



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

## Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We have had a good start to Semester 2 and now have all students are back on campus. Our high-school students need to focus hard on covering all content before preparing for their final exams. They need to have fully developed study plans and established routines. Good results will come from hard work now and not last-minute cramming.

We are looking at making a subject change to our IGCSE 1 program for next year (2022-2023). We would like to offer Computer Science instead of ICT for IGCSE 1. Some of the reasons for this include that this will provide a high-level technology subject to create more future study pathways and support real life applications.

Please note, our current IGCSE 1 students, who will be in IGCSE 2 next year will continue with ICT.

It has been fantastic to have our primary students back on campus. Many of whom have been doing a range of practical activities that they have missed over the previous months. STEM, PE, Music, are very exciting classrooms at the moment. I have also approved many Science experiments recently and it is good to see our primary students engaged and having fun with their learning.

Finally, we have been given the approval to welcome back our KIK students to on-campus learning. Our teachers and no doubt our students will be very excited to get to work and continue their learning. For some our students this is there first time at school, or at least at this campus.

We as a school community are continuing to manage the COVID situation. We are working closely with the Health Authorities, DOET and our company to ensure we have best practices to manage the health of our students and make progress with learning. Please see Mr Bradman McCarthy's section for the up-to-date COVID procedures.

Regards,  
**Christopher Bradley**  
Principal



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## Message from SVIS Principal

**Dear Parent,**

Students of all grades have started studying the Semester 2 program since the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. Year 6 and Primary students were also able to go to school directly after a long time of online learning due to COVID 19 precautions.

When students returned to classroom, they were very happy with their teachers and friends. The big topic is that the school always focus on guiding students to follow up 5K messages for COVID 19 measurements and ensure providing an absolutely safe learning environment. In addition, the school also point out a procedure to promptly handle situations when it detects that students have signs of suspected Covid-19 infection and is ready to flexibly switch between two methods of teaching at campus or online to help students continue learning no matter what the circumstances.

In addition, the school also organized for students to participate in the 51st UPU International Letter Writing Contest with the theme "Write a letter to someone influential explaining why and how they should take action on the climate crisis". As a result, 15% of the students participated, the school selected the 6 best letters to submit to the city-level competition organizers.

On February 24, there were 2 students in Year 9 who passed the district round to take the city-level talent competition, but unfortunately both of them were affected by the disease, so they couldn't join the competition!

### Some main tasks in March/ 2021 as following:

- From 14<sup>th</sup> March till 18<sup>th</sup> March, the teacher will review for students before the middle exam in Semester 2.
- From 21<sup>st</sup> March till 25<sup>th</sup> March, the school will organize the middle exam in Semester 2 for all students.
- At the end of March, student's academic report will be sent home to parents from their form teachers.
- Teachers in Year 3, 7, and 10 will attend DOET training course for text book replacement. It is ready to implement the new general education program in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Wish you always be happy and healthy and study well!

Wishing all parents a safe, happy and successful year of 2022!

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



## Message from Deputy Principal Secondary & High School

**Dear parents,**

In February we were lucky enough to welcome students from Year 1 to AS Levels back to campus for in-person learning. Before we had permission to open, we had inspections from the Department of Education and Training to ensure we had strict Covid-19 protocols in place.

We continue to face challenges with Covid-19, and we appreciate the help from our parents in continuing to regularly test your children to ensure they are safe and healthy to return to campus.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- If your child shows any symptoms, please keep them at home and test immediately
- F0 students stay at home until negative. Students will need a confirmation letter from a doctor or health center with a negative rapid test result
- F1 students stay at home for 5 days (for those who have taken vaccine) or for 7 days (for those who haven't taken vaccine). Students can return after a negative rapid test (no doctor's note needed). While students are at home, they can join their class through MS Teams to ensure no learning is missed.

Please continue to communicate with teachers and the school office regarding any F0 or F1 cases.

**Thank you,  
Bradman McCarthy**



### Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

*Dear Parents,*

Semester 1 Parent-Teacher Meetings were a great success. SIS teachers appreciated the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss the great learning progress students have made in semester 1. Teachers were able to share student exam results, semester grades and suggestions for how parents can support learning at home. When parents and teachers work together our students win. A big thank you to our SVIS teachers and staff for providing translation support for these meetings. We all look forward to continued student success in semester 2.

Regards,  
**Stephanie Nicole Shepperd**  
Deputy Principal (Primary)

### Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

*Dear Parents,*

Congratulations to our IGCSE2 students, who have successfully completed their Mock Exams. AS level Mock Exams will take place at the end of Term 3. The exam timetable for the Cambridge International exams in June 2022 has been released and distributed to students. A PDF of the timetable will be sent out to parents with the next monthly updates from form tutors.

IGCSE2 and AS Level students are currently starting their final preparation for the summer exams. If students have to isolate at home, please encourage them to join lessons online if they are well enough to do so. The teachers will be working closely with students throughout this period to support them in the best possible way - please let us know if there is any further way we can help your child through this important period.

Regards,  
Harriet Casswell  
Head of Studies (Secondary)



### Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

*Dear Parents,*

It's been great to see students learning in the EFL program this month. The EFL program focuses on providing a fun and engaging educational program that allows students to fully develop key English learning skills. Students in the EFL program will receive two after school lessons as well as support from an EFL teacher during selected school lessons. EFL will take place throughout term 3 and term 4. I am excited to observe the progress made by all the students in the EFL program. If you would like any more information, please give me a message.

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



### Message from Guidance Officer

*Dear Parents,*

Thanks to all staff, students and families who made **“SIS Anti-Bullying Week”** a success this year. The theme was **“One Kind Word”**, and students were involved in different projects

promoting kindness throughout the school, including kindness bracelets, posters, and murals. Wednesday was **“Odd Socks Day”**, where we wore our odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different, and Friday was **“Wear Bright to Unite Day”**, a day where everyone wore their brightest clothing to show that we are a school united against bullying. Thank you to all students and teachers for getting involved and supporting such an important week at SIS Da Nang.

I would also like to inform students and families that I will be going on maternity leave at the end of March, and Ms. Christina Williams will be taking over as Guidance Officer while I am away. Her contact email is [christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:christina.williams@danang.sis.edu.vn) should you need to contact her. I look forward to supporting you again next academic year.

Regards,  
**Catherine Burgess**  
GO and EFL Teacher



### Message from Head of Kindergarten

*Dear Parents*

We are looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten students back to school. The classrooms are beautifully decorated and ready for the students' returning. We believe that we will soon meet each other and have fun with varieties of learning opportunities inside and outside class. Our Kindergarten teachers have been working on preparing their classrooms and planning so that they can best facilitate and support their students once they are on campus.

Regards,  
**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan**  
Head of Kindergarten



