



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – FACT CHECK

Truth and Reconciliation is a priority for Christ the King Elementary School Council. To help the school community on this journey, Council will start by focusing on the “Truth” component in order to educate ourselves. Each CKES Chronicle for the remainder of the year will include a fact about the history of residential schools and information generally about First Nations in the Yukon.

If you have questions or suggestions please contact ckescouncil@gmail.com.

COUDERT HALL

Location: Coudert Hall was on the lot next to the current school location, on the same side of the street. This lot is Ta’an Kwächän Council land.

Dates of Operation: September 15, 1960 - June 30, 1971

In 1960, the Whitehorse Roman Catholic Indian Hostel opened in Whitehorse, Yukon for students attending the Christ the King Catholic School. In 1966, the hostel was renamed Coudert Hall. The residence had a capacity of 100, but the number of students in residence fluctuated between 35 and 70. In 1970, Coudert Hall was merged with the Protestant Yukon Hall. The following year, Coudert Hall was closed with all the students being relocated to Yukon Hall.

(<https://collections.irshdc.ubc.ca/index.php/Detail/entities/1184>)

YUKON HALL

Location: Yukon Hall was on the lot across the street from the current school location. This lot is Kwanlin Dün First Nation land.

Dates of Operation: September 15, 1960 - June 30, 1985

Operated by the federal government, Yukon Hall accommodated students attending Whitehorse public schools. Although non-denominational, the residence was intended to house students from Protestant families, and chaplains were provided for the facility. By 1963 the hostel was providing accommodation for non-Aboriginal students when space was available. In 1970, Yukon Hall was combined administratively with the neighbouring Roman Catholic residence, Coudert Hall, creating the “Whitehorse Student Residence.” In 1971 students were housed at Yukon Hall and Coudert Hall was repurposed as a staff residence. In 1985 the residence was closed as a federal facility.

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