



ST ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
BANGKOK  
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

# PRIMARY SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



# WELCOME TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Andrews International School Bangkok was founded in 1997 on a charming and spacious location right in the centre of the city's amenities and transport links. In August 2017, our High School moved to a second campus, conveniently located on Sukhumvit Road. This expansion enabled our original campus to offer more uniquely tailored learning spaces to meet the needs and interests of our Primary School students.

We are a co-educational international school and part of Nord Anglia Education, an worldwide educational group committed to providing the best of the world's educational practices. St Andrews Bangkok is a truly inclusive school that welcomes students of all abilities.



# STUDENTS AND FACULTY

Our student body comprises over 2,000 students between Primary and High School. Students start in Foundation Stage from the age of two and continue until they graduate in Year 13. Over 60 nationalities are represented and this diverse range of backgrounds nurtures an environment of open-mindedness and appreciation of other cultures and abilities.

We attract and develop the most experienced and dynamic educators from across the globe. Our teachers share a belief that an inspired student can achieve extraordinary things. Our teachers never stop learning. Nord Anglia University is our virtual learning platform where 10,000 teachers take courses, connect with peers worldwide and share best practices. Exceptional training programmes are offered through our collaborations with Juilliard, MIT and King's College London.

# OUR COMMUNITY

We value the contribution that parents make to their child's development and believe in developing strong partnerships with our families. Through the design of advanced communication and reporting systems, our schools' teachers and leadership team provide you, in a timely manner, with not only all the necessary updates on your child's academic and personal development, but also on all of our personalised strategies. Our goal is to transform the school experience into an exciting journey for both you and your child.



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

By adopting research-based, best practice in education to deliver the curriculum, our school nurtures students' learning skills, and develops their creativity, global mindedness, cultural perspectives, and strong character. We use personalised learning to encourage creative, contextual thinking while putting the individual student at the heart of the learning process.



# OUR CURRICULUM

At our Primary School, students are given the opportunity to be ambitious in their learning. We achieve this by recognising that each child has different needs and preferences and by tailoring our approach to suit the individual. We teach the English National Curriculum incorporating the best practices from around the world.

The English National Curriculum is organised into blocks of years called Key Stages (KS), the Primary School is made up of:

**Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) - FS1, FS2, and FS3 (ages 2 to 5)**

**Key Stage 1 (KS1) – Years 1 to Year 2 (ages 5 to 7)**

**Key Stage 2 (KS2) – Years 3 to Year 6 (ages 7 to 11)**

The ambitious outcomes we set for our students allow us to incorporate the best practices of the English National Curriculum into a topic or project-based approach, where learning is integrated into child-centred activities. Topics draw on a range of themes providing a balance of History, Geography, Science and STEAM and Literature, ensuring high levels of interest and motivation.

Our progressive and stimulating curriculum ensures that all children are inspired to learn through the topics that are covered throughout each year. Learning within a topic-based curriculum enhances children's enjoyment of learning and provides additional motivation. Each topic is truly cross-curricular as the children approach common themes through literature, science, history, geography, IT, art and music.

We aim to educate the whole child with a focus on the development of social skills, thinking skills, problem-solving, and an awareness of their impact on the world around them. The curriculum is ever-changing to meet the learning needs of our students and is carefully managed by an experienced team of curriculum coordinators.

## SPECIALIST LESSONS

The children experience Thai language and throughout their day with specialist Thai lessons and experiences. All children take part in a rich cultural programme and celebrate the main Thai festivals such as Loy Krathong and Songkran.

We put a strong emphasis on a child's home language as having a well-developed first language will help the children to learn English. Some children may have the opportunity to study their native language. We are currently able to provide native-language programmes for Japanese, Korean, German and French. Other specialist lessons include, Physical Education (PE), Dance, Gymnastics, Swimming and Music.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

St Andrews Bangkok has a well-established reputation for learning support. We are able to offer support to students with a wide range of needs from dyslexia and mild learning difficulties to physical disabilities. All children receiving learning support are integrated into mainstream classes, enjoying the same curriculum opportunities as their peers. Support is provided in a variety of ways, with different, bespoke programmes being offered to cater to every student.

## SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Many of our children are learning English as a second, third or even a fourth language. Their capacity for learning languages is often astounding. At St Andrews Bangkok, teachers are experienced at delivering lessons to children who may be new to English and can, therefore, differentiate activities and paraphrase instructions in ways that are easy to understand.



# OUR FACILITIES

## Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage children make use of purpose-built spaces which have size appropriate furniture and facilities to inspire role-play, creative and collaborative activities. It is an bright and attractive, equipped with a wide range of toys and equipment.

## Key Stage 1

Our Key Stage 1 facilities are of the highest quality. The Key Stage 1 area includes spacious, purpose-built classrooms and the shared areas outside each classroom provide additional spaces for collaboration. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard and a bank of iPads.

## Key Stage 2

Key Stage 2 is located in two areas of the Primary School. A purpose-built block houses students from Year 3 to Year 5, each floor includes spacious classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards and calming shared spaces which act as breakout areas providing a unique learning space. Year 6 students occupy a quadrangle area, known as 'The Quad', of their own which helps with their transition to the High School. This area has its own, open air space to take learning outside the classroom. This also doubles as a venue for a variety of concerts and assemblies. Key Stage 2 students have access to iPads, allowing IT to be easily integrated into the whole curriculum both in and out of the classroom. These buildings also provide small teaching rooms and shared spaces to accommodate group work.

## Snacks and Lunch

There are two separate canteens at our Primary School, both customised for our students' needs. Our snacks and lunch provider Epicure prepares healthy, vegetarian and non-vegetarian lunch options. Parents can opt-in by paying for food on each term's invoice or by purchasing daily vouchers. Alternatively, you may also choose to have your child bring food from home. For the health and safety of all students, please be reminded that St Andrews Bangkok is a Nut-Free school.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) AND SWIMMING

Specialist PE and Swimming lessons ensure that all children in Primary are given the opportunity to stay active and learn about the importance of teamwork and cooperation. Whilst all lessons are fun, the PE and swimming curriculum is skills-based, enabling students to learn essential skills in a wide variety of sports, including basketball, football, athletics, badminton, dance and gymnastics. Those who wish to play a sport at a competitive level are offered the opportunity to play in our thriving school teams and to take part in tournaments across Bangkok and internationally.

If needed, Learning Support teachers are also available to support PE and Swimming lessons, allowing all children to enjoy these physical activities. Regardless of ability, we want every child to enjoy sport and to encourage them to try as many activities as possible.





# AN INSPIRED STUDENT CAN ACHIEVE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS



## OUR INCLUSIVE SPORTS PROGRAMME

We understand that every child is an individual, progressing at different rates, and this is no different when it comes to developing their physical skills. Students have a wide range of sports to participate in - there's an activity, exercise, team, spot, squad and place for all. There is a sport for everyone and an inclusive pathway for all our athletes to succeed. This means finding the right team, there are squads for all skill levels - offering genuine pathways to learn and make progress, whether our students are beginners or at the top of their game. Our positive environment allows children to play sports for as long as possible and feel challenged, at a level right for them. They learn from the best specialised coaches and educators who use long-term development models to develop athletes and support them throughout their sports journey.

Our sports programme also provides students with a range of training sessions, allowing them to plan a schedule that suits their own needs and allows them to join other activities away from school. Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to participate in various competitions - both inside and outside. Through these competitions, students are able to have fun as well as build their athletic and social skills.

We finish the year with a Sports Celebration event, designed to celebrate the sporting achievements of all our community and highlight student commitment, effort and progress. Students that have participated in our Sports Programme all receive a souvenir badge for each and every sport that they had contributed to during the school year. Individual and team awards are presented during an awards ceremony and then students get to enjoy fun activities throughout the event - a truly memorable experience for all involved.



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME (ECAs)

### 150+ EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We encourage our students to become fully involved in Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) to take advantage of the opportunities being offered and to explore new interests while at the same time honing and developing existing skills. Our diverse and exciting ECAs Programme is an integral part of life at St Andrews Bangkok, ECAs help children learn to take risks, accelerate their learning, and make friends in a fun, secure and nurturing environment. All students are encouraged to take full advantage of our wide-ranging programme, which offers over 150 activities in areas as diverse as world affairs, Sports and Wellbeing, Creative Arts and Crafts, STEAM, Drama and Music, and Languages.

## TRIPS AND RESIDENTIALS

Throughout Key Stage 1 and 2, children will have the opportunity to go on a variety of day trips in and around Bangkok. Educational visits enhance the children's understanding and enjoyment of what they are learning and provide the students with a broader experience than is offered within the school.



## CURRICULUM INNOVATION



### GLOBAL CAMPUS

Global Campus is our digital learning platform that gives every student a personalised experience, as well as letting them connect with thousands of their classmates from 76 other schools around the world. With special areas for students of different ages, Global Campus provides fresh and exciting learning materials on everything from science challenges from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to health and wellbeing, with advice and activities on healthy eating, weekly workouts, and yoga.

collaboration with  
**The Juilliard School**



**Juilliard**

To foster our students' creativity, we collaborate with The Juilliard School to develop our performing arts programme. Music, dance and drama from different cultures and periods of history are used to inspire students to engage with the arts in a meaningful, powerful way. Our students can communicate their personal stories through composition and gain confidence in self-expression through music and dance. In our drama programme, we develop students' communication skills, as well as helping them speak confidently in public and excel when they return to the classroom.

collaboration with **MIT**



Our interdisciplinary approach to teaching science and technology, in collaboration with MIT, gives your child the skills they'll need to thrive in the 21st century. These include trying out approaches to real-world problems, creative thinking, and understanding the importance of persistence in finding answers. This programme also provides professional development for teachers, an annual student visit to MIT, and a collaboration with MIT scientists to develop 'maker spaces' for practical activities in all our schools.

collaboration with **UNICEF**



Our collaboration with UNICEF is a focus for a wide range of activities that inspire our students with global challenges and resources, helping them to think practically about making a real difference. These activities develop our students' sense of themselves as global citizens – and people who really can change the world for the better.



# CREATE YOUR FUTURE

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Admissions Enquiry
- 2 School Visit
- 3 Assessment
- 4 Offer

## ADMISSIONS

Our Admissions Team is here to support you through the admissions process and answer any questions you may have.



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