



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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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- Academic Achievers
- Confident communicators
- Critical Thinkers
- Technologically literate students
- Active and Responsible citizens



Welcome back to School

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the SIS@SS school community I would like to welcome you to the 2017/18 academic year.

It was exciting to see so many enthusiastic, positive learners to begin our new school year.

A big hello and welcome to our new kindergarten children, our many new students and their families. Also to our new staff members who have joined us at SIS@SS.

The following teachers are new and joining us at SIS@SS this academic year.

Primary Teachers

Mr. Eric Horton - Year 5 International Teacher, from the US.

Mr. Scott Fallon - Year 6 International Teacher, from Ireland.

Secondary, High School Teacher

Dr. Roy Douthitt - Teacher and Guidance officer, from the US

Specialist Teachers.

Ms. Victoria Gillespie - English teacher, from the US.

Ms. Natasha Kenny - PE/Sport, from England.

EFL/EPP Teachers

Ms. Jessica Torowska - EFL, EPP, from the US.

Mr. Christopher Knutson - EFL, EPP, from the US.

Our 2017/18 academic year has begun with a number of exciting and rewarding learning experiences for all students and staff at SIS@SS.

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent Meet and Greet sessions at school. These were a wonderful and much appreciated school gatherings for parents to meet and greet teachers for the new school year. Parent Teacher Interviews will take place towards the end of semester 1. These dates will be shared and highlighted on the school calendar.



OBV training



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Students present virtue "Care"

The recent OBV, experiences and sessions held at SIS@SS were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to management and staff from OBV for providing these experiences for all students from grades 6 to the high school.

The school virtues program will be taught and shared throughout the year. Virtues will be addressed at all assembly times and reinforced in the classrooms.

Please continue to contact your child's classroom teacher, for any information or concerns regarding student learning.

The newsletter will be sent to parents' email at the end of each month, outlining relevant information and coming school events and celebrations.

To all students, parents and staff I welcome you and extend best wishes for the new academic year.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.

Dear Parents and Students,

It is great to have had yet another wonderful start to a school year at SIS Saigon South. To see so many smiling, polite, hard-working students is a joy for teachers, and certainly must make parents feel proud.

A few gentle reminders about campus expectations:

Drop off – campus opens at 8:00, and so students should not be brought to school prior to then.

Pick up – children should be picked up (unless participating in an Extra-Curricular Activity) at the conclusion of their school day. This is because we do not have teacher supervision at the end of the day, and so it can be unsafe for students to remain unattended for long periods of time.

Play – students have a few times each day for play; breakfast/morning tea, lunch, and recess. It is important that they remember to be friendly and kind during play, as well as adhere to the proper behavior in the different areas. In addition we have a rule of "No Teacher, No Play", meaning that students must make sure a teacher is on duty before they begin play.



Decoration for new School Year 2017-2018



Reading to younger students



Students reading books together

Uniform – all students should comply with the uniform requirements, such as refraining from dyed hair and wearing appropriate shoes, as detailed in the Student Handbook.

Thank you for your trust in our dedicated, professional, diverse staff as well as support of our educational program. If at any time you have questions or concerns please contact our office about making an appointment to come in for a chat.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

We'd like to give a warm welcome to both new families and those returning to us from last year. It has been a busy and exciting beginning to what is sure to be a wonderful year of school. Getting accustomed to a new school, or even returning after a summer holiday, can be challenging for young children. As your child settles into their class, one of the best ways to provide learning support at home is to read together every day. Studies have shown that children ages 3-6 who read with an adult for 10-20 minutes each day have increased activation in brain areas linked to language processing and comprehension. They also tend to develop larger vocabularies and attain much higher scores on standardized exams later in life. For more information about why reading at home is so important, please see your child's teacher for a list of helpful articles and websites.

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Kindergarten)

Dear Parents,

The Singapore International School is proud to offer students a balanced curriculum in the areas of Mathematics, English, and Science using Scholastic Active curriculum to become exceptional academic achievers. Students also have the opportunity to enhance their Technology Literacy through our British Switched on ICT program. Additionally, helping our students develop into socially responsible and respectful citizens is our goal through our Australian based SOSE curriculum. Our mission is to both inspire and challenge our students across all the content areas. Instilling a lifelong love of learning is what we strive for with every child at our school. We are thrilled to start another wonderful year with your students!

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y8)



High School students AY 2016-2017



Meet and Greet



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Dear Parents,

After a long and restful break, we are back at school and ready to start the academic year 2017-2018. I would like to welcome our new staff, who have settled in well and looking forward to teaching and promoting the values of Singapore International School.

After a long wait, our Cambridge results have arrived from England, with some outstanding results across all subjects. GAC results have also been released and, as usual, our results were outstanding, providing SIS students with a wealth of options when choosing a tertiary course of study.

I would encourage students at this early portion of the year, to make an effort to get to know the students and teachers around you. In this way, we can have a great year filled not just with academic studies, but fellowship, team building skills and fun as well.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (SHS)

Dear Parents and Students,

Students are learning in a safe environment with complete facilities, Bilingual programs in Vietnamese English provide students with advanced education and friendly communication between and among teachers and students. I hope that the students will become confident, independent in thinking and communication with people.

"Talent is the foundation of the country", the future of Vietnam depends on the effort of each student. So the students' responsibilities for family and society include giving their best effort and following all of the school regulations to overcome difficulties in life and become good citizens in the future.

I wish all of the teachers and school staff good health and success. I also wish the students will have fun as well as achieve outstanding results in this Academic year.

**Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**



U14/U19 Basketball and Volleyball teams



Student Council AY 2017-2018



Student Council members

Dear Parents,

There is a lot of excitement around the school as there are a number of new, enthusiastic players and coaches that have joined over the holidays. Training for U11/U14 basketball, U19 volleyball and U11 badminton is already underway and there are many other sports available this term. If your child would like to join a sports team all the information they need about training/games etc. will be clearly displayed on notice boards outside the hall. The unmistakable trademark orange jerseys will be available to order very soon! We look forward to another exciting, fun and successful year of sport at SIS.

Last year's Sports Award winner, Le Thao Anh (Cindy), will again be a key part of the U14/U19 Basketball and Volleyball teams. Here she is driving to the basket in typically determined fashion at the 2016-2017 Basketball championships.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Student Council would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone. Student Council is off to a great start, consisting of students from Year 6 to high school, as well as 2 observers from Year 5. Our members include: Sabrina (As Level), Bao Ngoc (GAC), Anna (IGCSE2), Jessie (Y6 Int'l), Jay (A Level), Kazue (As Level), Tram Anh (GAC), Quan (IGCSE2), Ivan (IGCSE2), Andrew (IGCSE1), Jeremy (Y8 Int'l), Sunny (Y9 Int'g), Tina (Y9 Int'g), Christina (Y8 Int'g), Brittany (Y7 Int'l), Sidney (Y7 Int'g), Anouka (Y6 Int'l), Hoai Ngoc (Y6 Int'l), Mary (Y6 Int'l), Prakhar (Y5 Int'l), and John (Y5 Int'l). After an internal vote, we are happy to announce the elections' results as follows: Sabrina is new president, working alongside with two co-vice presidents, Bao Ngoc & Anna. Jessie is our secretary/treasurer, and John is in charge of our Junior activities.

We look forward to a great and eventful year ahead!

Angela Guidici - High school Teacher