



## King St. Steven Monastery

### Woodside Priory School

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### History

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The Priory was founded in 1957 by a group of seven Hungarian Benedictine Monks from Saint Martin's Archabbey in Pannonhalma, Hungary.

The monks shared a vision of blending the rigorous academic standards of Europe with the culture of freedom, tolerance and "can-do" spirit that they admired in America. Father Egon, one of the founders called his school "an American miracle."

The school began on an 18-acre (73,000 m<sup>2</sup>) ranch and over the years has expanded significantly to the point where the campus now encompasses some 50 acres (200,000 m<sup>2</sup>). Originally the school was made up entirely of all-male boarders, but over the years the ratio of boarder's today students changed to the point where today the boarding school accounts for a smaller percentage of the high school student body. In the early 1990s, the school began admitting females to the day program, with the first coed senior class graduating in 1995. The Priory's boarding program was expanded to include girls in 2004.

The enrollment of the Priory is 370 students spanning grades 6-12. The major population of the student body is from the Bay Area; however, international students are from 16 countries including South Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, India, Hungary, Germany, Viet Nam, Germany, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa, and Indonesia.

