



# NEWS RELEASE

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School District #38 (Richmond)

## **Grand Opening of the Hugh Boyd Hair Academy**

The Hugh Boyd Hair Academy is pleased to announce its Grand Opening Gala to take place on Friday, November 30, 2007 from 1-3pm. With two groups of students in place, the program is running full time and is fully operational.

The Richmond School District Hair Design program is a two-year program that started in September 2006 and is hosted at Hugh Boyd Secondary School. In this program, students learn the basic fundamentals of hair design (cutting, styling, colouring, permanents & business practices). Students also learn esthetics (make up artistry, manicures, pedicures & waxing). The program is in partnership with the Cosmetology Industry Association of BC.

Students receive credit for 800 hours of instruction in a training salon and also have the opportunity to attain 700 work experience hours. Students also receive 32 credits towards their high school graduation. The program is taught by Chantal Garand, a certified hair stylist who comes to the program with 30 years of industry experience.

Students go through an application process and interview to ensure that the selected students meet all course prerequisites and have the commitment and dedication needed to succeed in this program. The program is offered at no cost - this is a savings of \$5000-\$7000 based on tuition fees at local post-secondary institutions. Students are required to purchase tool kits and textbooks.

The Hugh Boyd Hair Academy is open to the public and offers a variety of services. Call the school at 604-718-4013 to book your appointment now.

Reporters and camera crews are welcome to attend the event. Please contact Nancy Toth below of your intention to attend.

*Photos attached:*

*Karin Chaffe, 1<sup>st</sup> year Hair Design Student*

*Olivia Chow, Angela Von Drathen & Brittany Hamel, 1<sup>st</sup> year Hair Design Students*

*Additional photos available upon request.*

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