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Hi parents!

As a mum who's been through the ups and downs of navigating the education scene in Singapore, I understand how overwhelming it can be for you. There are so many excellent schools here, so how do we go about finding one that's right for our kids?

This was what inspired the HoneyKids Asia team and I to create this Education Guide – a one-stop hub where you can find clear information about everything education-

related in the Little Red Dot: curriculum, cost, learning support, holiday camps, etc. We've also put in some inspo on where to have fun with the kiddos; because, let's be real, how else are we going to keep them entertained over the school breaks, amirite?

So whether you're new to Singapore, exploring schooling options, or just want to know more about what life in Singapore can offer families, then our guide is made just for you!

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THE PARENTS' GUIDE TO SCHOOL CURRICULA IN SINGAPORE

What are the available curricula in local and international schools? Here's all you need to know at a glance.

If you're looking for a school for your kids, finding the right curriculum for them is a good place to start. Aside from the national Singapore curriculum that's offered in local schools, non-Singaporeans have the option of following any of the curricula offered in international schools here.



Singapore curriculum

- ◆ Focuses on developing 21st century competencies.
- ◆ Compulsory for students to learn English and a mother tongue language (Mandarin, Malay, or Tamil). If unavailable, students can apply to learn an approved foreign language.
- ◆ **Qualifications:** Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-Level; or O-Level, which allows students to pursue any pre-university course.

American curriculum

- ◆ Known for academic rigour and flexibility, with an 'à la carte' approach at high school level.
- ◆ Optional Advanced Placement (AP) courses at high school level.
- ◆ **Qualification:** American High School Diploma



Australian curriculum

- ◆ Values holistic assessments through not just exams but projects as well.
- ◆ Pre-university or high school-leaving qualifications may differ according to each Australian state.
- ◆ **Qualification available in Singapore:** Higher School Certificate



British curriculum

- ◆ Respected for its academic rigour, as well as in developing critical and analytical thinking.
- ◆ Divided into five key stages covering ages five to 18.
- ◆ **Qualification:** A-Level

French curriculum

- ◆ Popular for its multilingual and multicultural aspect in education.
- ◆ All French schools, including those abroad, are regulated by French authorities.
- ◆ **Qualification:** Baccalauréat



German curriculum

- ◆ Recognised for academic excellence and focus on practical skills acquisition.
- ◆ Students have different secondary education pathway options: Gymnasium, Realschule, Hauptschule, and Gesamtschule.
- ◆ **Qualification:** Deutsches Internationales Abitur

Indian curriculum

- ◆ Sets a strong academic foundation for students and exam-oriented.
- ◆ Many pre-university and high school-leaving courses available.
- ◆ **Qualification available in Singapore:** All India Senior School Certificate Examination





International Baccalaureate (IB)

- ◆ International curriculum known for interdisciplinary learning, with graduates being highly popular with universities and colleges.
- ◆ Exams aside, students are required to work on a Theory of Knowledge essay, a self-directed research project (Extended Essay), and participate in Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) components.
- ◆ **Qualifications:** IB Diploma or IB Career-related Programme Certificate.

International Curriculum (IEYC, IPC, IMYC)

- ◆ Available from early years to secondary school in the form of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC), International Primary Curriculum (IPC), and International Middle Years Curriculum (IMYC).
- ◆ Students can use their IMYC results to pursue any pre-university course.



International GCSE (IGCSE)

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- Louis, IFS student



Year established

1967

Location

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S569928.

Age taught

3 - 18 years

School hours

8:30am - 3:35pm

Website

ifs.edu.sg

Admissions

Call +65 6805 0000; or email
inscription@ifs.edu.sg

What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ IFS has a new zero-energy kindergarten campus that’s designed in the villa concept, featuring a flexible learning space where classrooms are interconnected to a communal area to foster collaboration and community.
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What PARENTS SAY about this school

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- Christine Jacobs, parent of Nexus learners

Year established

2011

Location

1 Aljunied Walk, S387293.

Age taught

3 - 18 years

School hours

Nursery: 8.15am - 3.15pm

Primary and Secondary:
8.15am - 3.20pm

Website

nexus.edu.sg

Admissions

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What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ Nexus is a truly international school with over 60 nationalities with none exceeding 19% of the school population.
- ★ The school champions innovation and digital skills throughout its curriculum, preparing learners for an ever-evolving world.
- ★ Nexus learners have multitudes of opportunities, ranging from theatre, music ensembles, and competitive sports; to science clubs, entrepreneurship, and Arduino.





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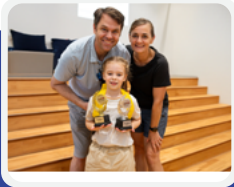
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The teachers and staff are warm and friendly, creating a safe and happy community within the school."

- Edward & Jodie Bevan, parents of the Grange students

Year established
2018

Location
449 Yio Chu Kang Road,
S805946.

Age taught
4-12 years

School hours
10:00am - 4:30pm

Website
thegrange.edu.sg

Admissions
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What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ The Grange recently added new sports facilities, including a football pitch for camps in collaboration with Real Madrid Foundation Football School.
- ★ It's one of two international schools in the world that's recognised as a UNESCO partner for World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development 2025.
- ★ The school offers an all-inclusive curriculum with specialist subjects and co-curricular activities at no extra cost, as well as rolling enrolments.




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What PARENTS SAY about this school

“The UWCSEA community’s values align deeply with ours. Our kids live these values every day in how they connect and contribute - in the classroom, during school activities, as well as through transformative experiences like service trips to Cambodia and Indonesia.”

*- Isabel Austin,
parent of UWCSEA Dover students*

Year established
1971

Location
Dover campus:
1207 Dover Road, S139654.
East campus:
1 Tampines Street 73, S528704.

Age taught
4 -18 years

School hours
Kindergarten 1
Grade 1: 8am - 2pm
Grades 2-12: 8am - 3pm
After-school activities till
4.30pm

Website
uwcsea.edu.sg

Admissions
Call +65 6774 2653; or email
admissions@uwcsea.edu.sg

What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ UWCSEA offers a holistic concept-based K-12 curriculum that’s driven by a strong mission of peace and sustainability, with both day and residential boarding options.
- ★ It has a community of 5,900+ students, who come from 100+ countries with 80+ languages spoken.
- ★ Its innovative Grade 9/10 and IB Diploma programmes allow students to tailor their learning with unique courses like ‘IB Systems Transformation: Leadership for Change’.



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What PARENTS SAY about this school

“Our daughters had an amazing experience at XWA, which gave them a warm welcome and helped them adjust. We recommend XWA to families for its supportive and welcoming environment, as well as highly engaged teachers who genuinely help students thrive.”

*- Eda and Abdülkadir Tasdemir,
parents of XWA students*

Year established
2014

Location
2 Yishun Street 42, S768039.

Age taught
18 months - 18 years

School hours
8:30am - 3:30pm

Website
xwa.edu.sg

Admissions
Call +65 6230 4230; or email
admissions@xwa.edu.sg

What HONEYKIDS loves about this school

- ★ XWA offers one of the most flexible and personalised academic pathways among international schools in Singapore.
- ★ Students have the choice of pursuing the full IB, AP courses, or a US-accredited High School Diploma.
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Fancy letting the kids learn an **extra language**?

Being able to speak a second (or third) language brings lots of benefits, and it's easy to help your kids achieve that in Singapore.

Singapore is a melting pot of culture and most people are bilingual, or even multilingual!

Whether it's picking up a new language, keeping up with your mother tongue, or even improving the kids' English – there are many language learning opportunities for kids.



Pro-tip: Schools offer these programmes too!

Bilingual programmes

Many preschools and international schools offer [bilingual programmes](#).

However, most are English-Mandarin, with a few in English-French.

Mother tongue language (MTL) learning is also compulsory in local schools. But MTL lessons in Mandarin, Malay, and Tamil are more prevalent.

Home language

Most international schools offer [home language programmes](#) in various Asian and European languages – one even has up to 15! Alternatively, you can send your kids to language learning centres if yours isn't offered by the school.

English language support

Do your kids need help with English? Fret not, international schools usually have English language support classes to help kids achieve the required proficiency level. There are also loads of [English language enrichment centres](#) around Singapore that offer fun and effective kids' courses.



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Play your way at these **top playgroups** in Singapore for under-fives

Looking for fun and meaningful social activities for your little ones? These top playgroups offer just the right mix of music, movement, and messy play!

Playgroups are a great way to ease little ones into new environments, and let's face it, parents could use some new play ideas and a chance to meet other moms and dads too! These are also safe spaces for the little ones to develop motor skills, boost confidence, and nurture early friendships. The best part? Parents can get in on the fun too.

Messy play

Your kids love messy play but you're not quite as thrilled about the clean up. Good thing for playgroups where little ones can get creative and grubby, all while having a blast.

Bilingual play groups

Learn Mandarin the fun way, through music, movement, and sensory play at bilingual playgroups. You don't need to be native speakers, just follow along and learn with your baby!

Postnatal playgroups

Ready to re-enter the world? Postnatal playgrounds are great ways to meet like-minded new mums, find support for breastfeeding, and even get in some exercise, while your babies make their first friends.



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When the kids need a little extra help...

A guide to all the early intervention and learning support options we have in Singapore.

Education shouldn't be one-size-fits-all. Here's where you can find supportive education for your kids.

★ Early intervention centres

Singapore citizens and permanent residents with kids up to six years old can join the subsidised [Early Intervention Programme for Infants & Children](#). More targeted support can be found at privately-run early intervention centres, with some even offering early learning programmes and childcare services.



★ Local and special education (SPED) schools

Did you know that mainstream local schools can support kids with specific special needs too? The school works closely with a Special Needs Education Officer and relevant social agencies to support kids with mild learning needs. Kids with moderate to severe special education needs can apply to join SPED schools, which follows a tailored form of the national curriculum.



★ International schools

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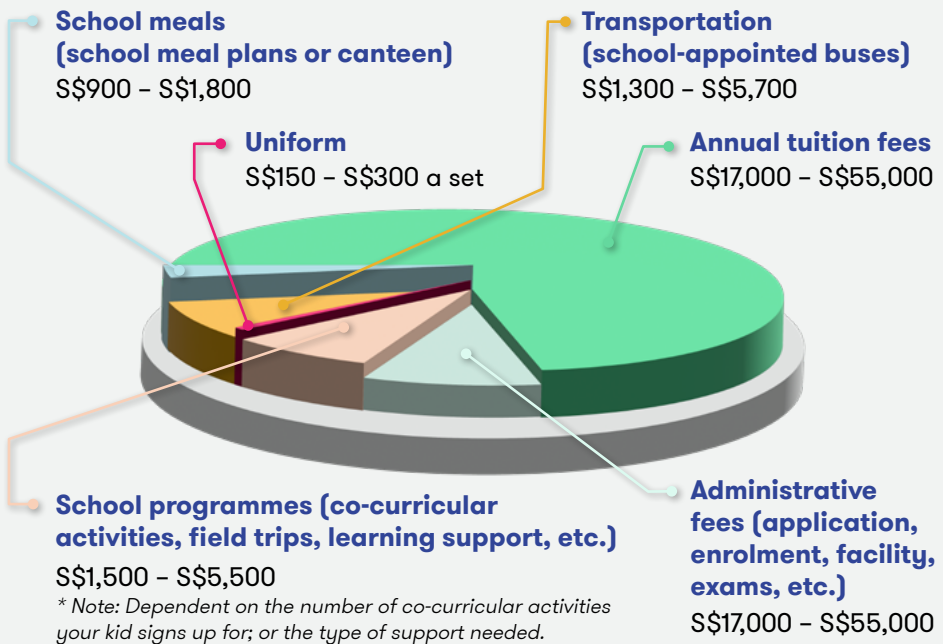
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How much do international schools (really) cost?

Tuition fees are just the tip of the iceberg...

Your kids' education isn't something to be taken lightly, especially so if you're thinking of enrolling them in international school. They're usually more expensive than local schools, and that's not including administration as well as other costs (transport, uniform, etc.).

These are the annual costs to consider (in rough estimates).



Cost-saving tips:

- Apply during school open days as there may be enrollment offers.
- Take advantage of sibling discounts (some even up to 25%).
- Look out for uniform resale programmes by the school or parent community.
- Commute via public transport if possible, or carpool if you know of schoolmates who live nearby.
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Are my kids ready for the real world?

With the rise of AI and our world changing rapidly, it's more important than ever to make sure our kids are future-ready.

Our kids will be facing never-before-seen challenges when it's time to leave school – and schools realise this. Many ensure that students pick up 21st century skills, be it in subject learning or through cocurricular activities (CCA). Here's how.

Digital literacy

More than just hard skills, but also on using technology (including AI) smartly and ethically.

Entrepreneurship

A recent [report](#) showed that entrepreneurial skills (eg. time management, leadership, risk-taking, etc.) significantly reduce the risk of unemployment in a student's future. Some schools have elements of entrepreneurship built into their curriculum.

University and career counselling

University and career counselling can start as early as 13 years old, so students can better prepare themselves to acquire the skills necessary for their preferred course and career.

CCAs

Model United Nations, Entrepreneurs' Club – these are just some examples of school CCAs that can help your kid gain 'real world' skills.



Internships

The best way to learn about the 'real world' is to experience it! Schools work with selected companies to provide students with short placements to earn work experience.



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The best holiday camps in Singapore



School holidays stretching ahead with an empty calendar? Banish the boredom with one (or more) of these awesome themed holiday camps! No matter what your kiddo is into, there's a camp to suit everyone in Singapore.



Art, craft & cooking

Get creative with a super fun art or cooking camp in Singapore! Best bit: your kids can bring home their artwork or share their cooking skills with the family, as fun (and tasty!) keepsakes.



Sports

Burn off that boundless energy and send your active kids to one of the fun sports camps on the island! Soccer, athletics, and multi-sport camps are our faves. We also love the trampoline park camps for something a little different. Guaranteed exhausted kiddo by the end.



Music, dance & performing arts

Have you got a dancer or actor in the family? Hone their skills in the performing arts with a theatre camp. Here they can create their own plays, learn the art of voice and acting with like-minded mini thespians. There's usually even a real-life performance with an audience (us parents!).



Science & tech

Educate the kiddos while having fun! Learn new skills and dabble in technology with a fun robotics or coding camp. We love the science camps where kids can join in and try real-life experiments!



Mindfulness

School holidays are a time for the kids to enjoy some downtime and relax, and a mindfulness camp will give them the skills they need to calm themselves and regulate their emotions, ready for the new school year.

Check out our [website](#) for the full list of best holiday camps in Singapore.



Dill with it, **padel and pickleball** are the new social workouts

In a pickle for fun? Here's how and where to play padel and pickleball in Singapore

Padel and pickleball are the buzzy new sports sweeping through Singapore. Ready to join the fun? Grab a paddle and smash your way into fun. Don't forget your [sunscreen](#) if you're playing outdoors!

What is padel?

Padel is a racket sport played with perforated rackets and decompressed balls. It follows the tennis-style scoring and is played in doubles on enclosed courts, where players will hit on the walls or fences. Fast-paced and strategic, it's a high energy game with lesser physical strain than tennis.



What is pickleball?

Pickleball is a fast-paced racket game blending elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Played on a compact court with solid paddles and perforated balls, it can be played singles or doubles, indoors or outdoors. Matches go up to 11 points and a team must lead by two points to win.



Where to play padel and pickleball?

Courts for padel and pickleball are popping up across Singapore! So even if your condo doesn't allow them on the tennis courts, don't fret! Head to [hot spots](#) with courts in Dempsey, Orchard, or Sentosa. Or book pickleball courts islandwide via Singapore Pickleball Association. Game on!



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The best things to do with kids in Singapore

Looking for fresh ways to entertain your little ones in Singapore?

From brand-new indoor play spaces to cool cultural experiences, here are some of the best things to check out with kids right now:

Keppel Centre for Art Education reimagined at National Gallery Singapore

After a stunning refresh, this free art space is a must-visit. With immersive installations, interactive zones, and creative workshops; it's a fun way for kids to get hands-on with art. Perfect for a rainy day!

Minion Land at Universal Studios Singapore

Say "bello!" to the newest zone at Universal Studios Singapore! Minion Land is packed with mischievous fun. Ride the Despicable Me Minion Mayhem simulator, munch on banana-themed snacks, and meet your favourite yellow troublemakers. It's a hit with both toddlers and tweens.





ArtScience Museum

Get the kiddos excited with a visit to the iconic ArtScience Museum. Its permanent exhibition – Future World: Where Art Meets Science – is a must-see, along with the new Artland learning hub in ArtScience Laboratory that has lots of hands-on activities for the fam.



Rainforest Wild Asia at Mandai

Get ready to walk beneath the rainforest canopy! This immersive experience lets families explore Southeast Asia’s lush biodiversity up-close, with tree-top trails, animal encounters, and educational zones designed to ignite eco-curiousity kids and adults alike.



Bukit Timah Railway Station playground

Train-loving tots can climb and explore at this nostalgic outdoor play area, part of the Rail Corridor revamp. Bring scooters, pack a picnic, and soak in Singapore’s green side.



Sengkang Swimming Complex has been revamped – with new rainbow slides!

Rainbow Dash, Cotton Candy Bowl, and Sugar Rush are part of this exciting upgrade. Check out the brand-new triple-lane slide, perfect for high-speed racing, and the vibrant spiral tube slides, with enclosed twists and turns for maximum exhilaration (and tiny prices!)

Whether you’re parenting preschoolers or wrangling tweens, Singapore’s family-friendly scene is thriving! Check our [website](#) for more inspo, and stay tuned for all the [new openings](#)!



Is there trick-or-treating in Singapore? You bet!

Halloween might not be a local holiday here but there are plenty of places to get costumes and celebrate.



Where to get your Halloween costumes

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Where to go celebrate + go trick-or-treating

Neighbourhood events

Some neighbourhoods like Opera Estate have trick-or-treating events, keep an eye out on your condo or neighbourhood's Facebook pages.

Halloween Horror Nights

Universal Studios Singapore's signature Halloween event (not suitable for young kids).

Halloween Parties by OnePA

Plenty of Halloween events – from dance parties to thrilling fiestas – across the island hosted by OnePA.

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Christmas in Singapore: Lights, Action, Turkey

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Christmas events and lights that'll delight the kids



Christmas Wonderland at Gardens by the Bay

Probably the best Christmas event in the Little Red Dot! Your kiddos will be amazed by the 20-metre Gothic-inspired structure with 100,000 light bulbs in the middle of Supertree Grove. Plus, experience 'snow' in the tropics.

A Universal Christmas

Expect themed shows, character meet-and-greets, snowfall experiences, and much more in Universal Studios Singapore.



Christmas on a Great Street

An annual signature event since 1984, Singapore's beloved shopping stretch on Orchard Road will be decked out in twinkly lights and all manner of festive ornaments.

Marina Bay Sands

2024's edition featured an ensemble of Christmas trees dressed in fairy curtain lights, along with rows and rows of beautiful lights that illuminated the integrated resort in a resplendent festive glow.



Christmas feasts for the fam

Cold Storage

Hosting a Christmas feast at home? This popular supermarket makes food prep easy with its pre-order butterball roasted turkey, ribeye roasts, roasted pork belly, and more. It even has halal options!

The Fishwives

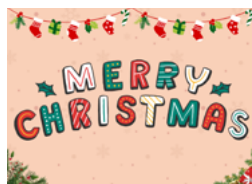
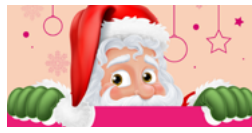
Best for healthy, sustainable, and fresh eats like a full free-range or half Christmas ham on the bone. Plus, did we mention free delivery is available?

Hotels

Prefer to dine out for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? Almost all hotels in Singapore offer festive set menus or buffets for the occasion.



Check our website for the latest [Christmas events](#) and [feast](#) options for the upcoming holiday season.



Understanding Gen Alpha from slang to emojis

We're here to break the code of Gen Alpha slang and how they use emojis to communicate.

THE LATEST GEN ALPHA SLANG:

"ts pmo 🤬" (phrase)

- Stands for "this sh*t piss me off", usually used to express dislike or being upset by something.
- Example sentence: "Did you see Jayden's new haircut? Ts pmo 🤬".

Aura/Negative Aura (noun)

- A quantified form of vibes, aura points are awarded to someone who has done something cool or trendy, or taken away when someone does something lame or has 'lame qualities'.
- Example sentence: "Did you see John fall down the stairs earlier? He's definitely got negative aura points!".

"Get a j*b" (phrase)

- J*b is now being censored as people become jokingly "afraid" of employment. The phrase is also meant as an insult towards people who are chronically online or immature.
- Example sentence: "You're playing Roblox on a Monday afternoon? Get a j*b dude!".

Emojis that might mean something else

- 🥲: Used instead of "💔" to show heartbreak or sadness.
- 🗨️: Derived from the slang, "cap" used to refer to something fake or false.
- 💩: Used in reaction to something extremely funny, cringy, or shocking.

Understanding Gen Alpha can be difficult – we've got a [list of slang](#) they use to learn more about how they communicate. We also have a [review from a HoneyKids mum](#) who shares what she learn about her teens from the show, Adolescence.



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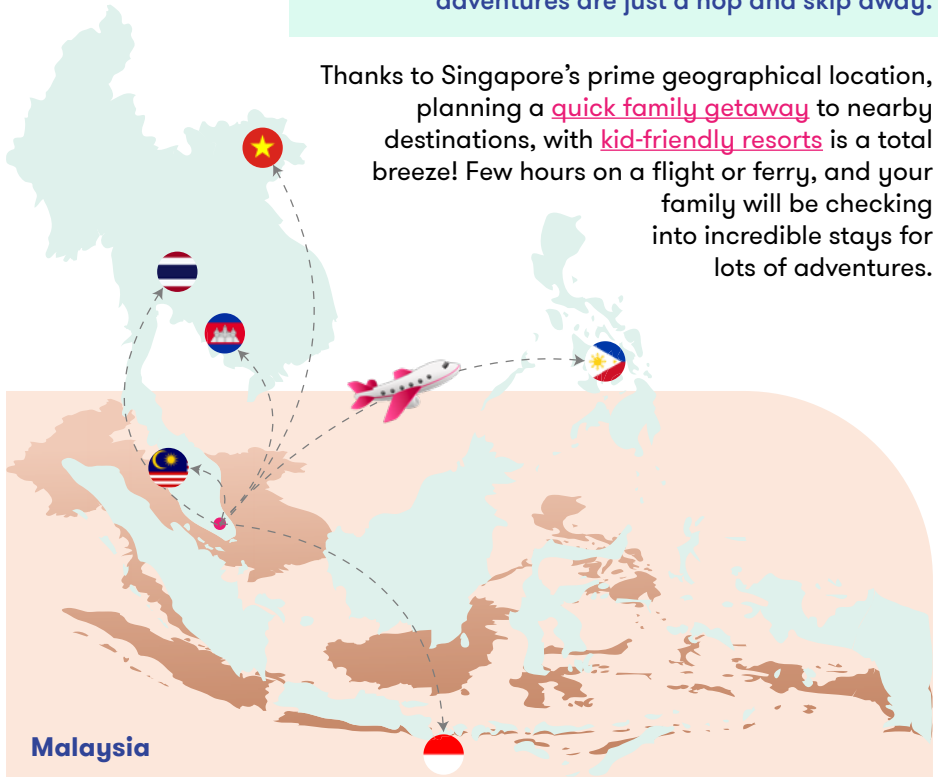
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No long-haul flights: Top destinations under four hours from Singapore

The good thing about living in Singapore? Family adventures are just a hop and skip away.

Thanks to Singapore's prime geographical location, planning a [quick family getaway](#) to nearby destinations, with [kid-friendly resorts](#) is a total breeze! Few hours on a flight or ferry, and your family will be checking into incredible stays for lots of adventures.



Malaysia

Possibly the most popular travel destination for food, shopping, beaches, and theme parks. Families flock to Desaru Coast and Langkawi for laid-back beach holidays with family-friendly resorts, to Johor Bahru for food and [attractions](#). Want something cool? Take the fam to Genting for its cool weather and [theme parks](#).

Indonesia

With over 17,000 islands making up this country, Indonesia has more than just stunning beaches, it also offers tranquil retreats on [private islands](#)! There are many resorts surrounded by lush landscapes where kids can climb, golf, or even stay with the elephants!



Thailand

From Phuket to Koh Samui, Thailand offers more than white sandy beaches and azure waters. Think beachfront **resorts** with playgrounds, water features, and kids' clubs – leaving parents free to kick back with a cocktail or two.



Vietnam

A treasure trove of family adventures, Vietnam is the perfect blend of culture, nature, and kids-approved fun! It's the perfect weekend **getaway** especially when there are **family-friendly resorts** with adventure playgrounds, crafting activities, and even on-call nannies for the tiny tots.

Cambodia

Hop on an adventure where you explore UNESCO World Heritage sites in Cambodia like **Angkor Wat** or the ancient ruins of Ta Prohm. Take tuk-tuk rides to the local marketplaces or watch the sunset/sunrise from a hot air balloon!

The Philippines

From Manila's buzzing city vibes to Cebu's waterparks and the clear waters of Borocay, the Philippines packs in thrills, culture, and fun in the sun. Perfect for your next family **getaway** just three-hours from Singapore.

Start marking the **holidays** and planning your next **weekend getaway** with **family-friendly resorts** and destinations just a hop from Singapore.



Your handy guide to kids' dentists in Singapore



A visit to the dentist can be scary, that's why we've rounded up some of the friendliest kids' dentists in town to make your kiddos' routine check as smooth as possible.

Good dental hygiene starts from birth, and it's recommended that kids visit the dentist once every six months once from when they're one or as soon as their first tooth sprouts. To prep them for their first visit, be sure to talk it through with them (or read a book about visiting the dentist) and ensure they're well rested before their appointment.

Great kids' dentists to consider:

Teeth @ Tiong Bahru

Block 11A Boon Tiong Road, #01-12, Singapore 161011

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10 Sinaran Drive, #11-19, Novena Medical Center, Singapore 307506

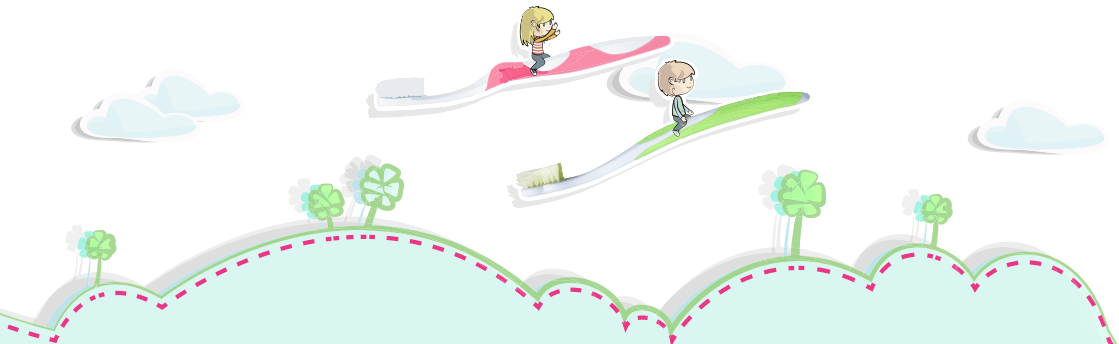
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For more, we've compiled a [list of the best kids' dentists in Singapore](#) – pick the one that's close by or best suited for your kiddos' needs!



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24-hour medical centres to bookmark:

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thomsonmedical.com

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centralclinic.com.sg

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24 hours Raffles Medical Clinic

Singapore Changi Airport, 65 Airport Boulevard B2-01, Singapore 819663
Tel: 6241 8818
rafflesmedicalgroup.com








Some handy tips to remember:

- ★ Babies and toddlers bleed a lot, even from tiny cuts, especially on the head and hands.
- ★ Bring your child's passport, ID, and credit card to the hospital or clinic.
- ★ Panic can cloud judgement — keep an emergency plan on the fridge and review it with family.
- ★ Keep a well-organised first aid kit handy.

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Glossary of School Acronyms every parent needs to know

Don't know your IB from your IGCSE? Past the point where it's acceptable to ask?

Our trusty guide to school acronyms should sort you out. Yup, it's time to drop that sheepish grin — we're here to educate!



AP:

Advanced Placement
an American program which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students.

CBSE:

Central Board of Secondary Education
a Board of Education for schools, under the Union Government of India.

DP:

Diploma Programme
an educational program managed by the IB for students aged 17 to 18 years old.

EAL:

English as an
Additional Language



GCE A Level:

**General Certificate
of Education
Advanced Level**

pre-university course
taken in the last two years
of secondary school
culminating in exams
taken in three to five
subjects chosen on what
university course
a student intends
to pursue.

IPC:

**International Primary
Curriculum** curriculum
for children aged five to
11 with specific learning
goals for every subject
and taught in over 1,000
schools worldwide.

ILP:

Individual Learning
Program

IGCSE:

**International General
Certificate of
Secondary Education**
an English language
curriculum based on
GCE O levels.

IB:

**International
Baccalaureate**
a non-profit educational
institution that offers
educational programs
for children aged three
to 18 years-old.



PYP:

**Primary Years
Programme**

an educational program
managed by the IB for
students aged three to
12 years.

MYP:

**Middle Years
Programme**

an educational program
managed by the IB for
students aged 11 to
16 years old.

HSC:

**Higher School
Certificate** a secondary
school credential awarded
by New South Wales,
Australia.

IBDB:

**International
Baccalaureate Diploma
Programme** a two-year
educational programme
for 16- to 18 year-olds.

STEAM:

Programs that include
Science, Technology,
Engineering/
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and Mathematics.



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UNI:

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SCHOOL TOUR CHECKLIST

Going on a school tour? Not sure what to ask? No worries! We've created this handy dandy checklist for you to run through. Print off a copy of this form for each tour you go on, then compare at the end when making your final decision. Good luck!

School:

Date of Tour:

Admin Contact:

Name of Child:



CHECKLIST



NOTES

Curriculum (Montessori, Reggio Emilia, IB Diploma, Australian, American or UK), languages offered, class sizes

School's mission, vision, and culture

School facilities (academic, sports and arts)

School's location and available transportation

Teachers, teaching methods and approach to learning

Fees

Admission process

Sibling discounts/financial incentives

Sports/extracurricular activities on offer

OTHER TIPS & QUESTIONS

- See if you can visit both inside and outside school hours so you get a fuller picture.
- Find out a thorough cost breakdown and what extras will be needed
- Enquire about teacher expertise
- "Why should I choose your school?"
- "Are scholarships on offer?"
- "What is the school transport timetable?"
- "What parent support is available?"
- Above all: can you picture your child enjoying this school?

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acsinternational.edu.sg



Astor International School
astor.edu.sg



Australian International School
ais.com.sg



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(SINGAPORE)
Brighton College (Singapore)
brightoncollege.edu.sg



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CIS Canadian International School
Canadian International School
cis.edu.sg



CHATSWORTH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Chatsworth International School
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GESS - International School Singapore
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Global Indian International School
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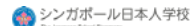
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