



## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Dear Parents,

By now you will have all had a chance to discuss your child's report and academic progress with the form class teachers. If any parent has not yet been able to attend a Parent-Teacher Report Conference, please set a time with your child's teacher as soon as you can.

Over the last two years, we have been preparing the WASC Self-Study Report for our school's accreditation. We will be going through the accreditation process in March with the visiting WASC committee.

### Model ASEAN Conference

Our IGCSE 2 students have been fortunate to have been invited to the Model ASEAN Summit which will be held in Hwa Chong Institute in Singapore from 7 to 11 March. Eight of our students have elected to attend the summit.

One of the main purposes of the week long Model ASEAN conference is to increase students' knowledge on ASEAN community. The conference is a simulation of an ASEAN Conference which brings together students from all ASEAN member states. The students take on roles as diplomats from the ten ASEAN member states, carry out research and debate on current regional and global issues faced by the region. These issues revolve around the themes of Environment, Economics, Education, Society, Security, and Technology. These topics are all covered in the students' Global Perspectives studies for the IGCSE.

The students will be supervised by Ms Kelsey, Head of Studies and Global Perspectives teacher. We look forward to hearing about the students' experiences in Singapore on their return to Danang.

Year 5 students learning about the Oceans on Ecosystem Day

### **Virtues Programme**

This term, the students from Nursery to senior High school will be learning about the following virtues:

Perseverance, Honesty, Self-Discipline and Optimism.

Our Virtues Programme has been designed to support the development of the whole student in terms of academic achievement, social maturity and emotional well-being.

Primary and secondary classes take turns in presenting the virtue at the Friday assemblies every second week. Classes also take turns in presenting one of our Schoolwide Learner Goals during the other assemblies.

### **Kindergarten Gardeners**

Before the Term holiday period, the students from Nursery to Prep class were busy planting crops in the campus vegetable garden. This month, the children were able to reap the benefits of their hard work and were very happy to take their organic produce home to be enjoyed by their families. This was a good opportunity for children to apply their problem-solving skills and establish healthy eating. This project was to support the theme, Food and Nutrition. The children will continue with their gardening this term while they learn about Plants and Flowers.

### **March is Reading Month**

Over the past few years, students at SIS @ Danang have been celebrating March is Reading Month to celebrate the works of the much loved Dr Seuss. During the month of March, students try to gain as many reading minutes as they can. The students also enjoy decorating their classroom doors with posters of their favourite books. We encourage our students to read as much as they can at home as well, not just in March, but throughout the year.

Wishing you all a happy month ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

### **Message from the Deputy Principal**

#### **The WASC Accreditation Visit**

From 13-18 March we will have some special visitors at SIS @ DaNang. Over the past few years everyone at SIS has been preparing for these visitors, so hopefully you know by now who is coming – the WASC accreditation team! WASC stands for “Western Association of Schools and Colleges” or as they like to say, “**We Are Student Centered.**” WASC is an organization that is based in California, USA.



Year 8 students learned a lot while preparing their display – Tropical Rainforests on Ecosystem Day



Technologically Literate Students enjoying ICT reading time



Year 1 Integrated celebrated the Year of the Monkey at the first assembly this year





## **SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER GOALS**

**Our Schools Seek To Nurture:**

### **CRITICAL THINKERS who:**

- Apply rational, higher order thinking skills

### **TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE STUDENTS who:**

- Effectively use technology to access, organise, evaluate, create and communicate information
- Understand responsible use of social media, communication and networking tools

### **CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS who:**

- Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Work collaboratively with others
- Use creative forms of expression

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS who:**

- Meet or exceed year level expectations
- Demonstrate academic growth
- Strive for continuous improvement

### **ACTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS who:**

- Understand and respect other cultures
- Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others
- Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle
- Understand and demonstrate universal virtues

*Eastern Values, Western Education, Global Citizens*



Active and Responsible Citizen at recess time

They “accredit” or certify a large number of schools in California but are also responsible for accrediting thousands of schools in Asia. WASC “accreditation” means that a school meets a certain set of standards for education, making it a high quality school.

The WASC accreditation team that will be visiting SIS @ DaNang will consist of specially trained administrators and teachers from other WASC accredited schools.

While at SIS @ DaNang, the WASC visiting team will meet with our own administrators, teachers, students and parents. The Self-Study, which was completed by our school over the past year, will be the primary focus of the visit.

In the Self-Study, SIS @ DaNang examined four major areas: School Organization, Curriculum and Instruction, Student Welfare, and Finance and Resources. The WASC visiting team will be looking at each of these areas with us during their visit. Another major element that will be reviewed by the visiting team is our ability to teach and assess the School-Wide Learner Goals (SWLGs). The visiting team will make several recommendations for improvement before they depart.

They will then submit a report to the WASC board in California who will issue an accreditation certificate to the school after several months. The length of accreditation can vary from one to six years. It is important to remember that the accreditation process is aimed at making the school better, not on passing judgment.

WASC accreditation is very good for SIS @ DaNang in many ways, but most importantly it will ensure that we continue to do what is best for students and their learning. Please give a warm welcome to the WASC visiting team when they arrive.

Best wishes,

David Swanson  
Deputy Principal

### **Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies**

In February, students and their family had a wonderful Tet holiday, which is the Vietnamese traditional Lunar New Year. Since “Tet”, the students have settled happily into their class routines.

Several students took part in competitions at District and City Level. Seven students took part in the city level swimming contest at the City Swimming Pool on 24-25 February.

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K2 children collecting their organic produce



Kindergarten children wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year



K1A class learning letter 'K' for 'King'

The Year 9 students took part in the *Academic Students' Contest* at City Level. This was held at Le Quy Don high school on 25 February. Finally, 53 students took part in the Mathematics online competition at city and district level. All students performed well and we congratulate them on their achievements.

We wish you a very happy and prosperity new year.

Yours sincerely,

Vu Thi Lan

### Message from Head of Studies

I hope you all had a lovely Lunar New Year Holiday. All of us at SIS wish you health and prosperity this year.

We finished off the month of February with a Spirit Week hosted by the student council. We had various activities and presentations to promote good spirit and enthusiasm for all of the students at the school. We want to create pride in our school community so all students feel proud to come to school every day.

IGCSE 2 exams are going to be here before we know it in May. Students are hard at work studying for these culminating assessment that test students on two years' work. These students will have to return back to school one day early from term 3 break, on 3 May, to sit their first exam.

Regards,

Kelsey McDonald

### Upcoming Dates

8 March:	Kindergarten Sports' Day
7-11 March	Model ASEAN Conference
14-18 March:	WASC Accreditation Visit
25 March:	Primary/Secondary Sports' Day
12-15 April:	Year 9 DOET Exams
16 April:	Family Fun Picnic
18 April:	King Hung Anniversary Holiday
25 April:	Term 3 Holidays