



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of MAY SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 27<sup>th</sup> of MAY Yr 1 INFORMATION SESSIONS
- 28<sup>th</sup> of MAY IGCSE INFORMATION SESSION
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of JUNE Yr 9 INTEGRATED EXAMS
- 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> JUNE S2 INTERNATIONAL EXAMS
- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> JUNE INTEGRATED EXAMS
- 15<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> JUNE PTC's
- 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The last few months have been a very difficult period for everyone. I know both the staff and I are very glad to be back at school with students in our classrooms. We are working very hard to catch-up on important work and ensure that all of the curriculum is covered, so that we can proceed with upcoming exams and reporting. To get all of this done will be a collective achievement and I am grateful to the parents for your support, students for continuing to work hard and also our teachers need to be recognized for continuing to be positive and working to capacity.

A special thanks to parents for helping to support the new procedures at drop-off and pick-up. I would like to ask parents to take care on the road outside the school. There is a high volume of traffic and we need to have space in the driveway for school buses.

A reminder there will be NO school concert this year. We have put all our efforts into completing the academic program, so the decision was made to cancel the concert for this year. I apologise and know that parents, teachers and students love this event.

Staff have been training with DynEd, which is an English learning program that will help to link learning between the classroom and home. DynEd will replace the English Proficiency Program (EPP). It is hoped that DynEd will reduce the need for students accessing outside Language Centres, as they will be covering self-paced learning both in and outside of school. This is a great program that you will hear more about in the coming months.

**Thank you!**

**Principal  
Christopher Bradley**

**YEAR 1 INFORMATION SESSION- For Prep Students moving into Year 1 in 2020-2021**

We would normally have had our Prep to Year 1 information session by now. This will now be scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. We will discuss the structure and routines of Year 1 and the differences with Prep. We will also give some strategies how you can best prepare your child for this transition.

**IGCSE INFORMATION SESSION-**

We will hold information session on 28<sup>th</sup> of May to discuss the transition of Year 9 Integrated and Year 8 International students into our Cambridge IGCSE program. This is a big transition for our students that will help to shape their academic pathways to University.

**NEW INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM @ SIS BDNC**

Parents I have tried unsuccessfully a number of times to implement the Global Assessment Certificate (GAC), a program to follow on from IGCSE 2 to prepare students for University entrance. Now SIS BDNC, will provide a new International Diploma Course in 2021-2022 for our current IGCSE 1 students. This course will assist them in gaining entry qualifications into English speaking Universities. We will have an information session early in the new academic year.

**NEW STAFF TO THE SCHOOL**

We have some new staff to the school. Ms Lucy Burton (Math), Ms Caroline Mead (English), Ms Ngan (Front Office) Ms Kieu (Front Office) and Mr Mark Watling, has been promoted to the Deputy Principal position.

**SA 2 EXAMS**

We would like to wish all our students well for their upcoming exams.

- Year 9 Integrated from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of June
- International Students from Year 1 to IGCSE 2 will participate in Semester 2 exams and internal based assessment between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June.
- Integrated Exams Year 1 - 8 will be from the 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

- KIK PTCs - June 15 to 19
- Primary School PTCs - June 22 to 25
- High school PTCs – June 23 to 24