

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02-03 September – National Day holidays.
- Tuesday 21st September – Moon/Lantern Festival
- Friday 15th October – Term 1 Classroom Based Assessments finalised
- Friday 22nd October – Term 1 Progress reports issued
- Friday 22nd October – Term 1 holiday starts

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of our new school year 2021-2022. Unfortunately, due to the current situation in Binh Duong with CoVid and restrictions on movement imposed by health authorities, we have had to begin the new school year with Online learning. Whilst this is obviously not ideal, I am pleased to note that all our students from K2 – IGCSE, as well as all our teachers, have settled in well to their daily online learning schedules. Students all seem motivated and eager to learn, despite the challenges of online learning, and we wish them all a successful and happy school year.

I would like to formally welcome all our new students and parents to our family at SIS@BDNC - we hope that you enjoy the programmes that we offer and I look forward to meeting all of them in person when we are able to return back to school for classroom based learning.

Unfortunately, as a result of delays caused by lockdowns and travel restrictions, we are still waiting for the arrival of some of our new teachers, but we are hopeful that they will be able to join us in the not too distant future. In the meantime, we are thankful that we have been able to draw on the services of some relief teachers already living in Vietnam to assist us on short term contracts until our new teachers all arrive.

There are a number of key areas that we will focus on this year but underpinning this will be a focus on quality teacher instruction, whether it be in an online or classroom based environment. We will continue to focus on the teaching of Reading, as well as further develop new initiatives started last year – new English, Math and Science curriculums for Year 1-9, STEM and DynEd.

I look forward to a very rewarding, successful and enjoyable school year ahead and extend best wishes all our students and parents.

Mark Watling
Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

Primary students returned to school under unusual circumstances as Term One got underway. It may have been a challenge, but SIS School community: parents, students and teachers, were ready to adjust. Before long teachers and students were fully engaged in the curriculum, overcoming the occasional frustrations of slow Wi-Fi or malfunctioning equipment. Now, the term is in full swing and our school is forging ahead. We may be working from our various homes, dotted around Binh Duong, but the spirit of endeavor is just as strong as if we were together in our school building.

Thank you, dear parents, for helping to make our online return to school such a great success.

Ms. Kathleen Boyle
Head of Studies - Primary School

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

It is not really the way that we wanted to begin the school year, but once again we are back to online learning. I am very happy with the way our students and teachers have again adapted. Attendance has been very good in all classes and students have been responding and submitting work. Parents are reminded that their children from Year 3 and up should have Dyned downloaded onto their computer and should be using it outside of class time for at least 4 times a week, for 20 – 30 minutes a time. If you are having trouble downloading it, please contact your child's Dyned teacher and we will try to help. In the meantime, I hope you all stay healthy and safe.

Ms. Caroline Mead
Deputy Principal

INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

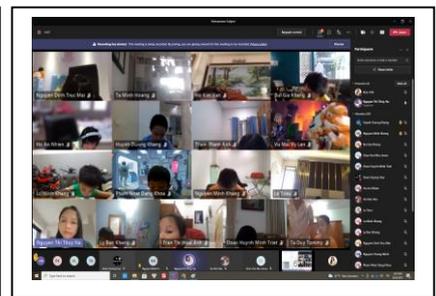
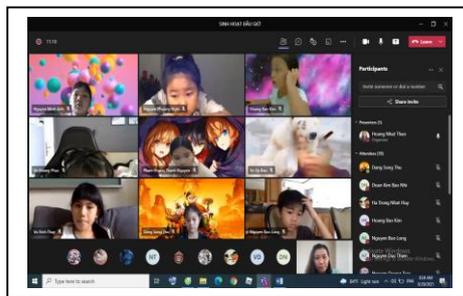
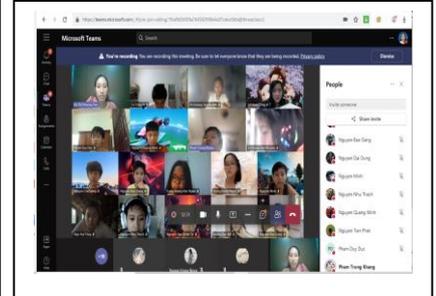
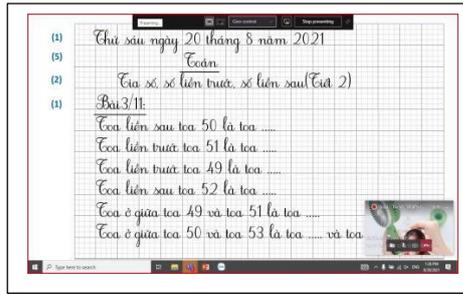
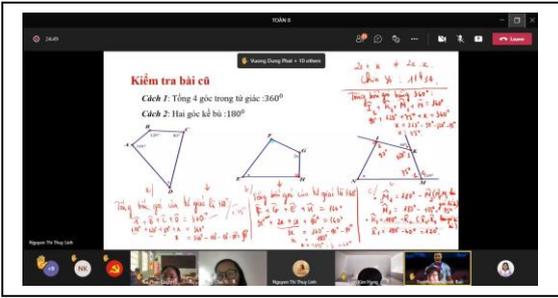
The new school year 2021 - 2022 has arrived, but we cannot go to school to celebrate and meet each other. Luckily, we can meet together on MS TEAMS. Each class has one TEAMS with all subjects having their own channel, and students will follow their timetable for their learning day.

With Year 1 students and the new students in other classes, this is the first time they learn online so our school is worried about them a lot. The school and the teachers of each class are trying their best to support them. We will ensure that all students become comfortable in navigating TEAMS. Through this, I believe that we will have a great school year with the smooth start.

I would like to personally extend a very big and heartfelt thank you for parents' assistance in helping our kids' learning. I hope you and your families are all well and staying safe during these times.

Below are some picture of class during the learning day. Please give a big clap for our lovely students to encourage them. I wish all students will have good results this school year.

Ms. Kim Tri
HoV



SUPPORT LEARNING WEBSITE

All students from Prep to Year 3 have been registered to our online reading program, Raz-Kids. Your child should have a 'student login' for this site so please ask the teacher if you need more information. Check it out at www.raz-kids.com

Also, this year sees the introduction of the new MC EduHub online learning platform. This website has lessons, activities, quizzes and games that support the Singapore curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and Chinese. A letter will be sent home soon to provide more details on this online program and student login details will be given to students and parents as soon as the program goes live.

STEM UPDATE

Even though we have had an online start to the new academic year, our teachers have adapted the STEM curriculum to cater for the challenges that may come. We have seen great classes orientated around exploring household food waste, building animals through origami, learning about the animal kingdom, and branching out to the beginning phases of researching solar ovens. All the topics that were selected have been catered for students to do at home and we hope that the students enjoy what our teachers have to offer.

STAFF NEWS

New Staff Arriving

We are pleased to announce the following new teachers who have already arrived and assumed teaching on 9 August 2021:

1. **Ms. Maika Valino** – Ms. Maika is from the Philippines and transferred from SIS Can Tho to take up the role as specialist ICT teacher for primary classes. Ms. Maika holds a Master of Science in Information Technology and has 8 years teaching experience in the Philippines and Vietnam.
2. **Ms. Lizelle MacLachlan** – Ms. Lizelle is from South Africa and also transferred from SIS Can Tho to teach secondary level English and DynEd. Ms. Lizelle holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Education and has over 30 years teaching experience internationally.
3. **Ms. Kimberley Quiliza** – Ms. Kimberley is also from the Philippines and will take up the role as class teacher of our new K1 International class. However, due to the late arrival of our new Prep International teacher, Ms. Kimberly will be teaching the Prep International class during online learning. Ms. Kimberley has 7 years teaching KIK in Philippines and Vietnam. She holds a Bachelor in Education degree.
4. **Ms. Lou Yu** – Ms. Lou Yu will teach Chinese and she has a Masters Degree and several teaching certificates in Chinese Language.
5. **Mr. Matthew Goslee** – Mr. Matthew is from America and will teach Science in secondary and high school. Mr. Matthew holds a Master in Education and has 17 years experience, teaching in America as well as in Vietnam.
6. **Mr. Milton Pagulayan** – Mr. Milton is from the Philippines and will teach Mathematics in our secondary classes. He holds a BSc in Secondary Education and has 18 years' experience in both the Philippines and more recently in Vietnam.

I would also like to welcome the following two teachers on short term contracts:

1. **Ms. Naomi Motiang** – Ms. Naomi is from South Africa and has done some previous relief teaching for us at BDNC. She will cover classes in Year 1 International as well as Year 2 Integrated.
2. **Mr. Lyon Castro** – Mr. Lyon will assist us teaching English in Year 6 as well as Social Studies and Global Perspectives in Year 5-7.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Online School start and finish times

Please remember that during online learning we will follow the normal timetable schedule.

School start: 8.25am

School finish: 3.15pm for Year 1-4 International, 3.30pm for KIK, 4.00pm for all other classes

Healthy Food Policy

At SIS we teach children the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle. We ask all parents to assist children whilst at home to continue to follow good eating habits. Also, during online learning, please ensure that children take regular breaks as advised by teachers and use these times to get away from their desks, walk around and do some stretching exercises. Also, please ensure your children drink lots of water throughout the day.