



**SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
*Since 1986*

## 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.

## Message from the Principal

I am very pleased to report that the students have settled in well to their routines and have achieved a great deal in this first term. Mid-Autumn Festival was a wonderful cultural celebration on campus for the whole school. In addition, Kindy classes made lanterns and participated in many Moon Festival activities when they visited Vincom.

One of our Schoolwide Learner Goals (SLG) is to encourage all students to strive for continuous improvement and demonstrate academic growth. For this reason we have introduced a Term 1 report for all students so that you can see your child's progress. Reports for secondary students will provide an opportunity for teachers to request an interview if they have concerns about your child's achievement. Reports will be sent home in the last week of term.

Please remember that you can, at any time, contact a teacher at school if you have concerns about your child's progress.

It has been wonderful to see collaboration at work in the group projects by students in IGCSE2 class. At the time of publication, the Adopt a Pet Project to raise awareness and funds for an animal shelter and the Baywatch Beach Party to teach water and beach safety have both been held.

Our Schoolwide Learner Goals (SLGs) aim for students to be:

- Academic achievers
- Confident communicators
- Critical thinkers
- Technologically literate students
- Active and responsible citizens

Thank you for your support for our school in encouraging your children to strive for these goals.

Anne Matley  
Principal

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Teachers are always helping the students



Kindy students loved their excursion to VinKE for Mid-Autumn Festival



Year 3 Integrated are engaged in the lesson



The Lion Dance was very entertaining

### Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents,

After completing the sixth week of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. Students have revealed their own talents and performance abilities which we are very careful to develop. We want to express our thanks to you for your supportive comments about school operations during the Parent Meeting on 27 August 2016. We thank you for your suggestions and we will certainly consider all your ideas.

Primary students will soon have the beginning of the year Math test on 28/9 and Secondary students will have a one-period-test in all subjects. Student progress reports will be sent home every month and in the middle of semester one.

Regards

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SVIS Principal

### Message from the Deputy Principal

I can assure parents that I have observed excellent teaching and learning in classrooms I have visited this term. Our students are highly engaged in learning activities and the School Wide Learner Goals and Virtues are embedded in the learning curriculum.

*What a wonderful dance and drumming presentation we had for Mid-Autumn Festival on Thursday 15 September! Tet Trung Thu dates back more than 15,000 years and is traditionally held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Lunar month. It is said that the festival came about originally as a way for parents to make up lost time with their children after harvest season. It certainly is a time that children enjoy!*

### After school pick up

As I am on duty most afternoons at pick up, I would like to thank those parents and drivers who continue to follow our pick up rules. Cars need to move to the edge of the pickup area. This is not a stopping zone. Thank you to those families who have put student name/s on display in their windscreen.



MGM representatives present *Hour of Code*



Music time



Kindy time on computers

This speeds up the process as the teacher on duty can read the name. A reminder also that between 3.30pm and 4.30pm the street is one way and only a right turn is permitted on exit. Your support in following this routine is greatly appreciated and ensures everyone is safe during this very busy time of the day.

### **ECAs for Term Two**

The next Extra-Curricular Activities will begin on Monday 31 October and finish on Friday 12 December. As our classes have a maximum number, please ensure your child brings their form back promptly to avoid missing out. Unfortunately, classes that do not meet their minimum number may be cancelled.

### **Hour of Code**

This month our Year 5/6 International and IGCSE 1 students had the opportunity to participate in an Hour of Code session with MGM technology partners, Da Nang. The group of five programmers taught our students how to use coding software and provided an opportunity to develop skills in this field. We hope they are able to return to teach our students during Technology Week in December.

Chelsea Donaldson  
Deputy Principal

### **Message from the Head of Studies**

It is hard to believe that we are almost finished Term 1. The students are doing really well and the halls are filled with joy every day.

We are communicating with IGCSE parents about offering Cambridge A Levels next year and have contacted all IGCSE parents about individual meetings to discuss their plans. We have just commenced the process of setting and vetting of Semester One examinations. Our teachers are hard at work preparing the best exams possible so that your students can demonstrate their achievement.

Thank you for your support and dedication from home as we work together to provide the best learning environment for students.

Kelsey McDonald  
Head of Studies

#### Coming Events:

17-21 Oct: Term 1 Holidays  
31 Oct: Term 2 ECAs commence

