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#### The City of Vancouver has Declared June 21, 2013 – June 21, 2014 the Year of Reconciliation

- TRC National Event: Sept.18-21, Pacific Coliseum (PNE)
- All Nations Canoe Gathering: Sept.17, False Creek
- Walk for Reconciliation: Sept.22, Downtown Vancouver

#### Recommended Resources:

- Indigenous Foundations  
<http://indigenousfoundations.arts.ubc.ca/>
- Indian Residential School Initiatives at UBC  
<http://irsi.aboriginal.ubc.ca/>
- Indian Residential School Survivor's Society  
<http://www.irsss.ca/>
- Reconciliation Canada  
<http://reconciliationcanada.ca/>

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# Our Truth: Truth and Reconciliation at UBC

# Historical & Present Context

The Indian Residential School System systematically and forcibly took Aboriginal children as young as five away from their homes to “take the indian out of the child”. Many students spent their entire childhood in the schools and many suffered physical, mental, and sexual abuse. Many died there. Some survivors of residential school passed on the abuses had been done to them to others. Shame, abuse, loss of language and culture are all parts of the legacy of the Residential School. Because of the intergenerational effects, communities today are still struggling to recover.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established through the largest class action lawsuit in Canadian history. Its mandate is to gather records and testimony documenting the operation of the schools and to ensure that their cruelties are never forgotten and never repeated. The last of the TRC's major events on the west coast will be held here in Vancouver Sept 18-21.

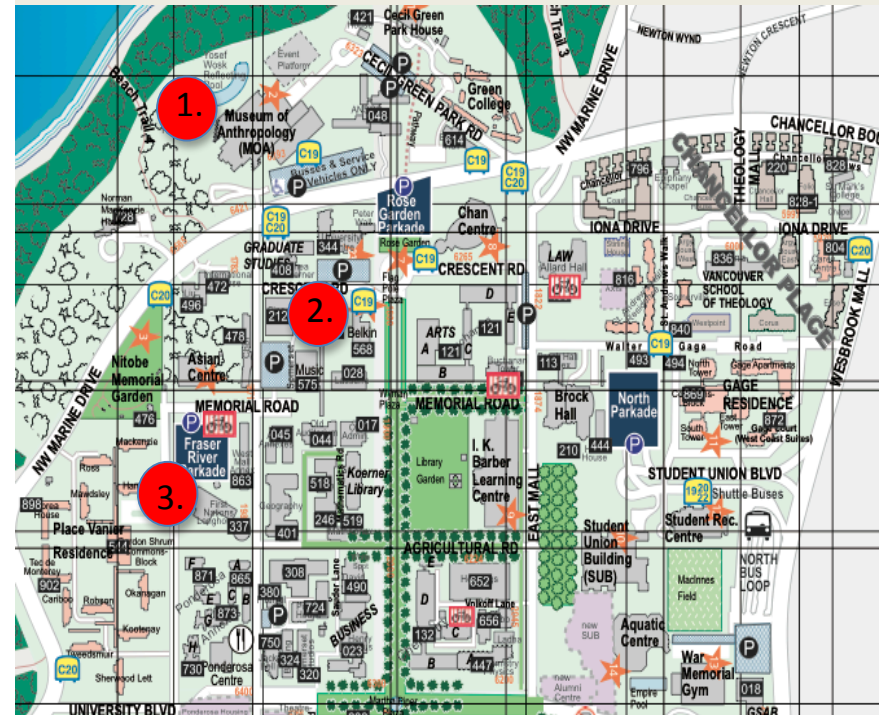


**St. Michael's Residential School, Alert Bay, BC, Circa 1940**

# Campus Events:

<http://irsi.aboriginal.ubc.ca>

UBC will suspend classes on Sept. 18 so that faculty, students, and staff may attend and more fully participate in the TRC National Event. Be there! Events on campus surrounding this event are also opportunities to learn more.



1. Museum of Anthropology “Speaking to Memory: Images & Voices from St. Michael’s Indian Residential Schools Exhibit”: Sept.18 – Mar.2, 2014
2. Belkin Art Gallery “Witnesses: Art & Canada’s Indian Residential Schools Exhibit”: Sept.6 – Dec.1, 2013
3. First Nations Longhouse “Inuit Residential School Histories & New Nunuvut Curriculum” (Sept.17) and “Circles of Understanding” – Interactive Theatre Project” (Sept.19)