

Whiterock campus is one small room

But it's what's inside that counts: the newly opened campus offers a handful of introductory courses to students

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In tiny strip mall surrounded by apartments and a shoe repair shop lies the newest Kwantlen campus.

But if not for the red Kwantlen University College sign over the tiny White Rock building, it could easily be mistaken for a small company or an extension of the Arthur Murray Dance Studio that it's connected to.

This one-room campus is already begging to win over students.

"I felt closer with the students and the teachers in class, it just seems more personal and homier," says Bryn Horrocks, a creative writing student. "You get to participate and interact more because the class size is so small and intimate because it's only one room."

The campus is a small room with

a cubicle wall, two projectors, white boards, chairs and desks.

"I liked it when I first walked in," says Horrocks. "I was expecting worse, but it is just as professional as any other college class room. And there's even carpet. The best part is you can hear the slow, sensual music from the dance school through the wall."

The Kwantlen website is counting on convenience to make this campus a success, along with other small benefits.

"I like the campus first of all because of its convenience. To wake up and drive to White Rock is only 10 minutes," says Horrocks. "It's way better then waking up and having to drive to Richmond, Langley or Surrey."

Other bonuses the website projects for students who attend the White Rock campus are free park-

ing, it's only minutes from the beach, it's close to shops and restaurants, it rains less and it is staffed with the same teachers as the main campuses.

"It's really cool being able to go to class and have the choice to go to a gym after class, or for coffee or to see friends," says Horrocks.

The campus offers courses in business, arts, and other university programs. All are credit courses and are transferable to a variety of bachelors degrees at Kwantlen as well as to other universities. All classes are three hours long, and meet only once a week.

Courses include Introduction to Psychology, Small Business Essentials, History of Western Art: Renaissance to 20th Century, Introduction to Creative Writing, Introduction to Criminology, Business Law and others.