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# Hey parents,

**Chris Edwards,** Mum to Evie, Louis & Darcy Founder & CEO of Honeycombers, HoneyKids Asia & Launchpad

If you're new to Singapore and need a lowdown on all things school-related, you've come to the right place.

Singapore is known for its world-class education system, with an abundance of schooling options, extracurriculars and lots more to think about. We're here to help!

From looking for your first school to finding the best curriculum to suit your child, knowing your options for early intervention or learning support and even after-school care, we hope this guide will give you all the tools you need to make an informed decision.

It's not all just education, though. We've also peppered in some fun ideas for things to do with kids when they're not in school (including some really cool holiday camps and a bucket list of must-visit attractions). There's also handy info on family doctors and dentists to have on speed dial!



#### Looking for even more great info?

Make sure you join us for our biggest event of the year – the HoneyKids Asia International School Fair! Now in its 13th edition, we're proud to present the oldest (and best!) school fair in town. It's the perfect opportunity to meet Singapore's top international schools all under one roof, put your questions to the experts, and listen in on a whole host of education talks. And if you can't make the date, then remember, you've got this handy book to help, too. Good luck!

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### Our guide to international school curricula is here to help!



One of the main things to consider when choosing an international school is the curriculum it offers. The key is to find one that fits your child's needs and preferred learning style. You may also want to factor in the possibility of future relocation plans, if any.

Here's a simplified guide to all the curriculum options offered by international schools in Singapore.



# American

Schools that offer the American curriculum are supported by the AERO standards, which is issued by the US State Department's Office of Overseas Schools. Known for its flexibility and academic rigour, this curriculum is inquiry-based and student-centred. At high school level, students can make their own course choices.

## **British**

Students following the national curriculum of UK go through five key stages, with the GCSE happening in the fourth key stage (Years 10-11) and A Levels in the final stage (Years 12-13). Core subjects include English literacy, mathematics and numeracy, science, art, music, drama, physical education, and religious education.

## **International Baccalaureate**

IB is an international curriculum that's considered to be the gold standard by many educational institutions. It aims to develop students academically, emotionally, and socially; and is said to result in better chances of admission into top universities.

## IGCSE

Originally based on the UK O-Level examinations, the content of the course has been adapted to suit the needs of international students who are not studying in the UK, or will be taking a different course in their final years of school. IGCSE is considered to be excellent preparation for A-Levels and IBDP subject courses.



# What is Discord, and is it safe for kids?

Ever stumbled across your kid talking to someone online at the computer using an unfamiliar-looking platform? They're most likely on Discord – but what is it exactly? We go through the pros and cons of this app

#### What is Discord?

Discord is a voice, video, and text app – think Skype but with a lot more features. You can join large communities or make private servers to hang out with friends. Video calls, screen sharing, and in-built games are some of the popular basic features.

#### The pros:



Setting up playdates can be tiring, but it's not a problem when it's online! They can even set it up themselves and pick a time to get online together. But if you want to keep an eye on the little ones just in case, you can make them take the call in a common area.

It can also help them with mental health in many ways, like having a safe space to vent or a way to make new friends.

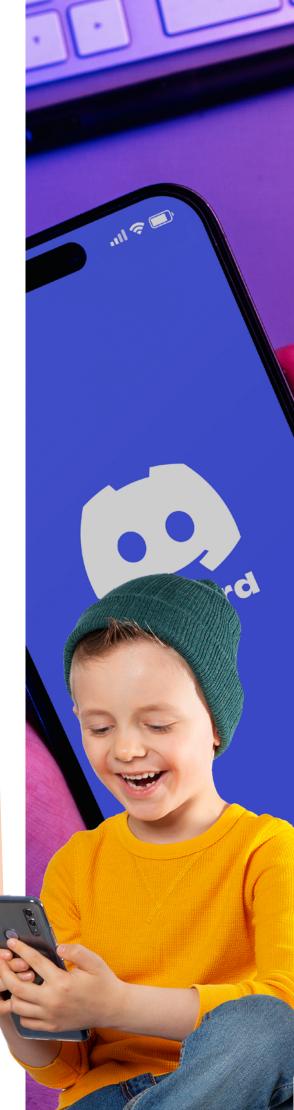
#### The cons:



Like most social media platforms, kids need to be wary of stranger danger. It's easy to make a fake profile and target the susceptible kiddos – most servers are heavily moderated but it's easy to reach out to someone via Direct Messages or DMs.

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# International school fees in Singapore: What to expect

Calculators at the ready! Cost is a big player when choosing an international school for your child. It's not just about tuition; there are application and enrolment fees, extracurricular activities... all before snack break!

## **Application fees**

Some schools offer free applications, while others charge a fee — sometimes partially refundable. Luckily, it's a one-time cost and won't hit you again in the second year!

**PRO-TIP:** Some schools offer discounts or waive application fees on Open Days!







## **Tuition fees**

Tuition is the biggest cost and varies widely between schools. Ask about payment plans: can you pay in instalments or is it all upfront? Remember, tuition fees often rise with each grade level. Plan ahead if you're in it for the long haul.

## Transport

Waving goodbye to your child on the school bus is another cost to consider.



### **Uniforms**

This could be a small fee; it could be another hundred dollars or so.

### **School lunches**

The school canteen can nibble away at your wallet each year, so factor that in!

#### Tech at home

Even if home-based learning is a thing of the past, tech is here to stay. So, budget for laptops and tablets!



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#### Take note:

Other costs to watch for include extracurricular activities, books, field trips, exams, insurance, learning support, and English as a Second Language classes.

Got more than one kid attending the same school? Some schools offer sibling discounts, so be sure to ask your shortlisted schools about this perk!

# A guide to international vs. local schools in Singapore

With tuition fees at international schools increasing every year, sending our young 'uns to local schools suddenly looks more appealing. But can expat kids even get into local schools in Singapore? Lucky for you, we've done quite a bit of groundwork on the topic.

H HONEYKIDS	International Schools	Local Schools
Culture	Chance for children of various nationalities to stay connected to their own culture.	Unique opportunity for an immersive experience.
Longevity	Friendships can be transient.	Consistent environment for families who choose to stay in Singapore for the long haul.
Ease of Signing Up	Can involve long waitlists.	PR children are guaranteed a place in local schools, but Singaporean citizens have first priority. For non-PR children, is at the discretion of MOE.
Approach	Some schools follow the national curriculum of the country they're affiliated with, or a blend of this with a curriculum like IGCSE or PYP. Many schools also follow the IB.	Not as individualised and class sizes have a larger student to teacher ratio. Reputa- tion for being very robust when it comes to literacy and numeracy.
Bilingualism	Offers Mandarin and the language of ori- gin that the school identifies with.	The main curriculum is taught in English. Learning a mother-tongue language is compulsory.
Competition	Individualised learning approach and per- sonal development plans gives students the freedom to think outside of the box.	Can be fiercely competitive.
Values	The acquisition of soft skills, such as mind- fulness, are a feature at many internation- al schools.	Advocates a strong sense of community. Their system is designed to play to the strengths of each student.
Connections	Students can meet people from various backgrounds, giving a strong community spirit.	Students gain a deep and intimate under- standing of Singapore and use this cultural knowledge later in life.
Hours	Varies. For example, 9am to 3.30pm with 60-minute recess, plus snack break.	7.20am to 1.40pm with 30-minute recess. After-school activities follow normal school hours.
Academic Year	Varies. Typically August to mid-June.	January until mid-November.
Cost	Varies, but for your child's first year, it can range from \$13k to \$50k and includes ap- plication fees, registration fees alongside annual tuition, building and facilities fees.	Starts at \$13/month for citizens (Primary School), \$205/month for PRS, \$465 for ASEAN international students and \$750/ month for other international students.

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# Do schools in Singapore offer mother tongue or home language programmes?

Yes, they do – and we've got the full lowdown: from the languages offered to the schools that offer them.

Being a country with four official languages, multilingualism is embraced and highly encouraged in Singapore. So while English is the main language of instruction in most schools, many do offer some form of additional language programme so students can pick up a second (or third) language.

# What schools in Singapore offer

## Local schools

Learning a second language is compulsory in local schools, and this would usually be based on your child's mother tongue. However, most local schools only offer lessons in Chinese, Malay, and Tamil; with a select few offering Hindi.



#### **International schools**

Families have more language options in international schools, with some offering close to 20 world languages. These include Japanese, French, Finnish, Danish, and more. Some schools may offer these during normal school hours, or as an after-school programme. You may also want to check with the school if additional fees are required for its mother tongue or home language programme.

International schools that offer mother tongue and home language programmes

- GESS International School
- Stamford American International School
- Overseas Family School
- United World College of South East Asia

# Can't find a school that offers your native language? Try language centres.

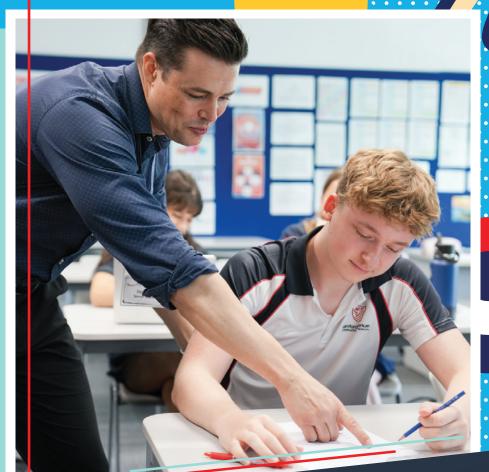


There are many excellent language centres in Singapore that offer kids' language programmes. Some of them even offer online courses, so your kids can learn from home too.

Thanks to technology, your kids can even learn or practise their home language through apps like Duolingo and Memrise. A key tip is to keep speaking to your kids in your home language – active use of language is always the best!



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# HoneyKids mum shares: **"My child needed a non-academic route, so we tried homeschooling"**

One mum shares how she eventually tried the homeschooling route for her teen daughter



My daughter started out in a prominent international school when she was eight years old. After two years, we were getting feedback from her teachers that she couldn't grasp simple concepts and was daydreaming in class. We then decided to transfer her to another school with more learning support. There, the school's occupational therapist picked up that she may have an auditory processing disorder. We got her tested and it was later confirmed that she has Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD).

By this time, she was 11 years old and entering teenhood. On top of a learning disability, she was also developing some social awkwardness and started getting bullied in school. As a result, she wasn't able to manage her emotions very well, began to suffer from major anxiety, and it affected her behaviour at home. We then went through a long round of tests and she was later diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD).



Eventually, we considered homeschooling and are so glad we did because we have not looked back. We approached a consultant we found via the Homeschool Singapore platform, who provided us with resources to begin our daughter's homeschooling journey. We got connected to educator Dawn Fung of Little U, and the rest was history.



Now at age 15, she attends a two-hour in person lesson once a week, then heads home to work on her projects on a self-paced learning structure. What I like most about this system is it teaches children to think critically while also providing an accreditation scheme. Sure, she doesn't learn the standard English, Math or Sciences like other kids, but she gets to immerse herself in topics she loves – currently she's exploring the relationship between goth culture and music, and it's fascinating! I'll be honest, her current development and temperament is still unpredictable – she's still battling with self-confidence and anxiety – but I can see her interests leaning towards the arts and I'm glad that she has such a dedicated teacher who always keeps us updated on her progress. While homeschooling isn't for everyone, I'm glad that we had this option for my child who thrives better in a non-academic environment and I'm sure there are some parents out there who may want to explore this too.



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# 66 Why parents love this school

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## Why parents love this school

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Thibaut and Penny, parents of The Grange student

## **Essential Information**

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# 66 Why families love this school

"OFS' excellent language offerings, including the Mother Tongue Program, is why we chose this school. Since our children speak English, Mandarin, and Dutch, we wanted a school where they could continue to learn all three languages." De Kam family



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# Does your child need extra support in school?

Everything you need to know about early intervention centres and schools with learning support in Singapore.

Mainstream education may not suit every child. Thankfully, there are many schools and educational centres that provide inclusive and supportive learning to children who may benefit with some extra help.

# Early intervention centres

If you're looking to start therapy and support for learning challenges for your child before they start school, early intervention centres are your best bet. For Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents, there's the Early Intervention Programme for Infants & Children. There are also many excellent private early intervention centres around that offer targeted support, with some even providing childcare and life skills training.



# Local and special education (SPED) schools

Planning to enrol your child into a local school? The good news is that local mainstream schools have a Special Education Needs Officer on-site, and are able to support children with specific special needs, like ADHD, dyslexia, hearing loss, mild autism spectrum disorder, physical impairment and visual impairment.

Families of children with moderate to severe special needs may apply to join a SPED school, where they will follow the Singapore curriculum that's tailored to the SPED curriculum Framework. Do note that while international students may apply, priority is given to Singapore citizens.



# **International schools**

While all international schools do offer some form of learning support, not all have special education pathways. Schools that have such pathways usually have on-site therapists and experts (or have close working relationships with external agencies that provide similar services) and dedicated facilities that cater to children with special learning needs.

International schools with special education support:

- Dover Court International School
- International French School (Singapore)
- Melbourne International School
- The GUILD International College
- The Winstedt School



# A scholar and an environmentalist

Maeji Son, a dedicated biologist and founder of the NLCS (Singapore) Environment Sustainability Society, actively contributes to the school community by leading seminars, such as 'Challenges of Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction". She has taken dual enrollment in winter college courses to delve deeper into her passion for the subject.

But, embodying the NLCS ethos means more than just achieving exceptional academic outcomes. Maeji also serves as the editor-in-chief of the School's publication 'Pulse' and holds the position of official climate ambassador for Climate Interactive and Korea's Côte d'Ivoire Embassy. In addition, Maeji aspires to contribute to service projects that raise awareness about Persons with Disabilities (PWD), fostering inclusive communities in Singapore.







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The future is uncertain, especially when our kids eventually enter the ever-changing workforce. Here are some tips by educators from Australian International School and Canadian International School:





#### **3 skills to hone**

What do these jobs of the future have in common? They require people who can think outside the box. Creativity, resilience, and the ability to collaborate are some of the top skills that employers look for.

#### Support starts from home

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# Embrace technology mindfully

Students of today are proficient in the language of technology, so don't dismiss schools that embrace this and give students opportunities to be on apps, YouTube or podcasts, to make them leaders in this digital world.

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#### **Sports**

If you have an active kiddo with boundless energy, check out one of the fun sports camps on offer! We love the trampoline park camps for something a little different and for a guaranteed exhausted kiddo by the end.

#### Music, dance & performing arts

If you have a twinkle toes in the family or a budding actor, they'll love spending the holidays at a camp with like-minded mini thespians preparing for a real-life performance with an audience (their parents!).

#### **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.

#### **Science & tech**

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Professional course offerings: Our advanced Chinese language courses arce based on China Syllabus, while our ESL English courses are aligned with CEFR-based Curriculum System with an option for KET prep.



Our curriculum: On top of language skills, LingoAce focuses on making learning fun while fostering children's quality education and cultural literacy.



Strong teaching and research team: Our teachers are composed of graduates from top universities such as NTU and NUS.

## After-school fun: ECAs, tuition & enrichment classes



School often ends during the thick of the workday, leaving you in a pickle about what kiddos can do before you clock off. Luckily, there are after-school activities and programmes for kids galore, such as extracurricular activities and clubs, enrichment and tuition classes!

### Extra-curricular activities (ECAs) in school

International schools offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Students can join clubs across categories like sports, arts, interest clubs and more. These ECAs are usually conducted in school, so kiddos will be safe until it's time for pickup.

#### **Enrichment classes**

What's your child's interest - Speech and Drama? Coding? Art? Sports? Whatever it is, there are many enrichment centres that offer classes, often conveniently located in malls or neighbourhoods.

#### Tuition

Does kiddo need a boost in academics? How about heading to a tuition centre where your child can learn English, Math, Science, or a second language? The extra support can go a long way while keeping them occupied after school.



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# Singapore's best nature playgardens

Not your traditional playgrounds, these nature playgardens promise oodles of fun and learning opportunities in the wild

Conventional playgrounds are all about neon slides, swing sets and climbers, and are typically located around residential areas and parks. Nature playgardens are more of a hybrid experience. Their designs use the natural terrain of the environment, with interesting elements such as logs made into obstacle courses, tree houses, boulder structures and rope bridges!

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### Where happiness leads to excellence

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We nurture **happy**, **confident** and **competent** children! Our holistic approach to learning and play-based education empowers children to become the best versions of themselves.

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#### Hear from our Parents

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### HortPark

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There are nine nature-inspired play features including a valley of logs placed along the existing topography of the area. Kids can also work up a sweat as they run through tunnels and hideouts created using local flora and fauna or seek refuge from the main flow of activity.

HortPark, 33 Hyderabad Rd, Singapore 119578

### **Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park**

Kiddos can play pretend among the tree logs or test their balance and agility here. Plus, there's also a tic-tac-toe game created using natural elements that can make for some fun! The park is ideally located close to the kid-friendly Canopy restaurant. Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, 1384 Ang Mo Kio Ave 1, Singapore 569932

### **COMO Adventure Grove**

There are loads to check out here, from clambering up the weeping fig play structure to nature play galore with sand and wooden structures to explore. It does get hot though, so head early if you can! COMO Adventure Grove Playground, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 5 Gallop Road, Singapore 258960

### Jacob Ballas Children's Garden

Look forward to a wooden train and sand play area at Jacob Ballas! The cute maze and trails, plus the epic treehouse, are a big nod to nature.

Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 481 Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore 259769

### **Coney Island Park**

Check out the nature playground at Singapore's very own Coney Island in Punggol. Casuarina Exploration was constructed using felled Casuarina trees and recycled materials. This adventure play area provides a rustic yet adventurous backdrop for kiddos' fun play. Coney Island Park, Beside Punggol Promenade Nature Walk

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# How to stay mozzie-free in Singapore

#### Living in the tropics makes mosquito repellents and lotions absolutely essential! Here's how you and the kids can keep the mozzies away

Mosquitoes are the bane of every family in Singapore. These pesky insects are a cause of concern, especially when dengue clusters form in residential areas. No matter how many dishes of random stagnant water we tip out, the mozzies always manage to find a way to survive! Thankfully, there are several types of mosquito repellents that have worked for us and hopefully for you, too!



#### Kid-friendly mosquito repellent sprays

Insect sprays use DEET or picaridin as the active ingredient to keep the mosquitoes at bay. Anything with DEET is super effective, but concentrations above 30% are not kid-friendly and can lead to health complications. Try the ones from RID, Zappy or Babyganics.

TIP: Spray first on your hands and rub the repellent in. Use sparingly on kids' hands as they're more likely to stick their hands in their eyes and mouths.

#### **Mosquito patches for kids**

Mosquito patches are super handy – just stick 'em on, and they last long enough without the need to reapply. Plus, several patches don't contain DEET, which makes it safe for bubs. Tiger Balm is known for their effective mosquito patches, or you can check for various citronella-based options on Shopee.

#### **Mosquito repellent lotions**

Sprays are effective, but are still something of an environmental menace. Try out mozzie lotions instead to be more eco-friendly. Brands like ING Organic, Mama's Choice, and Bioré all offer hypoallergenic, water resistant, and DEET-free anti-mosquito lotions.





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- Eat all the hawker food we love chicken rice, chilli crab and char kway teow
- See the sharks at S.E.A. Aquarium and even try diving
- Visit a waterpark like Wild Wild Wet or Adventure Cove, or check out the public pools
- See the beautiful street art and temples at Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam
- Ride the Singapore Flyer and see the city from above
- Enjoy a scenic Singapore River Cruise

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sail on the Royal Albatross Head to Sentosa for a beach day or any of the attractions including Universal Studios, iFly, the Luge and Madame Tussauds	Take public transport and ride on a double-decker bus or at the front of the MRT Read more at <u>honeykidsasia.com!</u>
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Parenting Playbook is HoneyKids Asia's new live Q&A series, where we tackle some of the biggest challenges of modern day parenting in real time. This new format is a cross between a podcast, webinar and couch session with a parenting expert, where parents get to ask the tough questions and get real time advice. From doctors to therapists, parenting coaches and fellow parents, we'll be diving into the hot seat with our favourite experts to chat all things parenting!

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Send us a question in our monthly Ask Me Anything callout on Instagram stories.

#### Step 3:

Look out for our countdown timer and set a notification to remind you of our upcoming Live Q&A.

#### Step 4:

Tune in when it's time and send more questions if you have them!



## Brace yourself: A guide to visiting the dentist with kids

We fill you in: kiddo's first dental visit doesn't have to be scary! Here are some tips before you head down to tooth town.

### When should I start on my child's dental dates?

Every six months from age one or whenever kiddos sprout their first tooth (whichever comes first). Early check-ups help spot and address issues early on.

### How do I choose a good dentist for my child?

Paediatric dentists specialise in kids' dental care. However, your child doesn't have to see a paediatric dentist. You may have a great relationship with your dentist and prefer taking your kids to see them instead. It's your call. Opt for a dentist your child feels comfortable with. Here are some family-friendly dentists in Singapore.

### What can I do for my child to maintain healthy teeth?

Regular dentist visits help foster good oral hygiene practices, nip any potential issues in the bud and ensure the kids develop a happy relationship with their dentist.

At home, avoid foods that cause cavities. Prioritise healthy whole foods and avoid sugar-dense foods or acidic drinks like soda and juices when possible. Plus, spotting sugary drinks in Singapore is now a cinch! Look out for the Nutri-Grade labels with Colours A (green) to D (red) which signify sugar and fat levels – A being the healthiest pick. Encourage kiddos to drink lots of water to stay hydrated. Singapore's water supply contains fluoride (about 0.7mg per litre) and is safe to drink.





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# 24-hour clinics in Singapore



The kiddos' health always comes first but rushing to the A&E for not-so-urgent emergencies might actually be counterproductive – instead, choose one of these 24-hour family clinics or after-hours doctors near you! In the unfortunate situation where you might need to bring the little one for a late-night clinic, remember to bring your baby's passport, birth certificate or ID, and a credit card. These clinics usually have an after-hours charge that may be implemented at midnight, so be prepared to pay around \$80 to \$130 in consultation charges alone on top of the standard charges for any procedures or medications kiddo might require.

### 24-hour medical centres to take note of:

#### Thompson Medical Centre (A&E and a 24-hour family clinic)

339 Thomson Road, Singapore 307677 Tel: 6250 2222 www.thomsonmedical.com

#### Mount Elizabeth Novena (A&E and a 24-hour on-call paediatrician)

38 Irrawaddy Road, Singapore 329563 Tel: 6898 6898 www.mountelizabeth.com.sg

#### Unihealth 24-Hour Clinic Group (Toa Payoh)

#01-218, 178 Toa Payoh Central, Singapore 310178 Tel: 6203 1639 www.unihealthclinic.sg

#### Raffles Medical Airport 24-Hour Clinic

#B2-01, Changi Airport Terminal 3, 65 Airport Boulevard, Singapore 819663 Tel: 6241 8818

For more, we've compiled a list of the different <u>24-hour family clinics across Singapore</u> so you can keep them on hand if an emergency strikes – we've even sorted them by region so you can find the closest one to you!

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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

### **CBSD**:

#### 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

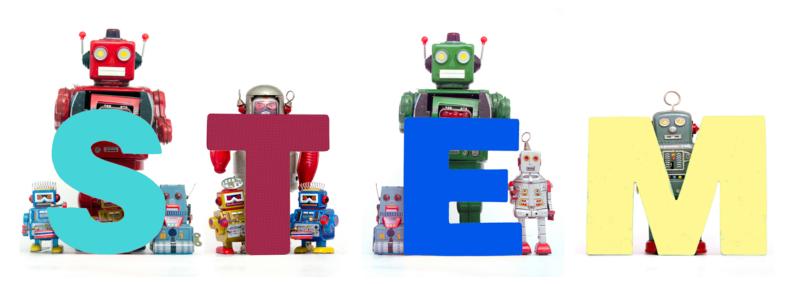
### **IGCSE:**

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

### HSC:

Australia.

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



### **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

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ILP: Individual Learning Program

### 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.

UNI: University

### **IBDP:**

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

### **STEAM:**

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

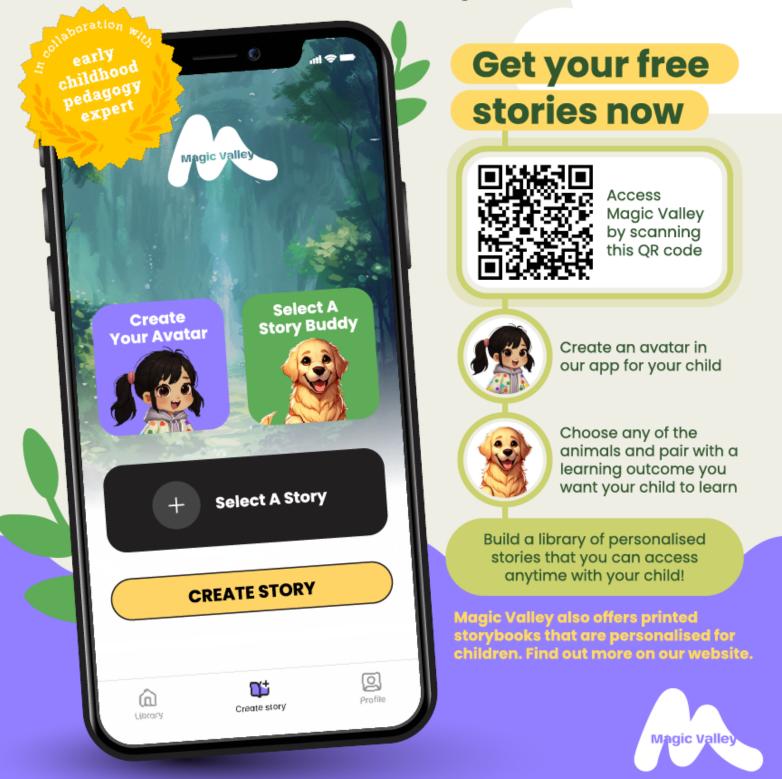
### **STEM:**

Programs that include Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



# Your child, the hero of every story adventure

Magic Valley is an interactive storytelling app, offering personalised avatars and stories based on your child's favourite animals paired with character-building values.



### 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)	1	
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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# School Directory



ACS (International) acsinternational.edu.sg



Brighton College (Singapore) brightoncollege.edu.sg



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Dulwich College (Singapore) singapore.dulwich.org



Global Indian International School <u>singapore.globalindianschool.org</u>



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Hwa Chong International School <u>hcis.edu.sg</u>



International French School (Singapore) <u>ifs.edu.sg</u>



Holland International School hollandinternationalschool.sg



Integrated International School <u>iis.edu.sg</u>



Invictus International School <u>invictus.edu.sg</u>



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