



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

# NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 30-Outward Bound Briefing
- September 2-National Day
- September 3-School closed in lieu of National Day
- September 24-Lantern Festival (Date to be confirmed)
- October 12-Last day of Term 1

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to thank you, the students and staff for a warm welcome to the Binh Duong community. I would like to develop an effective partnership with this community to ensure we get the best outcomes for students. While a number of our staff come from a variety of different cultures it is important we work collectively as team. I am grateful for the guidance and wisdom of my Vietnamese colleagues. Special thanks to Miss Thi, Miss Tri, Miss Binh and Mr Hai who have helped me find my way.

As we are still waiting for some teachers to arrive, it has been a busy start to the year with both Mr Regan and myself taking some of those teachers classes. This has been a good opportunity to see the students in action and what levels they are performing at. Thank you to the parents who have said hello or introduced themselves to me at pick up or drop off, getting to know you and your children is important.

There are a number of key areas that we will focus on this year but underpinning this will be the need for quality teacher instruction. We are implementing a number of system initiatives which include explicit teaching, STEM programs specializing in science and engineering and the new Outward Bound Venture which will be conducted with some of our older students. I believe in the old African proverb 'it takes a whole Village to raise a child'. However, in a modern day context school communities are becoming the new villages. I would like to thank Mr Mark and his teachers for organizing the after school EFL programs and Mr Regan and teachers for getting the afterschool clubs up and running. The wellbeing and happiness of students can help to improve academic outcomes.

We have started to implement the new I.D cards to help ensure the level of safety we provide for students. This is a trial process that we are introducing at SISBD if you have any concerns or suggestions for improvement please let us know and we can pass this information on to make this both a more secure environment and a user friendly system for parents and caregivers.

Thank you and take care.

Christopher Bradley

## MC ONLINE

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have all been set up with an MC Online account for the 2018-19 academic year. Children have spent time during their ICT lessons learning how to log in to their account and exploring the content on the website.

MC Online is a great way for children to practice what they have learned at school because it is based on Singapore curriculum. We encourage children to use MC online at home as much as possible. You will need to ask your child (or their teacher) for their login details but below is a link to the website. Please note, the link and login requirements are different to last year.

[https://mymco.mceducation.com/LEAD/login/lms\\_login.aspx](https://mymco.mceducation.com/LEAD/login/lms_login.aspx)

## TABLE OF SPECIFICATIONS

Attached with this newsletter are the Table of Specifications (TOS) for 2018-19. The Table of Specifications outlines the dates for exams for the year and also the topics that will be included in those exams. We have also sent a copy home with each student.

## CLUBS

Please click the link below. Based on your feedback to this simple survey, we will try to organize clubs to better suit your needs in Term 2.

English version

<https://goo.gl/forms/TOn9Y8Setihe1tSD2>

Vietnam version

<https://goo.gl/forms/j5jbYq2vq2PoHnLN2>

## OUTWARD BOUND

Throughout the year, students from Year 4 and above will be involved in Outward Bound activities. For Year 4 and 5, there will be activities taking place here at SIS@BDNC but for Year 6 and above, children will get the opportunity to visit Outward Bound Vietnam in Quy Nhon City. We hope the information session held on August 30<sup>th</sup> and the info packs we sent home were helpful but if you have further questions Mr Angus Crisp will be the Outward Bound liaison for our campus.



It's back to work for the students at SIS!