

THE Webb SCHOOLS

KEY FACTS

- The Webb Schools include Webb School of California, Vivian Webb School and the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology.
- Webb is the first and only independent high school in the West and one of only four in American history to receive a transformative gift of \$100 million or more.
- The Alf Museum is the only accredited museum of paleontology on a high school campus.
- The Webb Schools enroll 400 students, with about 250 boarders.
- Students hail from 10 U.S. states and 14 countries; 65 percent are students of color.
- 100% of graduates are accepted at top tier colleges and universities.

KEY DATES

- 1922:** Thompson Webb founds Webb School of California.
1944: Thompson Webb completes Vivian Webb Chapel, built with hand-made adobe bricks.
1955: Webb incorporates as a nonprofit.
1968: Alf Museum opens in a building designed by noted architect Millard Sheets.
1981: Vivian Webb School opens.
1998: Alf Museum earns national accreditation.
2000: Webb constructs Hefner Observatory.
2017: Webb buys nearly 80 acres of land above campus to preserve from development.
2021: Vivian Webb School celebrates its 40th anniversary.
2022: Webb's centennial.

VALUES/PHILOSOPHY

Mission: The mission of The Webb Schools is to provide an exemplary learning community that nurtures and inspires boys and girls to become men and women who: think boldly, mindfully, and creatively; act with honor and moral courage; lead with distinction; serve with a generous spirit.

Unbounded Thinking: Webb inspires students to boldly reach for a greater sense of who they are and what they can achieve. Through immersive, collaborative, relevant and deeply engaging journeys that connect the classroom and the broader world, students expand their understanding of what it means to think, create and reflect.

The Alf Method: Science teacher Ray Alf became internationally renowned for engaging students in real science through paleontology. Today, his devotion to *learning by doing* is reflected in every academic department, afternoon activity, field study and academic partnership. Webb's humanities program meshes history and English studies with relevant social issues, while Webb's advanced studies program offers in-depth, college-level exploration in all disciplines.

