



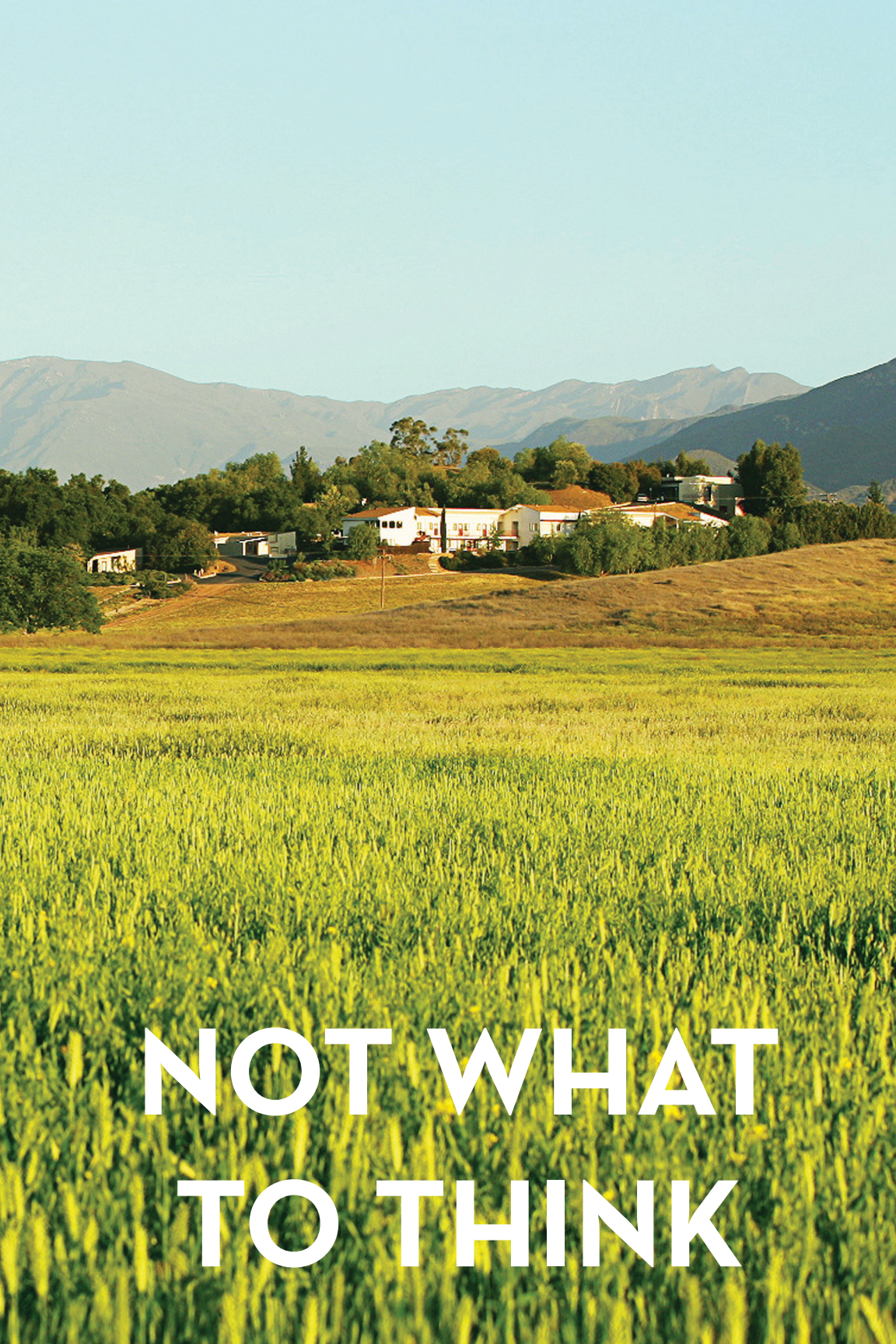
The mission of Besant Hill School is the development of each individual's intellectual and artistic abilities. Through awakening the spirit of inquiry, we encourage each student to pursue integrity and excellence. Our non-competitive community builds honesty, respect, compassion, and responsibility. Our goal is to develop a lifelong habit of learning as embodied in our school's motto:

***Aun Aprendo—I am still learning.***



LEARN HOW  
TO THINK





NOT WHAT  
TO THINK



Besant Hill School is a co-educational boarding and day school located in the beautiful resort town of Ojai, California, only 90 minutes northwest of Los Angeles and 12 miles from local beaches. Our close proximity to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) makes Besant Hill a likely destination for international students. We offer a rigorous college preparatory curriculum with a cornerstone of creative expression and divergent thinking supplemented with a full spectrum of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and an Instructional Support Program (ISP).



## PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

### Our Graduates Will

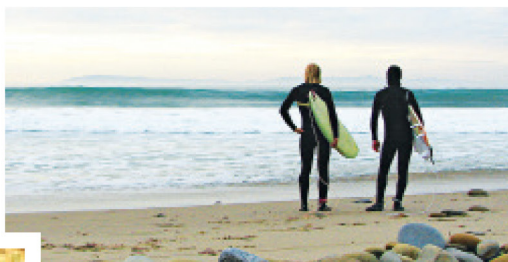
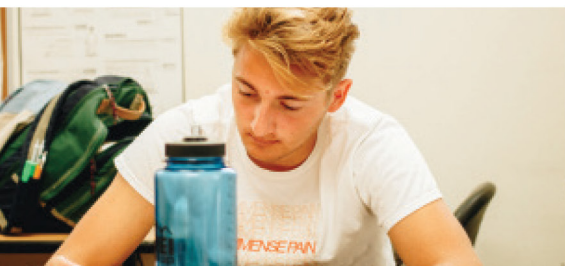
*Think Critically and Synthesize Knowledge*

*Honor Their Individual Strengths and Be Resilient*

*Engage in Their Creative and Artistic Passions*

*Model Global Citizenship*

*Embody the Ideals of Environmental Activism*







## CURRICULUM

Our motto of “Aun Aprendo,” which means “I am still learning,” reflects our belief that life can be lived in its fullest sense through lifelong efforts toward personal development and growth. We believe we are a model for the way education should occur—where students are taught how to think, not what to think; where our land is a laboratory for a sustainable planet, where rules are replaced with values and principles developed by all of us; and where the arts are a foundation for our belief that creative expression is as important as reading, writing, and arithmetic. We believe that life is not about finding yourself—it’s about creating yourself. Read more about our school culture online at [besanthill.org/about](https://besanthill.org/about).

# 100% of Our Graduates are Accepted to College

## RECENT COLLEGE PLACEMENTS

American University in Paris  
Bard College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston University (College of Fine Arts)  
Brandeis University  
University of British Columbia  
Hamilton College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Hendrix College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
NYU Tisch School of the Arts  
Otis College of Art and Design  
Pepperdine University  
University of Pittsburgh

Pitzer College  
Portland State University  
Pratt Institute  
Sarah Lawrence College  
School of Visual Arts  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University  
Syracuse University  
Tufts University  
University of Southern California  
University of California at Berkeley  
University of California at Davis  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Madrid



## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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Besant Hill School offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, including more than 20 art electives, AP-level courses, competitive athletics, travel and experiential education programs, small class sizes, and a 4:1 student-teacher ratio.

All students are required to complete a Capstone Project in an area of interest. This project includes an advisor to help guide the project and culminates in a presentation to the community. Recent projects have included art shows, internships, environmental sustainability research projects, and stage productions.

Experiential learning opportunities are available to students during school breaks. These travel experiences begin in the classroom, expand to the community, and eventually take the learning process to the world at large. Most recently, students have traveled to Australia, Greece, Italy, Cuba, and the Galápagos Islands.

Learn more online by visiting [besanthill.org/academics](https://besanthill.org/academics).

## CAMPUS & FACILITIES

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Besant Hill School is located on a 520 acre (210 hectare) rural campus at the foot of the Topa Topa mountain range. The campus features an eight-acre organic farm, a small student-maintained herb garden, a dining commons, six residential dormitories, aquatic center, an online library facility, a state-of-the-art theater and recording studio, a darkroom, a digital design lab, extensive visual art studio space, and science laboratories. View photo galleries of our school campus and more at [besanthill.org/photos](https://besanthill.org/photos).





# THE WORLD AS OUR CLASSROOM

The World as Our Classroom experience brings Besant Hill to the world and the world to Besant Hill and eliminates the disconnect between high school and the global community that students will enter after graduation. Students experience ePortfolio practice, hands-on learning outside of the classroom, and development of real-world skills, preparing each student to be a successful citizen of the world.



## SUMMER INSTITUTE

• SAT • ESL • STEM

Besant Hill School summer program is a comprehensive program for students eager to improve SAT scores, English language proficiency or dive into STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math, including robotics) topics. Students enjoy weekend excursions such as university campus visits, beach days, Six Flags Amusement Park, museums, and other fun Southern California attractions. For more details please visit our website at [besanthill.org/summer](http://besanthill.org/summer).

## VISIT US!

See what makes our small boarding school community so unique by visiting our website and/or arranging a campus tour. Appointments are available year-round.

### MAKING AN APPOINTMENT

To make your appointment, please contact our Admissions Office at 805-646-4343 or email [ADMISSIONS@BESANTHILL.ORG](mailto:ADMISSIONS@BESANTHILL.ORG)

### ONLINE INQUIRIES & APPLICATIONS

Simple and secure online forms are always available on our website!  
[WWW.BESANTHILL.ORG/ADMISSIONS](http://WWW.BESANTHILL.ORG/ADMISSIONS)



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# AT A GLANCE

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS DEVELOP  
THEIR INTELLECTUAL & ARTISTIC ABILITIES

**100** BOARDING & DAY STUDENTS  
GRADES 9-12/PG

**50/50**

**85%**  
BOARDING STUDENTS

## LOCATION

**OJAI,  
CALIFORNIA**

**90 MINUTES** NORTHWEST OF LOS ANGELES

**40 MINUTES** SOUTH OF SANTA BARBARA

**20 MINUTES** FROM THE BEACH

## FOUNDED IN 1946

FOUNDED ON 520 ACRES (210 HECTARES)  
SURROUNDED BY SPECTACULAR PANORAMIC VIEWS  
OF THE TOPA TOPA MOUNTAINS AND THE OJAI  
VALLEY, BESANT HILL SCHOOL PROVIDES A SERENE,  
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STUDENTS CAN  
PURSUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL GOALS.

## 4:1 STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

• AVERAGE CLASS SIZE: 10 • TOTAL FACULTY: 27 • FACULTY WHO LIVE ON CAMPUS: 70% • FACULTY WITH ADVANCED DEGREES: 75%

## ACADEMICS

AP & HONORS COURSES

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)  
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (ISP)

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: SPANISH & FRENCH

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### TEAM SPORTS:

BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING,  
GOLF, SOCCER, SWIMMING, VOLLEYBALL

### INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES:

AQUATICS, DANCE, OUTDOOR ED,  
SURFING, WEIGHT-TRAINING, YOGA

## PERFORMING ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION

ACTING I & II

CHORAL SINGING

INSTRUMENTAL STUDY

THEATER PRODUCTIONS, CONCERTS, VARIETY SHOWS

## VISUAL ARTS

STUDIO ART & ART HISTORY

DIGITAL ARTS & PHOTOGRAPHY

CERAMICS

PRINTMAKING

SCREENWRITING & FILM

## SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (TEACHING AND PRACTICE)

GOLD-STANDARD CALIFORNIA GREEN SCHOOL AWARD WINNER



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