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## Welcome!

Dear Prospective Student,

**We would like to take this opportunity to cordially welcome You to the community of Ranum Efterskole College...**

Ranum Efterskole College is a bilingual Danish and international boarding school for students between the ages of 14 and 17. The unique combination of the Danish efterskole and the certified Cambridge Assessment International Education programme, offers students enrolled at Ranum Efterskole College an unparalleled opportunity to prepare themselves, personally and professionally, to life in a complex and ever-changing world.

### **Intercultural Understanding & Competencies**

We are part of an interconnected global society and we innately believe that in diversity, there is similarity. We believe tolerance and acceptance to be key elements in order to facilitate an intercultural understanding, and we believe curiosity and open-mindedness to be key elements in establishing 21st century competencies. The global department has become a most stimulating and rewarding feature among students, teachers and members of staff in general.

### **Inclusive Community & Learning, Participatory Democracy - For You!**

Ranum Efterskole is founded on the philosophies of 'Inclusive Community and Learning' and 'Participatory Democracy'. We believe it to be our prime objective to provide a framework in which you and your teachers in unity contribute to the development of school curricular and activities. This, among other, in order to ensure you an understanding of community, democracy and responsibility, whilst also nurturing your personal development, your passions, interests and skills.

We strive to provide an environment where you feel safe, protected, supported and encouraged in your own personalised learning journey. When you leave our community, we want you to feel prepared and empowered to share your experiences with the world.

### **Non-sectarianism**

Ranum Efterskole College is part of a non-sectarian boarding school and more than 500 students from all over the world study at our school. We welcome each and everyone, who wishes to be enrolled in our programmes and contribute to our continuous growth and development.

Yours sincerely  
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Deputy Head,  
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**Join us now and You are guaranteed to have a once-in-a-lifetime experience!**

## What is an efterskole?

### "The Danish Efterskole"

The Danish efterskole is an independent, educational and residential institution for students typically aged 14-18, who can choose to spend one, two or three years to finish their upper secondary education. It is in many ways similar to the concept of boarding school, but has rather clear distinctions. The Danish efterskole is based on the idea of combining academic learning with that of general 'life-learning' as a preparatory tool for all aspects of life, as well as facilitating an understanding of 'the individual in a community'.

Solidarity, Community, Unity are key concepts within the Danish efterskole.

#### **Danish Rule of Law**

It is written in the "Efterskoleloven" (Danish Rule of Law on Independent Continuation Schools and their activities), under §1, that the primary objective of the efterskole is to ensure enlightenment and democratic culture, as well as offering courses that focus both on educational and personal development as well as the general culture of the students. The Danish efterskole often represents a philosophy of offering such a variety of educational subjects, sports and activities that there is an opportunity for everyone to excel at something, and thus gain an experience and confidence to develop their talents to their own advantage and to the service of others. It is inherent in the culture of many efterskoles that they be a reflection of societal diversity and thus shall offer a variety of opportunities for personal, professional and cultural development.

#### **History and Characteristics of "The Danish Efterskole"**

The first efterskole was founded in 1851 by Christen Mikkelsen Kold, who gave inspiration to many Danish Folk High Schools and who was connected to the educational ideas of N.F.S. Grundtvig (1789-1872). Both Kold and Grundtvig wanted schools to provide enlightenment for life rather than formal vocational training.

#### **Freedom of the Efterskole**

Compared to public schools the efterskole has substantial freedom in terms of e.g. choice of subjects, teaching methods and educational approach. These vary in accordance with the school's political, religious or pedagogical orientation. Freedom of the efterskole is assured by substantial state subsidies to both schools and students.

#### **Teacher-student relationship**

One of the things that are unique about the efterskole is the teacher-student relationship. The teacher is responsible for both teaching and supervision outside of school hours. This means that teachers and students are together all day from the time they wake up until they go to bed. This often engenders a close, personal and non-formal relationship between students and teachers.

#### **Subjects and exams**

Most efterskoles offer the same subjects and final assessments as the public schools, but many focuses on special subjects like physical education, music or theatre, or teach an international or bilingual programme.

#### **The Danish Free School System - "Prøve-fri 10. klasse" (Assessment-free 10th grade)**

Ranum Efterskole College is an "Assessment-free 10th grade" according to Danish Rule of Law. Students will therefore not be required to take Danish 10th grade assessment in all Danish subjects - just Danish, English and Mathematics FS10 assessment. Students will instead finish all their IGCSEs with exams at the end of May and do assessments in every subject at the end of each term (trimester).

Danish 9th grade students will do Danish 9th grade assessments in May/June along with their IGCSE exam.

As every student at Ranum Efterskole College is a member of an efterskole, we must emphasise that students should be aware that special requirements may apply when applying for further studies in Danish Upper Secondary Education, fx STX, HTX, Gymnasiums and IB. For more information contact International Office at Ranum Efterskole College.

International students will complete exams in their 5 chosen IGCSE subjects only.

### Number of schools and students

There are more than 280 efterskoles spread across Denmark, mostly in rural areas or near provincial towns. At present approximately 28.500 students attend the schools. Schools vary in size from 25 to 900 students, but most schools have an average of approx. 80-100 students. The number of students has increased considerably within the last 20 years. Ranum Efterskole College is currently the largest general efterskole and third largest in total in the country.

### For more information

Please use following link, which will lead you to an information brochure from the Danish Union of Efterskoles: [http://www.ranumefterskole.dk/images/College/Dokumenter-GB/Folder\\_UK\\_web.ashx.pdf](http://www.ranumefterskole.dk/images/College/Dokumenter-GB/Folder_UK_web.ashx.pdf)

## Ethos & Mission

### The Tree of Life

- is the logo of Ranum Efterskole College. The tree symbolises the diversity and the broadness of the school. The root and the trunk symbolises the diversity of the community, whilst the circle symbolises the global.

Students will experience moving out onto the thin branches, discover- and grab experiences and excitement to bring back to the community.

Enjoy your climb!

### Global Learning and Beyond

- The slogan for Ranum Efterskole College captures our underlying philosophies of “Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy” as well as our vision of offering something *more* than the conventional. It represents our unique combination of the Danish efterskole and the International Cambridge School, and it reflects our approach to global society. Moreover, and to some extent, more importantly, it is a guiding principle for how we conduct ourselves as a school - It shapes our behaviour, informs our decision-making, guides our policy-setting and maintains our focus.

### Ethos

The purpose of Ranum Efterskole College is to operate a self-governing, independent international boarding school within the framework of existing rules on private boarding schools in Denmark. This obliges us to provide development for everyone through challenging activities in a safe setting, focusing on both the academic content and the personal well-being. Students are encouraged to maintain a balance between learning and a wide range of extra-curricular subjects and activities, with sporting and cultural achievements valued equally. It is a primary objective to ensure that students develop a healthy and quality-based lifestyle.

### Nature-sports and Imagination

Ranum Efterskole has two thematic focuses that supports our approach to learning;

Nature-sports are a concatenation of nature experience and sport in nature, in the wild. Nature becomes the learning environment and sports the subject in which the student develops a set of general competencies and skills.

Imagination is a general expression for creativity through an imaginative learning. Imagination is an educational process that provides insight into life and puts the contemporaries in relief.

The idea behind these focuses is that sports and imagination are seen as a key interface between creativity, art, culture, sports and nature. The school regard this interaction as a training and development process, in which the students ultimately will dare to seek own boundaries and to express themselves as an individual in the community. It requires knowledge, imagination, courage and tolerance to navigate in a complex and ever-changing world. The interaction between nature sports and imagination creates a vibrant and spirited learning environment that can help to provide the individual with the social and academic skills that are needed for success in a dynamic global society.

### “Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy”

We strive to create a framework in which students participate in decision-making, take responsibility for own personalised learning experience and personal development as well as interacting in our community. We believe that

in order to prepare and empower our students to the complex and dynamic world, it is a necessity that they live, learn, challenge, experience and push themselves. It is our responsibility to provide the support and encouragement, to create the safe and trustworthy setting, and facilitate a vision of *being able*. Moreover, we wish to demonstrate to our students what it means to be *one* among *many*, what it means to be an individual with own needs and dreams in a larger community and what it means to contribute to society.

Our philosophies on “Inclusive Community and Learning” and “Participatory Democracy” are inherent features in school spirit and agenda. This is particularly evident in students’ opportunities for co-management of extra-curricular activities as it is students’ drive, creativity and imagination that determine subjects, themes, study travels and learning content. We have chosen this approach to inclusiveness, participation and democracy, because we ultimately believe the best way to *learn* is to *experience*!

This conversion of our philosophies into practical opportunities for co-management, underlines the uniqueness of Ranum Efterskole College – it is one of the most prominent features that distinguishes us from all other schools.

#### **Motto: 'Non Videra Son Esse – Not to seem, but to Be'**

We regard it our prime responsibility to ensure that our students become competent, confident and open-minded global citizens. We empower our students through our community to take charge of their personal and intellectual development, we encourage them to challenge their fears and facilitate their dreams, and we establish lifelong friendships and networks. We believe, that through inclusiveness and learning, that students after their stay here at Ranum Efterskole College, will dare to Be, rather than to Seem.

## Practical info:

### Who can attend?

Ranum Efterskole College is open to Danish and international students from the age of 14 to the age of 17. Danish students can enroll in IGCSE class after they have finished either 8th grade or 9th grade, international students can enroll in IGCSE class when they are 14.

### Costs and Fees

School tuition in academic year 2025/2 is 2,900 DKK per week in 43 weeks. **Danish** citizens can calculate costs and fees via our main webpage: [Økonomi | Ranum Efterskole College](#). Additional fees related to study trips in our wide range of co- and extracurricular subjects and activities are to be expected. The amounts may vary from 0DKK-10,000DKK for travels within the European borders, whereas travels outside of Europe may vary from 6,500DKK-15,000DKK in self-payment. Parents are always included in decision-making, and we expect a dialog between students and parents about all choices made in relation to a stay here. Moreover, parents/students must expect additional costs related to books used in the international programme. Certificates obtained by students in the subjects: Diving, Sailing and Hunting, are permanent official documents, and costs related to these must therefore also be expected.

For international students with the REC Full Host Package, expenses related to study travels, books and certificates are included. Read more in the section on the Full Host Package.

### Ranum Full Host Package

Ranum Full Host Package is our package deal for **international** students, who do not have any ties to- or relations in Denmark. This package includes basically everything the student may need during a year away from his/her home country and be a comfort for parents to know that their child is well-cared for during their absence.

School tuition for the academic year 2025/26 at Ranum Efterskole College is 43 weeks x 2,900 DKK = **124,700 DKK** and includes boarding, meals, tuition, school clothing + backpack. Long weekends and holidays not included.

The additional costs for international students for the full host package is **81,225 DKK** for the academic year and includes:

- International mentor.

- Visa: assistance in relation to the ST1 application process and payment of Case Order Id Fee (currently 2255 DKK) \*.
- Health insurance: assistance in relation to applying for the Danish National Health Insurance.
- Airport transfer for departure and arrival in relation to first and last day at school. See Terms and Conditions.
- International book package: students enrolled in the IGCSE programme must purchase our book package that covers syllabuses in all subjects. This book package has a total value of 1750 DKK.
- Exam fees and certificates: including for subjects such as Diving and Sailing.
- Bed linen and towels: changed every 2 weeks.
- 1 Autumn holiday package
- 1 Christmas holiday package
- 1 Easter holiday package
- Long weekend packages (Thursday-Sunday/Friday-Monday): may include overnight stays or 1 day excursions in Denmark.

#### **Terms and Conditions of the REC Full Host Package summed up:**

The Full Host Package is mandatory for international students, who does not have Danish family/relations to resume the role of parents during the 1 year programme. This also means that international students with Danish family/relations, will be expected to have a registered address in Denmark and have acquired a CPR number for the student prior to first day of school.

A full host student is by Danish legislation under the full responsibility of Ranum Efterskole College – and as such, it will be expected that:

1. The student in question participate actively in the full host program, which covers all long weekends and holidays as indicated in the REC annual calendar.
2. The full host program for long weekends and holidays, are mandatory once signed up to this program. We do however acknowledge that full host students may wish to visit friends from school as well. In such cases, we recommend that these visits/sleepovers are scheduled to take place in normal weekends, where there are no special full host program.
3. If a student wish to withdraw from activities in the full host program e.g. return home for the holidays or visit other family members in Europe, parents must inform the school in writing and confirm who is to take over the responsibility of the student in question. The student in effect will be released from the full host program without further (financial) compensation.
4. If a student wish to travel independently inside Denmark or abroad during the full host program, parents must inform the school by completing the travel waiver, exempting the school from all responsibility when the student in question is off campus. The student will in effect be released from the full host program.
5. Please note that the school may collect documentation for responsibility, if this is by third party e.g. not the school nor parents.
6. Any changes or withdrawals from the full host program must be notified min. 1 month prior to the long weekends, min. 3 months prior to holidays unless otherwise communicated directly to all students and parents during the school year. This could be in relation to weekends that include overnight excursions. For the Christmas holiday, the deadline for withdrawal is 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. The school may alter deadlines in which case students and parents will be notified prior. Please note that long weekend excursions and trips for the holidays are often planned well in advance.
7. The school is not responsible for transportation in relation to private travel outside of the full host program.

**An academic year at Ranum Efterskole College including full boarding and the Host package is 205,925 DKK.** Parents are responsible for flight ticket to- and from Denmark and travel- and Liability insurance. The Danish National Health Insurance and the School's Business Insurance cover all enrolled students, once the student is fully registered with a cpr number in Denmark. A private travel or health insurance is recommended to cover the period until the students

receive their cpr-number, as it can otherwise be quite expensive to go to the doctor or dentist if needed. The admission fee must be paid to confirm admission and will later be deducted from the price of the full host package. The remaining host package fee is paid with the first installment of tuition fees\*\*.

\*Please note that Case Order Id Fee/Visa is not to be confused with 'Handling Fee' - a fee charged at the Danish Embassy when processing the ST1 application.

\*\*Please note that there may be different fee structure if you have signed up via a third party such as an agency or exchange organisation.

Contact the international office for more information: [international@ranumefterskole.dk](mailto:international@ranumefterskole.dk) or via telephone +45 96 66 44 06. For general administration contact: [info@ranumefterskole.dk](mailto:info@ranumefterskole.dk) or +45 96 66 44 00

### **Host Families and Holidays**

The school will be closed during national holidays and a few long weekends. International students under the Full Host Package are guaranteed hosting by the school during their stay at Ranum Efterskole College. For international students who have chosen not to add the Full Host Package, it will be a requirement that the family/parents have made arrangements on their own for a Danish Contact or Host family for closed long weekends and holidays and that the student in question is registered to a Danish address and have obtained a cpr number. Please note that it will be expected from the school that such contact or host family can fulfill the same obligations as we would expect of parents residing in Denmark. Full details of such host family must be registered as a third contact in Skoleplan.

## **Registration and Residency**

**It is required that all international students have obtained proof of legal residence (Visa or EU document) prior to your arrival to Ranum Efterskole College.**

***The school will assist international full host and AFS students with registration at the local municipality after the intro period - after which they will receive the Danish yellow health insurance card and pink/purple residence card.***

Here we have included a short overview of the different procedures foreign students must be aware of before they come to Ranum Efterskole College.

**Danish citizens/expats returning to Denmark or moving to Denmark** are obligated to register their arrival from abroad and their new address in Denmark (Anmeldelse af indrejse). Contact BORGERSERVICE in the local municipality you wish to reside in for more information. Students with citizenship in Greenland are obligated to register their new address in Denmark upon their arrival to the school (Flytteanmeldelse).

**Students with citizenship in Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Faroe Islands and Finland)** are obligated to register their arrival from foreign countries (Anmeldelse af indrejse). Contact BORGERSERVICE in the local municipality you wish to reside in for more information.

**EU/EEA citizens and Swiss citizens can live, work and study in DK** under the EU regulations on freedom of movement. Consequently, they do not need a visitor's visa, residence or work permit. However, they should obtain an **EU residence document** (registration certificate) from SIRI (Agency for International Recruitment and Immigration). See [www. https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Residence-as-a-Nordic-citizen-or-EU-or-EEA-citizen](https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Residence-as-a-Nordic-citizen-or-EU-or-EEA-citizen) for more details or contact the Danish Embassy/Representation in- or affiliated with your country. Please note that students should apply as EU citizens with sufficient funds and as minors.

**Citizens of Non-EU/EEA and Non-Nordic Countries need a residence permit to study in Denmark.**

The application process for a residence permit usually takes a considerable length of time (2-3 months). In order to start the application process, Ranum Efterskole College must complete Part 2 of the ST1 application form. Contact the International Office by writing to: [international@ranumefterskole.dk](mailto:international@ranumefterskole.dk) and write ST1 in the subject line. Please provide a copy of the passport for the student in question. For more details on completing the application form, follow this link: [New to Denmark \(nyidanmark.dk\)](http://nyidanmark.dk)

As a general rule you should apply for and receive your residence permit before entering Denmark. Citizens from countries where a visa is required to enter Denmark, cannot enter without a visa or residence permit - and it is not possible to apply after entering Denmark.

Contact the Danish Consulate or Embassy in your country, or affiliated with your country, for more information on how to apply for the residence permit.

For more information on residency in Denmark in general, please contact Danish Embassy/Representation in your country, or affiliated with your country.

**Please note:** Due to the experiences from the past year and in extension the Danish legislation on pandemics, it is strongly urged from Danish Authorities that students arriving to Denmark, enters with a valid residence permit, regardless of any visa-exempt status! As of such, the school will only support those, who for very special reasons cannot apply for residence permit in their home country before arrival.

**Check list for application process:**

- OD1 (EU citizens)
- ST1 (Non-EU citizens)
- Receipt for payment of fee
- Copy of all pages of passport (student)
- Letter of Confirmation from the School
- Parental Consent signed by parents and notarized
- Copy of passport (parents'), notarized
- Copy of birth certificate in English notarized
- Declaration of financial support (by parents)
- Bank Statement to accompany declaration of financial support (max. 30 days, when they submit application) or proof of payment for the full school year.
- 2 passport photos

**Please note - All full host, AFS and Non-EU students must forward a copy of passport(s) to the school, before we can initiate the ST1 application.**

**FOR FULL HOST AND AFS STUDENTS**, the school will initiate application processes by sending the necessary forms and instructions for residency. Within the first 2 weeks upon arrival to the school, you will be taken to the local Municipality to register your address with the school and apply for the Danish Social Security Number and National Health Insurance card.

If you have further questions, please contact [international@ranumefterskole.dk](mailto:international@ranumefterskole.dk)

**NOTE:** It is required that all international students have obtained proof of legal residence (visa or EU residence document), prior to their arrival at Ranum Efterskole College. The Danish yellow card and cpr-number should be obtained by 1<sup>st</sup> of October the latest, as there may otherwise be economic repercussions.

**International Meetings**

All international students are invited to an international meeting min. every 2-3 weeks. These meetings are informal and mainly of a social nature - an opportunity for international students to share experiences, form a network and discuss any issues or questions related to being an international student in Denmark and at Ranum Efterskole College. The international meetings are organised by the international department.

## International Department – Main contacts

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