



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.

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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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Santa comes to town.



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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your amazing support for our annual Christmas Charity fair on Saturday, 13 December. In spite of the wet weather, we are happy to report that, as a community, we raised VND72 060 000 for Operation Smile, Vietnam.

We appreciate the donations of balloons, flowers, beverages and food made by our SIS families as well as businesses, resorts and restaurants such as:

- ✓ Hyatt Regency, Danang
- ✓ Ocean Villas Danang
- ✓ Vinpearl, Danang
- ✓ Alma Courtyard Hoi An
- ✓ A La Carte Danang
- ✓ Fusion Maia Danang
- ✓ Danang Golf
- ✓ Montgomerie Links
- ✓ Laguna Lang Co Golf
- ✓ Liquid Water Sports
- ✓ Hay Hay Art Gallery Hoi An
- ✓ The Wine Warehouse Danang
- ✓ Pegasus International Unicollge
- ✓ Crown Plaza
- ✓ Caracoli Coffee.
- ✓ An's café
- ✓ Nha Leo
- ✓ Waterfront
- ✓ Family Restaurant
- ✓ Luna
- ✓ The Rachael
- ✓ Bread of Life
- ✓ Nhung Style
- ✓ Novotel

I also acknowledge the work that our parents, teachers and students put into the various stalls on the day. Well done everyone and a huge "THANK YOU".



Our students strive for Academic Achievement

Singapore International Programme Successes

We continue to provide an excellent academic pathway that enables high achievement among our students. SIS students within our school system achieved four Top in Vietnam Awards with the release of the Cambridge results.

- IGCSE Global Perspectives - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- First Language English - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- AS Level High Achievement Award – Mathematics Bach Quoc Trung
- A Level Sociology – Dang My Linh

Every year the Year 6 students sit for the iPSLE examination. Recent results from July 2014 indicate Vu Han Nhi obtained an A for both English and Mathematics and a B for Science, Tran Nguyen Nam Anh obtained an A* for Mathematics and an A for both English and Science and Tran Quynh Anh obtained an A for English, A* for Mathematics and a B for Science.

Both students were awarded Certificates of Outstanding Subject Performance by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board. We are very proud of all of the students who sat these examinations.

These are wonderful results for iPSLE and Cambridge that reflect conscientiousness and hard work among our students, a focus on quality teaching and a strong curriculum though our Singapore subjects and our Cambridge programmes.

Congratulations also to our Year 8 student, Luong Duc Anh (Sam) who will be representing the district in the finals of the English speaking competition which will be held on 26 December at Phan Chau Trinh high school. We wish Sam all the best in the competition.

Afternoon Student Pick-Up

We have noticed several problems with our afternoon pick-up procedures which have caused us concern for the safety of our students. There have been instances where cars have parked in the 'pick up' and 'drop off' areas at the front foyer causing traffic jams where buses cannot park in their designated spots and students are walking through the traffic to get to their cars or buses.

Our first priority is to prevent students walking through the parking lot with moving vehicles. The safety of our students is paramount and to prevent any accidents we will be putting in place more safety measures effective from 5 January as follows:

Parking for Kindergarten pick up: Only parents of students in the Kindergarten programme should park their vehicles in the parking lots near the PIU building to pick up students. Drivers and parents should use the left lane for through traffic around the roundabout to parking spaces. You will be asked to move your vehicle if not parked in the allocated parking spaces.



Reading time Year 2 International



Kindergarten Book Week with K2



Christmas Charity Fair 2014



Below: Preparing for Charity Fair



Buses: If you have a hired bus please inform drivers that they should only be parking in the spaces allocated for buses, not in the marked parking spaces for cars which are for Kindergarten pick up only. Security Guards will help direct buses to the bus parking and bus exit. Buses will be using a different exit.

Primary, Secondary and High School Pick Up:

Parents and drivers of Primary, Secondary and High School students should use the right lane to drive into the school and wait to pick up students. Please have the student's name displayed. Students will hear their name being called and will move safely through the marked walking zones, to the car for pick up. Once your child is in the vehicle, you will be able to safely drive into the left lane and exit the school. If you are still waiting for you child you can drive up to the next spot but we ask that you do not go to park. Those parents or drivers still waiting will be in the right lane, leaving the left lane clear for vehicles to pass.

For clarification, refer to the map on the last page.

We appreciate your help to follow these rules as we do not wish to have to close the gates altogether. We hope, with your cooperation, it will not have to come to this. Thank you for your support and cooperation to stop this dangerous situation before someone is hurt.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

Message from the Deputy Principal

Uniform Policy

Now that is starting to get chilly, we would like to remind parents that students are to wear the school long grey pants, school pull over jumper, school track suit pants, school wind breaker jacket and black, grey or white fully enclosed shoes. Other jackets and jumpers are not permitted. Female students may wear the school grey skirts with grey coloured tights. Tights of other colours are not permitted. We would highly recommend students bring a raincoat. Office staff will be happy to assist you purchasing the correct uniform. Students not wearing the correct winter uniform will have to sit on silent lunch and will receive a letter home each day until wearing the correct uniform. This will be enforced upon returning from Christmas break.



Exam Time

Upon returning from Christmas break, students from Year 2 to IGCSE 1 will sit their Semester One examinations. Students have been working hard this semester and here are a few tips for things to do to prepare for these examinations.

Your brain works best when you have had enough rest. Adolescents need at least 8-10 hours of sleep to perform at their best. It is important to set a bedtime that will help your child be rested for these exams.

Create an environment for learning at home. Have a quiet, well lit and orderly space at home for your child to study. Be sure this area is free of distractions like TV, phones and computers. Some students prefer to listen to music while they study while others will find this a distraction. Help your child decide if listening to music is beneficial to them and help them choose instrumental music without words that can interfere with their studying.

Eat a healthy and well balanced breakfast. Food provides your brain with the energy needed to concentrate but it is also important to eat healthy foods for better performance. Take a break. Between all the studying and preparation for examinations, it is also important to have some fun and relax.

American College Test (ACT)

We are a certified ACT testing center. As part of the GAC program fees, students prepare and sit the ACT. If students choose to sit the ACT Plus Writing, they must pay the additional cost of the writing section. Students need to inform teachers or Ms. Liz one month before when the registration deadline of the test to provide sufficient time to receive the voucher number required during registration. It is important that students check deadlines for registration or late fees will have to be paid by the student. It is a good idea to plan early so check early. Our current GAC students will be sitting the ACT on 18 April 2015. The registration for this examination is 13 March 2015 and late fees will be applied from 14-27 March. Teachers are here to help answer questions and guide students through the registration process; however, it is the responsibility of the student and parents to inform teachers of their need of assistance. You may find more information and register on the ACT website at <http://www.actstudent.org/>

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Henderson



Examination preparation time



Students using critical thinking skills to solve problems.



IGCSE students practising oral communication skills



Spreading Christmas Cheer



Time for Christmas Decorations

Message from the Head of Studies Sally Nymark

Singapore International Schools place great emphasis on helping our students gain the skills to be confident communicators who demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening as one of our schoolwide learning goals. Our High School students have been working toward achieving this goal. By reading a variety of texts our students not only increase their vocabulary, they make inferences, rephrase sentences and summarise the material. In addition, the students are learning to support their decisions through discussion and reasoning.

Exam Schedule

There has been a slight change in the examination schedule for students in Years 5,6,7 and 8 set out in the original Table of Specifications. Please note that all Mathematics exams will now be held on Tuesday, 20 January and the Science examination for these students will be held on 21 January, 2015.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Math Paper 1	20 January	20 January	20 January	20 January
Math Paper 2	20 January	20 January	20 January	20 January
Science	21 January	21 January	21 January	21 January

Students' Choral Performances

The students all enjoyed performing for their parents at this year's Christmas Charity Fair. I am sure you agree we have some budding future stars in our school.

The Primary choir had a spectacular time on Thursday 18 December spreading the Christmas cheer in caroling format! The choir went to the Waterfront Restaurant and performed the Christmas carols they had been working on so hard in Term 2 for their parents and Waterfront patrons. They had a wonderful time!

Year 3 Excursion

Students enjoyed an excursion to Fahasa Bookstore on Thursday, 11 December. Their task was to compare books and buy books to read over the Christmas break. All their comments were very positive:

I was able to choose three books to buy. Two are in Vietnamese and one is in English. -Soo Jin

It was very fun to choose our books on our own and read them! -Judy

It was so fun. I had a non-fiction book and one English book and one Vietnamese book.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Nymark



Kindergarten students decorating the Christmas tree



Dress up time for Kindergarten children

Message from the Head of Kindergarten

This month, students worked hard to make Rudolph and little angels which they sold at the fair. Many of the children exhibited their Christmas spirit by donating toys and books to sell at the Charity Fair.

The children also made many Christmas decorations for their classrooms. Prep students have been following a tutorial on how to draw a snowman to decorate Christmas cards for their parents.

Besides participating in activities preparing for Christmas, the K2 children helped teachers set up a special quiet Reading Corner where they have enjoyed having silent reading time.

K1 children worked hard to colour pictures and paint Santa Claus and snowmen to decorate the Christmas tree.

The Nursery children have been learning about people in the community and have thoroughly enjoyed the role play sessions where they were able to dress up in costumes representing doctors, nurses, police and firefighters. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Important Dates:

20 December:	Christmas Holidays
5 January:	School Resumes
12-23 January:	Semester 1 Examinations
6 February:	End of Term 2
7-24 February:	Term break and Tet holiday

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