



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

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Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2021-22 Academic School Year. To state the obvious, we all would of liked to start the school year back on campus, however, we need to consider the safety of the community and comply with the directions of the local authorities. We are hopeful a return to on campus learning will not be far away.

We have a number of new staff members to introduce to the school community. Some of them have overcome significant challenges in order to get here. We look forward to their contributions to our school and the Danang community.

New Staffs

Integrated	KIK	Primary	Secondary / High School
Ms Nguyen Thuy Vy (Primary)	Ms Erin Freese (USA)	Ms Erin Freese (USA)	Mr Aaron Wakeham (England)
		Mr Bradley Channon (USA)	Mr Tyler Brock (U.S.A)
		Ms Cecilia Rappel (New Zealand)	Mr Gary Byatt (England)
		Ms Lynda Martin (South Africa)	Ms Christie Williams (U.S.A)
		Mr Neelan Feeney (Ireland)	Mr Nicolas Ducher (U.S.A / France)

The results for last year's IGCSE 2 and NCC students have been released. Overall, the results are very pleasing and I want to thank all the teachers who have worked with this group, the parents who have been part of that journey and the students themselves for their hard work and dedication. Please see Ms Harriet Head Of Studies- Secondary section below for more detailed information.

New School Wide Action Plan

We are entering in a new phase of the school improvement process and are developing a new School Wide Action Plan that will be in place for the next 3 years. The new School Wide Action Plan (SWAP) goals relate to:

1. Student Protection and Safeguarding.
2. The development and implementation of a school wide literacy plan focusing on the teaching of reading and writing.
3. A continued focus on the development of digital technologies with both our students and staff.
4. The implementation of personal development and student wellbeing programs.

I have asked all staff to introduce themselves to our parents and thought I should do the same.

I have been an educator of over 20 years, and during that time have worked in K-12, primary and secondary / high schools in Australia. I have a Bachelor of Secondary Education, a Masters in Education and a Masters in Educational Leadership. I have worked in senior leadership roles for the last 12 years, including 8, as principal. This is my 4th year working for Singapore International



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School and I am looking forward to implementing strong educational programs to ensure our students have increased educational and life opportunities.

Our staff look forward to returning to and supporting your restaurants, hotels and businesses when we can. I hope you all remain safe and healthy and we look forward to the moment we go back to on-campus learning (when it is safe to do so).

Regards
Christopher Bradley
Principal

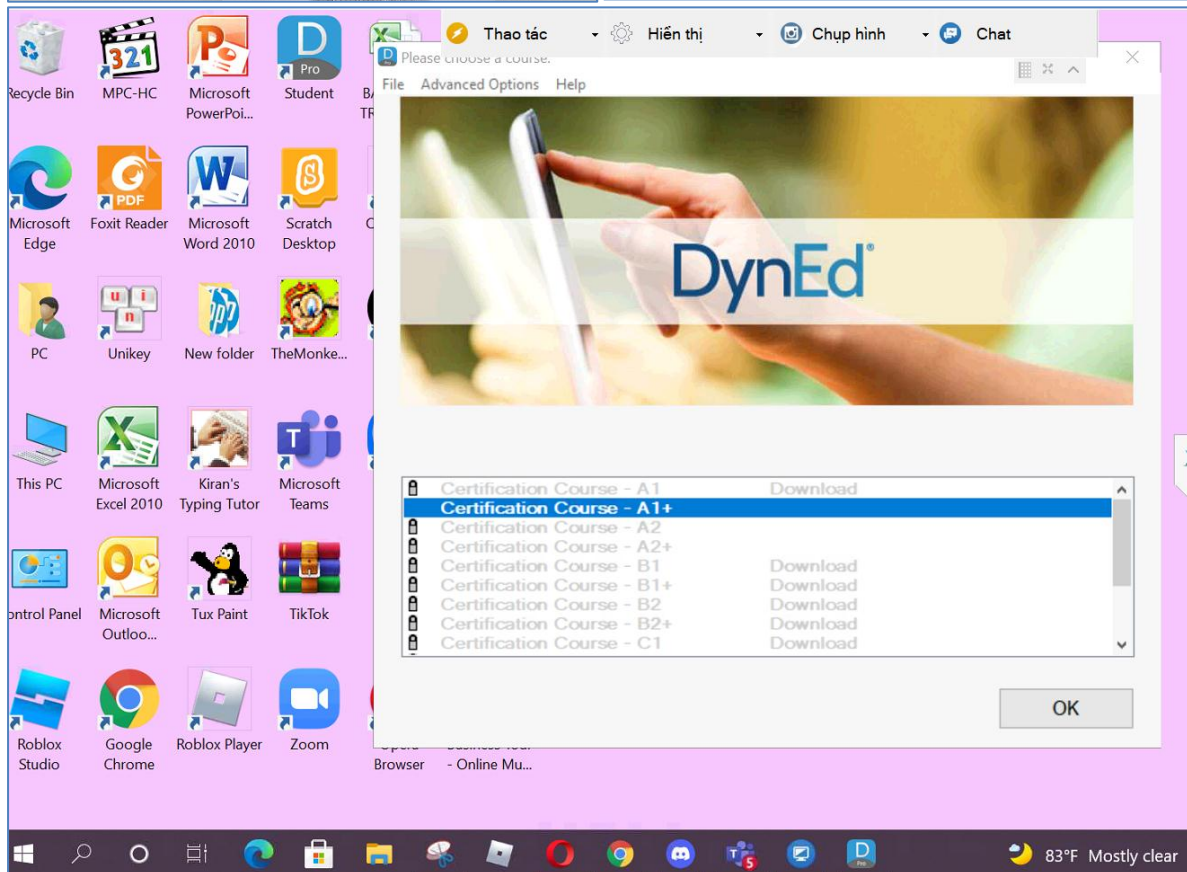


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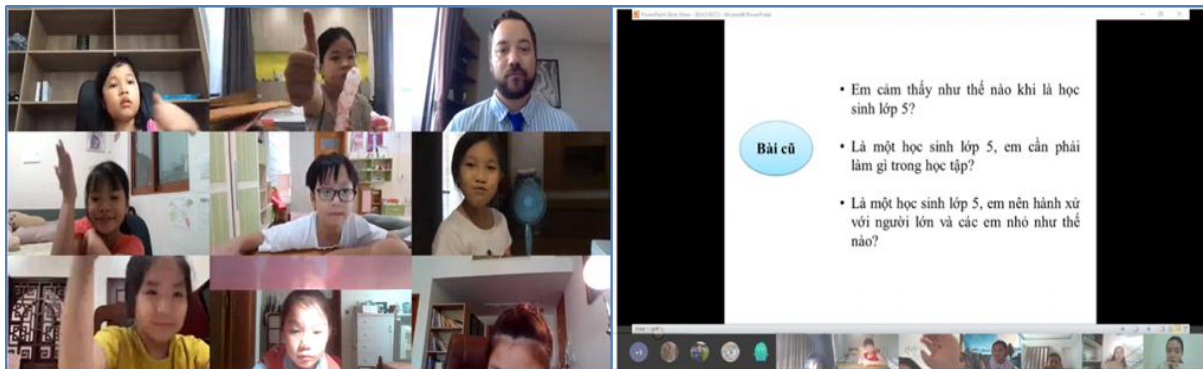


Message from SVIS Principal**Dear Parents**

There are 16 classes from year 1 to year 11 with total of 260 students in the school year 2021-2022. From the end of July till 9th August 2021, the school has delivered books packs to students and parents. Regarding to new learning program, therefore a few students are still lacking of some text books. Teachers have temporarily sent scanned copies of text books to students. Following up the stricter restrictions in Da Nang, the school will find a way to delivery additional materials to students as soon as possible. In the first week of the school year (9 August – 13 August), the teacher guided the students to review the previous knowledge to have a basis for absorbing the knowledge of the new school year. Our integrated classes will start to learn the knowledge of the new school year from August 16, 2021. After few weeks of online learning, our teachers are very happy that students have fully participated in the online classes. We hope that parents will continue to support our students to study online in the future! Hope the epidemic will be ended soon so that our students can back to school and study directly with teachers and their classmates!

Wish our parents and students have a good health and overcome the epidemic

Regards,
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS

**Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)****Dear Parents,**

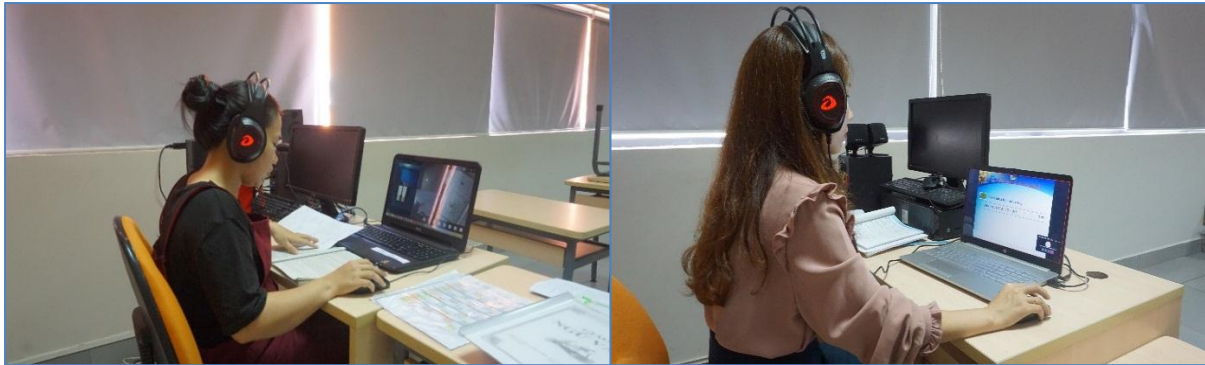
I want to wish you and your families a warm welcome to our new school year. My name is Bradman McCarthy, and this is my fifth year with the SIS@Danang community. I look forward to continuing to work with our families to provide an outstanding education for all our students.

Before students began learning this year, our teachers were busy preparing learning materials and completing professional development to ensure they were prepared to effectively teach online. Members of the Leadership Team have also been observing online lessons to provide feedback to teachers so they can continue to improve. We are also holding regular sharing sessions where teachers share effective practices and resources.

We have had a very successful start to our school year online. I would like to thank our families for supporting our students to connect to online learning platforms; we understand that this is a difficult task, and all our teachers appreciate your effort in helping us to educate your children. We encourage all our students to attend lessons prepared with their camera on and a working microphone as this helps to enhance learning opportunities.

I look forward to being a part of helping your children's education again this year. Please feel free to contact myself, or any member of the Leadership Team, if you would like to discuss anything school related.

Best wishes,
Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

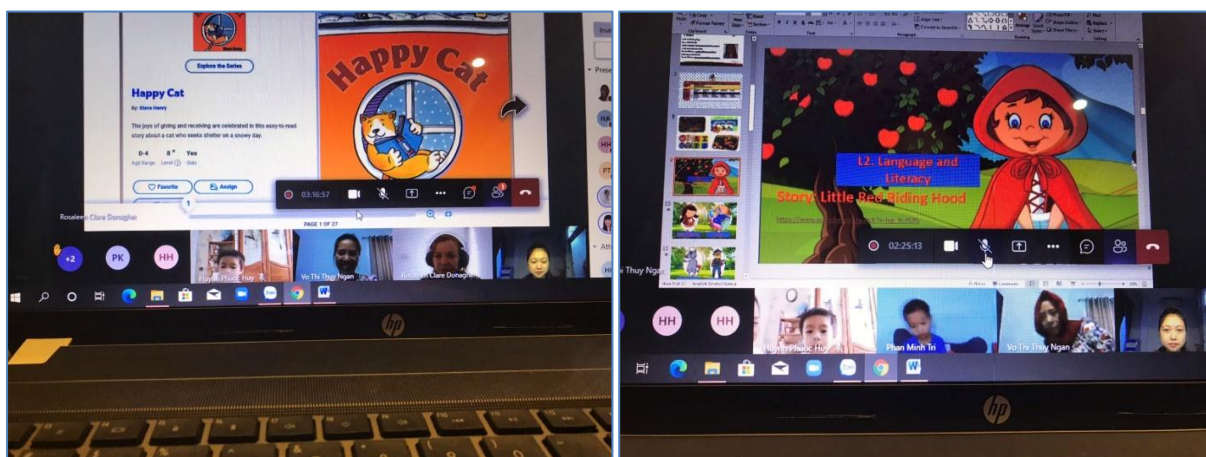
Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the 2021-2022 school year! It is wonderful to have the students back in class learning.

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Stephanie Shepperd. I will be the Deputy Principal of KIK and Primary this year. I am very excited to be working in leadership at SIS. This will be my first year in the Deputy Principal role and my second year at SIS. I am ready to learn from both the successes and challenges this year will bring. Most of all I am looking forward to supporting the fantastic students, teachers and staff on our campus.

We are beginning our school year online once again, however, that does not mean that the primary teachers are any less enthusiastic to get started. Primary is looking forward to rising to the challenge of presenting a full timetable in our online learning. This gives students access to all the curriculum material and the very best opportunity to stay on pace with our SIS learning expectations despite the online platform. We appreciate all your support at home in making sure that your students are present, on time and prepared for their lessons to ensure their success. We could not do it without you!

Regards,
Stephanie Nicole Shepperd
 Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our students for AY 2021-2022! Unfortunately, we are still online but hopefully with the strict measures in place at the moment we will be back in school together soon. Thank you to all of our Secondary students who have confidently continued with online learning this semester and for the continued parent support.

Well done to all of our high-school students that took exams last May/ June. In August, the IGCSE and NCC Level 3 Foundation Results were released and we are proud of all of our students and the effort they put into their studies.

We would like to especially highlight the following successes.

IGCSE:

Nguyen Gia Hung and Vo Hoang Long achieved 6A*s and 1A grade

Nguyen Pham Tu Na achieved 5A*s and 2 A grades

Our students passed 97% of all exams taken.

78% of our students achieved A*-C grade in 5 IGCSE subjects

61% of students achieved A* or A Grade in Mathematics

67% of students achieved A* or A Grade in Global Perspectives

NCC Level 3 Foundation Diploma

100% of students achieved 'distinction'

The highest average point score achieved was 89% by two students: Le Ba Thien and Do Nguyen Bao Tran.

Congratulations to all of our students for their hard-work, and our teachers for supporting the students throughout the process. We wish the best of luck to all students who have moved on from our school to University and other establishments.

For those of you who are new to SIS or the Secondary programme, my name is Harriet Casswell. I have been the Secondary Head of Studies for two years and have been with SIS since January 2017. If you have any questions, please contact me via email harriet.casswell@danang.sis.edu.vn. I look forward to a positive year ahead!

Regards,
Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

Welcome to school year 2021 – 2022 at SIS Da Nang. My name is Niall Reed and I am Head of Primary Studies. I have been teaching at SIS Da Nang for four years and I've been Head of Primary for two years. If you have any questions, please give me a message via my email, niall.reed@danang.sis.edu.vn.

A big well done for all the great work students have completed this month during online learning, they have made great progress to becoming technologically literate students. Primary students have access to several online resources to help develop their reading. For all students in Year 1 – Year 3, they have access to Raz Kids (<https://www.raz-kids.com/>). For students in Year 4 – Year 5, they have access to Read Theory (<https://readtheory.org/>). One additional resource is Epic (<https://www.getepic.com/>). Epic contains an online library of fun and engaging books ready for students to read.

I wish everyone a fantastic year ahead. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Niall Elliot Reed
Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents,

A big welcome to new and returning students and staff to the 2021-22 academic year. My name is Cat Burgess, and I am the Guidance Officer at SIS. This is my 4th year working at this school and I look forward to supporting students with their well-being and educational planning this year.

All staff have received training on Student Protection as part of the in-service days for staff at the beginning of the school year. This will be expanded as we progress through the year with further training sessions.

I would like to congratulate our NCC Students who achieved outstanding results in the NCC Level 3 International Foundation Diploma in Higher Education Studies and have secured places at Monash University, Melbourne, Taylor's College Sydney, Danang University of Economics and James Cook University in Singapore. I wish you all the best of luck for the future!

Regards,
Catherine Burgess
Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher

