



BESANT HILL SCHOOL



BE BOLDLY
YOU

WHERE YOU BELONG

At Besant Hill, students thrive when they feel safe to express their authentic individuality.

Here, you will be celebrated for your unique qualities, allowing you the space to curiously explore your passions in and out of the classroom, on the stage, in the lab, or wherever you find yourself.

When you have the freedom to understand and love your true self, you will be ready to take on life and live it to its fullest.



Aún Aprendo—I am still learning.



"Besant Hill teachers meet each student where they are and foster their individual growth."

GILDEN • OJAI, USA
PARENT OF ALEV '23 & EERO '25

"Besant Hill manifests itself in the form of a safe haven where students of all backgrounds can witness first hand what it means to be listened to without judgment, to be cared for despite flaws, and to be lifted up earnestly—no matter your objectives."

NYASIA '23 • GARY, USA
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



A Week in the Life

Every moment is a moment for learning and growth. Here's a taste of just some of things you'll experience any given week.



Learn How to Think, Not What to Think

In our learning community, you'll explore classes like these and more!

- In **Botany** class you'll head to the garden to study soil and sustainable agriculture.
- Practice expressing your own perspective though a self-portrait assignment in **Studio Art**.
- Join in a lively discussion about "Macbeth" using the Socratic method in **English** class.



We've Got Your Back

Your journey is unique. This is why we prioritize individualized attention—starting with your very first meeting with the Director of Academics to design your customized schedule. You can expect support from your advisors and faculty, many of whom live on campus, and take advantage of the **English as a Second Language (ESL)** program.



Let's Celebrate

You'll attend **Assembly**, a community building event filled with traditions—like singing to those with birthdays and ending with a student-selected reading.



Get Active & Outdoors

Have a little fun in our daily **Fitness** program, join a **Sports** teams, or head out on a nature adventure in our **Outdoor Education** program.



Collaboration & Study Time

After dinner each evening, you will have time to work with classmates on group projects or study on your own during **Study Hall**.



Recharge & Connect

You'll have plenty of **Free Time** in the evenings, between classes, and on the weekends for everything from movie nights, to surfing at the beach, and laughing with friends while taking in Ojai's famous "Pink Moment" at sunset.



THE POWER OF SMALL

Take in breathtaking panoramic views of our 520-acre campus while having the focus on YOU. Small by design, Besant Hill is able to provide individualized instruction and mentorship, teaching you how to think, not what to think. You'll get all the support you need to create the best version of yourself. Our signature programs are just the beginning of all Besant Hill has to offer you.



EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Experiential learning is a practice that engages students in active, hands-on learning combined with deep reflection, integrating curricular goals with practical real-life experiences. Travel the world, take on an internship, or give back through a service project.



ARTS PROGRAM

With more than 20 offerings ranging from music to digital arts, students come to know and understand the world around them, how to relate to and understand one another's point of view and perspective, and how to express their passions, all in an environment that celebrates individuality and expression at each and every turn.



INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

We believe all students deserve the support needed to succeed. Individualized support plans, organization, and time management instruction, and access to assistive technology are just a few ways we support students who learn differently.



Fast Facts About Besant Hill

A global community for students in grades 9-12, plus a post graduate program, Besant Hill was founded in 1946. Located in Ojai, California, the campus is just 90 minutes northwest of Los Angeles and 40 minutes south of Santa Barbara.



100
Total
Students



85%
Boarding
Students



8
Average
Class Size



100%
Accepted to
College



25
Countries
Represented *



20
States &
Territories *



77%
of Faculty Live
on Campus



80%
of Faculty Have
Advanced Degrees



4:1
Student to
Teacher Ratio



20
Arts Electives



3
Dorms to
Call Home



15
AP & Honors
Courses



20
Minutes to
the Beach

** on average*



"I chose Besant Hill as I wanted to study in a small academic environment with a close-knit community between staff, faculty, and students."

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