



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

August 2020

## Coming events:

**National Day:** Wednesday, Sept 2

**End Term 1:** Wed, Oct 14 2020

## Message from Principal

### *Dear Parents*

Welcome back! I hope you were all able to have a good break before social distancing restrictions started. Thank you again for your patience and support as we begin the school year with online learning.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that in our high school we now have 2 classes:

- Year 10 Vietnamese High School
- NCC – University Foundation Programme Level 3 (one-year course)

Last year's IGCSE2 students have received their results from Cambridge and we congratulate them all on their achievements.

We welcome new staff:

Ms Bui Thi Nhan – History; Ms Nguyen Thi Dong Hang – Biology; Mr Kyle Snow – Y3A & B; Ms Erin Streuli – Y4A; Ms Stephanie Shepperd – Y4B; Ms Barbara Rollero -Secondary ICT; Ms Petra Rocher -Secondary English; Mr Nathan Busch -Secondary Eng/SOSE; Ms Hannah Rogers – Prep.

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Prep teacher, Ms Jodi Shuck, who will return to her home country next month. I would like to thank Jodi for her contribution to the school and especially to the Prep teaching team. Best wishes for the future.

I will update about students returning to school and hope to see all students again soon!

**Anne Matley**  
**Principal**











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## People actively take preventive measures to prevent

# COVID-19

 <p><b>Avoid direct contact with people with fever, cough, shortness of breath; wear a mask properly and keep a distance of more than 2 meters while in contact.</b></p>	 <p><b>People with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath must immediately notify the nearest health facility for timely consultation, examination and treatment.</b></p>
 <p><b>Do not travel to epidemic areas. Avoid crowded places; In case needed wear a mask, wash your hands with soap regularly and properly.</b></p>	 <p><b>Regularly wash your hands with soap under running water at least 30 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Gargle your mouth with saltwater or mouthwash.</b></p>
 <p><b>Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, preferably with a cloth or handkerchief or sleeve to reduce the spread of respiratory secretions. Do not spit indiscriminately in public.</b></p>	 <p><b>Enhance house ventilation by opening doors and windows; restrict use of air conditioners. Regularly clean floors, doorknobs and other household objects with soap or other common disinfectant solutions.</b></p>
 <p><b>Keep your body warm, eat cooked and good quality food, rest and exercise.</b></p>	 <p><b>Avoid trading, interacting with wild animals.</b></p>

### Message from SVIS Principal

*Dear Parents,*

This school year has started with a huge difference. Students could not go to school with their usual eagerness to be welcomed by teachers or see their new friends. Instead, students have to experience the online learning to ensure safety during the prevention from Covid 19 under the instructions from Da Nang authorities.

Despite some difficulties that the school and parents have had to deal with in order for children to access online learning, parents have shown great support to help students to set up MS Teams and follow instructions from teachers. We would like to express our sincere thank to all the parents who have given their support to the school to overcome immediate concerns. It not only ensures that we follow instruction of pandemic prevention but also assists students to fulfil their school year achievement.

During the last few weeks, we have received feedback from parents regarding to online learning. We all take these matters very seriously; however it takes a step by step approach to solve the problems. We have arranged assistant teachers for English subjects, to instruct teachers to guide students to complete tasks in class time so as to reduce the amount of homework. During class time, teachers will always encourage and motivate the students to make sure the students enjoy their learning and not feel stressed about the class.

I hope that Da Nang city will control the pandemic and students can come back school as soon as possible.

Regards,  
**Vu Thi Lan**  
Principal of SVIS



### Message from Deputy Principal

*Dear Parents,*

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate last year's IGCSE 2 class on their excellent Cambridge results that were released on Friday the 21st of August.

Given the circumstances our students were in due to the COVID pandemic and changes made to the overall Cambridge assessment in June 2020 our students can still be extremely proud of themselves as we are of them. This year's results included a total of seven A\* stars!! and seventeen A's.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable year as we help our students meet the Schoolwide Learner Goals both online and hopefully soon back at our campus.

**Daan Ebbers**  
Deputy Principal



**Message from Guidance Officer**

*Dear Parents,*

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Although it has been lovely seeing our students back at school, it has been via online learning. While working online, it is important to remember to take regular breaks and to take care of ourselves and those around us through this difficult time. Please look for the attachment on the email 'Staying Positive At Home', a document with information about how students can practice self-care while at home. If students need support, I am available to meet using Teams. Please let the teachers know, or send me an email and I will arrange a meeting with your student. My email is [Catherine.Burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:Catherine.Burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn)

Stay safe and I hope to see you again soon.

**Catherine Burgess**  
GO and EFL Teacher

