Nagpal, Sophie Hoskins, and Alison Myerscough.

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