

San Domenico School

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San Anselmo, California
Head of School

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Founded in 1850 by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael, San Domenico School is the oldest independent Catholic school in California. The school is located on 500 acres in San Anselmo (Marin County) and presently enrolls 495 students drawn from Marin, San Francisco, Alameda and Sonoma counties. The school operates with an educational philosophy rooted in the Dominican values of seeking truth, practicing compassion, exercising justice, building community, and promoting partnership/values that permeate all grade levels, including global service projects.

The school consists of three divisions: Primary, Middle and High School. The Primary and Middle Schools are coeducational and the High School is an all-girls boarding and day school. (The boarding population serves 69 students from ten countries, adding a significant diversity component to the school.) The three divisions operate separately to provide developmentally appropriate programs, although there is an emphasis on the “all school” concept to promote consistency and collegiality for the entire school community. The school offers extensive opportunities for all students in drama, music, art and athletics. Also, in addition to a riding program, SDS hosts the largest educational solar sight within Marin County. However, the school’s music conservatory is the signature program and sponsors the nationally-recognized Virtuoso Program, offering young women the opportunity to pursue string instruction at a pre-professional level. The school has a challenging college preparatory program for students of all faiths and backgrounds.

San Domenico began strategic planning in 1992 to address the issues of enrollment growth, faculty and curriculum development, facilities, governance and leadership, campus ministry and fiscal stability. The school’s 15-year-old sustainability program has received public recognition. The Master Plan (1998), which includes a use permit for 680 students as well as a three-phase construction plan, was approved by the County. The school completed an ambitious \$13.4 million construction project that included the construction of a Science/Technology Center (2000) and an Athletic Center and Hall of the Arts (2004). New strategic initiatives include faculty compensation, enrollment management, and increased endowment.

The school has a faculty and staff of 148, many of whom have long tenures at SDS. The Head is the CEO and oversees an administrative team that includes finance, development, admissions and the three division heads. There is a lay board of directors who oversee the school’s policies and operations, but the Dominican Sisters comprise the corporation that holds the ultimate ownership of the school and is invested in safeguarding the school’s mission and ethos.

SDS has an operating budget of \$15 million. Day tuitions range from \$17,700 to \$27,950. Resident students pay \$40,450. The school has a generous financial aid program, awarding \$2.2 million to 30% of the student body. The school’s current endowment is approximately \$7 million. The annual fund, restricted gifts and special events supplement the budget with approximately \$2 – 4 million dollars annually.

Candidates should send a letter of interest, current resume, statement of educational philosophy, and names of five professional references to:

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