



## 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.

## MISSION

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



Principal Award recipient

## Principal News

Dear Parents and Students,

With the end of the school year upon us, we are very busy with exams, assessments and preparations for summer and next year.



## Vietnamese and International Examinations (Year 1 – 9)

Students have just completed their DOET examinations and are now preparing for their International subject examinations.

These will be held end of May and June. All students will sit for the international English papers and the international students will sit examinations for Science and Mathematics. The dates are as follows:

English Paper 1 (Writing): **Monday 30 May**

English Paper 2 (Language and Comprehension): **Tuesday 31 May**

English Paper 3 (Listening): **Wednesday 1 June**

English Paper 4 (Speaking): **Thursday 2 June**

Mathematics Papers 1 and 2: **Friday 3 June (International Students Only)**

Science: **Monday 6 June (International Students Only)**

## Annual Night of the Arts

On Saturday 4 June, we will be holding our 7<sup>th</sup> annual 'Night of the Arts'. This is a very special event to showcase the visual and performing art talents of our students. Our students have been working very hard preparing for the night. During the event our school choir and student performances will take place. Student art work will also be on display from primary students' right through to high school students.



Primary students participating in the Term 3 Sport Carnival



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Girls Football Team receiving medals on assembly

The event is being held at the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hanoi Creative City (HNCC) which is located at No. 1 Luong Yen Street, Hai Ba Trung District. Tickets are on sale for 100,000 VND and will also include a special school dance at the end of the night for students. Our Student Council will be selling food and drinks throughout the night.

This is a very enjoyable event for our families so please come and watch our student performances and admire the beautiful art work that will be on display. This year we have hired 'Real Art' to professionally display all student art work.

### **Term 3 Sports Carnival**

On the last day of Term 3 we held our annual Term 3 carnival which was thoroughly enjoyed by our primary and secondary students. However, for our senior students the event was washed out due to heavy rain. We do hope to hold the event for our senior students before the end of this year. Until then I cannot announce the winning House. Our next carnival will be our swimming carnival and the winning House will be revealed then.

### **Swimming**

The annual swimming programme has started with all students from Year 1 – 9 participating. Participation is expected for assessment purposes. If students cannot attend for medical reasons, they must provide a medical certificate.

Learning to swim is a great way for students to stay healthy. Importantly, swimming lessons provide necessary skills for keeping safe in the water. Sadly, each year many young people around the world drown and many of those drownings could have been prevented if the person knew how to swim. Please encourage your child to take this opportunity to learn how to swim or to improve their stroke correction. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Confirmation of Enrolments for 2016 – 2017**

Thank you very much to the parents that have already confirmed their child's enrolment for next year. Our classes are filling up fast which is great to see. Just a quick reminder to parents that have not yet confirmed enrolment for next year to do as early as possible to secure a place in your child's class for the next academic year.

Regards,  
**Shane Blood**  
*Principal*

### **Message from the Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents and Students,

Term 4 began with a variety of new units in health and physical education and the after school program. One of the most popular and successful activity is swimming. The HPE teachers have prepared a unique curriculum for the SIS swimming program.







Secondary students participating in the Term 3 Sport Carnival



Primary students participating in the Term 3 Sport Carnival



Principal Award recipient

**Water safety:** Students are introduced to a safe water atmosphere. Each student will be taught how to float, tread water, proper breathing techniques, spider wall crawl, enter and exit the water on a ladder and without, to remain calm and focus on survival tactics, how and when to call for help/assistance and use life saving rescue equipment.

**Instructional swim:** Students will receive instruction and swimming drills for the breaststroke, freestyle stroke and backstroke. Some advanced swimmers may additionally learn the butterfly stroke and sidestroke.

**Recreational swim:** Students will learn how to swim for lifetime fitness and such activities as under water swim, water polo, basketball, volleyball and other water games which promote physical and social growth, self confidence and teamwork.

Pool and water recreation are a wonderful option for children to develop. SIS students will excel in a variety of organized, safe sessions offered as part of the HPE department. If your child is interested in additional exposure to water safety, instruction and recreation, they are encouraged to register for the after school swim club on Thursday of every week until the end of Term 4.

Regards,  
**Nadine C. Cooper**  
*Deputy Principal*

#### **Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents and Students,

When flamboyant trees are in full bloom all over the schools and streets, we know that the exam season has come!

We have been really tense and busy, but also excited with Semester 2 final tests. With the support from parents, the devotion from teachers in guiding and preparing for the tests, students have been trying very hard to confidently fulfill all the tests in Vietnamese programme (*from 8 to 20 April with Year 9 students, and from 20 April to 13 May with students from Y1-Y8*).



May is a truly hectic month for us. It is the pride and happiness of the first year in the new school with a number of good achievements that helps us forget all the tiredness caused by the summer heat to successfully accomplish all the tasks.

Please remind your child to eat and rest well, and to bring a hat when they play in the ground to make sure they are safe and healthy for the rest of the school year.

I wish you all good health, happiness and success! I am glad to listen and share with you at:

[nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,  
**Duong Thanh Nghi**



Primary Star Award recipients



Junior Boys Football Team receiving medals on assembly



Senior Boys Football Team receiving medals on assembly

### Message from Head of Studies (Year 1-9)

Dear Parents and Students,

Our final term for the year, Term 4 is well under way and the focus over the next few weeks will be on revision and preparation for the coming end-of-year exams starting May 30 and finishing June 6. Parents are encouraged to talk with your children to discuss subjects and topics covered each term in various subjects.



Discussion with your children often reveals their level of confidence and knowledge. It is a way to gauge their readiness for exams. By spending time talking about what children are learning in different subjects, parents can learn much about how children are developing and maturing as students. If a child speaks openly and confidently about school and school work, he/she usually is coping well. If they are shy, reserved or hesitant about discussing what they are learning, it can indicate a lack of confidence and understanding.

It is important for parents to spend “quality time” assuring children that as parents, you are interested in their progress and want to help them succeed. There is no better way to let them know this than by talking to them about their school work. Not only at exam times but across the year, it is worthwhile to discuss what your children are learning and what they think about the lessons they have at school. You might be surprised what you find out when you regularly talk with your children about their school experiences. Through year-round discussions with children, parents can provide a sense of security in, and affirmation of your child’s learning experience while consolidating a sense of collective family value in the education process, now and in the future.

Students also currently are working hard preparing for the end of year concert. Once semester exams are over there will be much lively and productive activity preparing concert costumes, learning concert routines and preparing songs and performances for the big event on 18 June at the NCC. Parent’s support at this time of year is always very much appreciated by school staff and children. We hope all parents can make the effort to find opportunities to invest in some “quality time” to discuss children’s school experiences and support them in doing their best in the exams. Also please join in with all your family in the end of year concert and help make the event a memorable success.

All the best to our students for their exams and “see you” at the end of year concert.

Regards,  
**Dr Noel**  
Head of Studies (Year 1-9)





Student Council presenting on assembly

### Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to congratulate the IGCSE students who have finished their Cambridge exams and are now busy preparing for our end of year concert and enjoying additional classes with their teachers covering many new topics they have never had the opportunity to study before.



On Saturday 4 June the Student Council in association with Night of the Arts will host their annual student dance. It is always a memorable event for the students and staff and we look forward to a fun filled evening.

As always, if you have any questions about specific subjects please email the subject teacher who will be able to assist you. I am also available at [louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:louise.ellis@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn) to address any general concerns you have.

Yours,

**Louise Ellis**

*Head of Studies (High School)*