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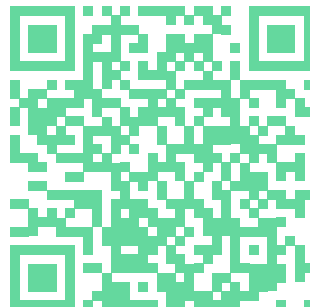
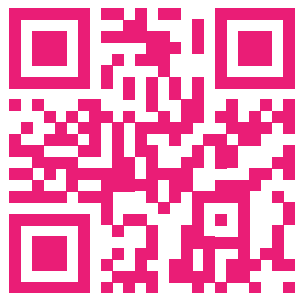


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Hi Parents!

As a mum of three navigating the school run just like you, I know how overwhelming Singapore's education scene can feel. With so many excellent options out there, especially international schools, how do you even begin to find the right fit for your child?

That question is exactly why the HoneyKids Asia team put together this Education Guide. Consider this your one-stop resource for everything education-related in Singapore, from curriculum and costs, to fitting in a new school and online safety for kids. We've thrown in some fun ideas too, because let's face it, keeping the kids entertained during school breaks is a whole job in itself!

Whether you've just landed in Singapore, are weighing up schooling options, or simply want to know what family life here has to offer, this guide was made with you in mind.



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What's the **right** curriculum for your child?

Our guide to international school curricula is here to help!

Making your choice for an international school but feeling overwhelmed by the various curricula? Choosing the right curriculum means looking at what best supports your child's learning style — and keeping potential future relocations in mind.

To help you navigate the options, we've put together a clear, easy-to-understand overview of the curricula 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 the 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)

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. Watch our [video](#) on how you can tell if the IB is the right choice for your child!

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.



Essential Information

Year established

1967

Age taught

3-18 years

Website

ifs.edu.sg

Location

3000 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3,
S569928.

School hours

8:30am - 3:35pm

Admissions

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

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- ★ Tuition fees are affordable and highly competitive, and students have access to a premium international education alongside robust sports and arts programmes.



WHY PARENTS LOVE THIS SCHOOL



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- Vincent Boissac and Nilma Missir, parents of IFS students

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Essential Information

Year established

2011

Age taught

3-18 years

Website

nexus.edu.sg

Location

1 Aljunied Walk, S387293.

School hours

8:15am - 3:15pm (Nursery)
8:15am - 3:20pm
(Primary and Secondary)

Admissions

Call +65 6536 6566; or email
admissions@nexus.edu.sg

WHAT HONEYKIDS LOVES ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

- ★ Nexus' 2026 IBDP graduates gained an average score of 35.8 (well above global average), with two learners achieving perfect scores and another two scoring 44/45.
- ★ This is a truly international school where everyone feels like they belong. Over 60 nationalities call Nexus home, with no single nationality over 20%.
- ★ Its new Principal, Karrie Dietz, brings 30+ years of experience in IB schools across Asia.



WHY PARENTS LOVE THIS SCHOOL



"Nexus' vibrant community has truly become a home away from home for us. We've watched our twins grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity. The teachers make us feel truly heard, supporting our boys and meeting our queries with openness."

- **Suchi and Vikas**, parents of Nexus learners Ritvik and Rudra (Year 1)

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Essential Information

Year established

2024

Location

49A Holland Road, S258850.

Age taught

3-6 years

School hours

7am - 7pm
(operational hours)
9am - 5pm
(programme hours)

Website

sji-internationalpreschool.com.sg

Admissions

Call +65 6908 4520; or email
admin@sji-internationalpreschool.com.sg

WHAT HONEYKIDS LOVES ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

- ★ SJI International Preschool uses an inquiry-based approach to learning, strengthened with a bilingual programme, outdoor learning, and excellent pastoral care.
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Essential Information

Year established

1971

Location

1207 Dover Road, S139654.
1 Tampines Street 73, S528704.

Age taught

3-18 years

School hours

8am - 2pm
(infant school)

8am - 3pm

(junior, middle, and high school)

After-school activities programme
until 4.30pm

Website

uwcsea.edu.sg

Admissions

Call +65 6774 2653 /
+65 6305 5353; or email

admissions@uwcsea.edu.sg

WHAT HONEYKIDS LOVES ABOUT THIS SCHOOL

- ★ UWCSEA weaves five elements – academics, activities, outdoor education, personal and social education, and services – into its holistic K-12 learning programme.
- ★ Students learn alongside 6,000+ peers from over 100 countries, with over 80 languages spoken, across two campuses.
- ★ The school's graduates have gained entrance into top universities around the world, equipped with skills to pursue peace, sustainability, and become agents of change.

WHY PARENTS LOVE THIS SCHOOL



"UWCSEA stood out because it offers a rare balance. Children are allowed to stay curious, ask questions, meet people from different backgrounds, and build their own understanding of the world; all while focusing on academics and building confidence."

- Zinan, parent of UWCSEA East students

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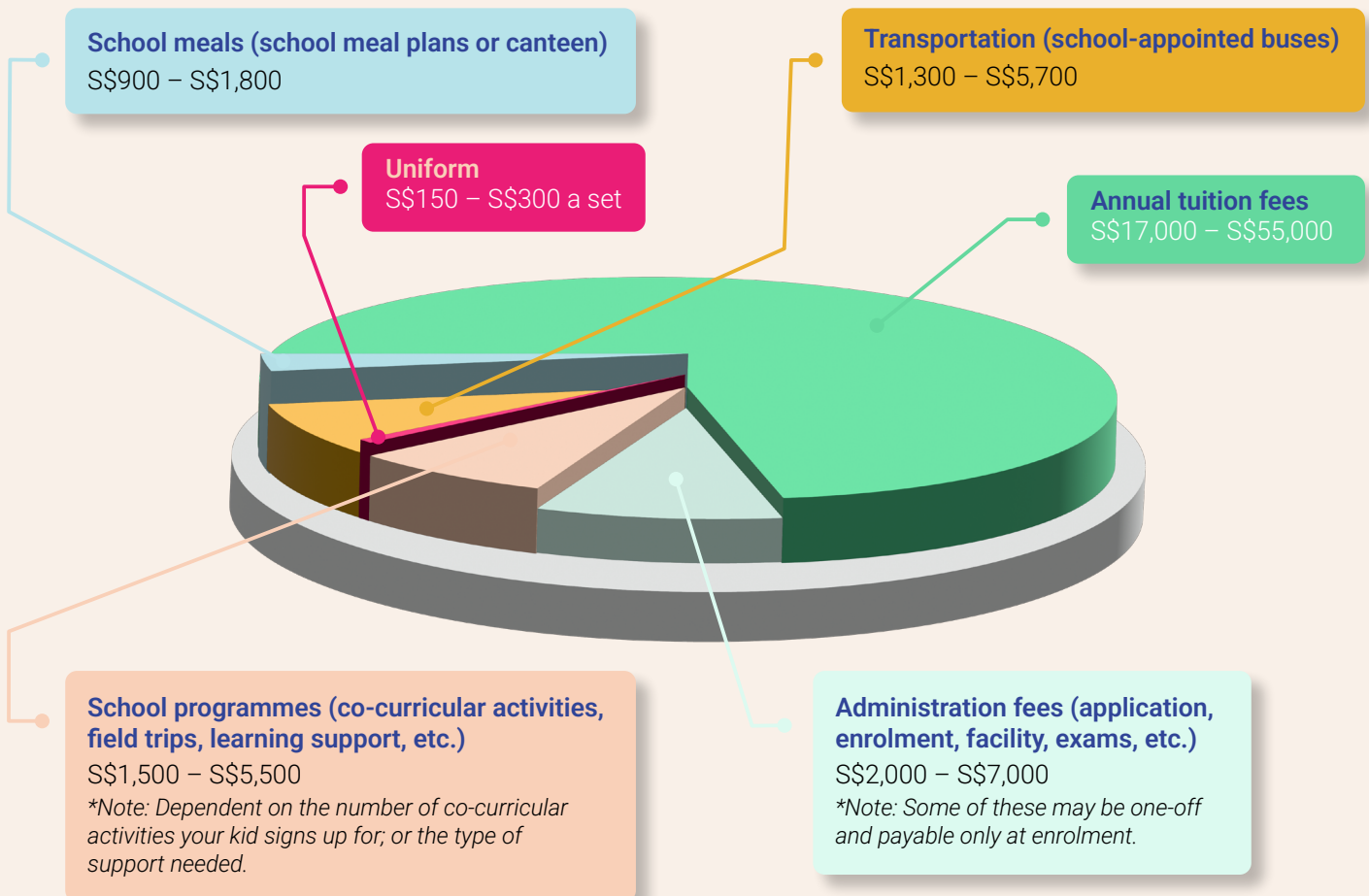
do international schools (really) cost



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.
- ➔ Pack [lunch boxes](#) from home.



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Does your child need **Extra Support** in school?

Here's 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: 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 various 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 work 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



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International schools that offer English language support

Don't worry if your child isn't fluent in English, as many international schools in Singapore have support programmes to help students settle and follow the curriculum.

Diversity is celebrated and recognised in international schools in Singapore. Though most use English as the main language of instruction, schools also understand that this may not be every student's first language.

As such, many schools have English language support programmes to help non-native English speakers meet the curriculum's language requirements. Some even go as far as to help students build confidence in the language and settle into school life.

What to expect from English language support programmes by international schools

English language support programmes may differ in structure and duration according to schools. But they all share a common goal in helping your child achieve the necessary English proficiency level in the shortest time possible.

Usually, schools would group students according to their existing English proficiency level. This allows students to learn alongside peers of similar language abilities, and teachers are able to provide more targeted support.

Students who just started learning English may be placed in specialised classes; whereas those with basic or slightly advanced language skills may follow mainstream classes with support from a dedicated English language teacher.

Some international schools that offer English language support programmes:

- ▶ [Global Indian International School](#)
- ▶ [International Community School \(Singapore\)](#)
- ▶ [Overseas Family School](#)
- ▶ [XCL World Academy](#)

You can always check in with the teachers on your child's progress!

Rest assured that you will receive regular reports about your child's progress from their teachers. However, don't be shy to approach them to ask for more updates and tips on how you can support your child at home.





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Helping your kids make friends at new school

Moving countries is a lot. Moving countries and then walking into a classroom where everyone already has a best friend is another thing entirely, and your child is doing it with a fraction of your coping tools.

The good news is that the research is on your side. Developmental psychologist Gary Ladd's landmark study of children starting school found that those who made a friend early on liked school more and performed better across the year, while friendship quality worked as a buffer against the stress of transition. Friendship, in other words, is not a nice-to-have. It's infrastructure.



Engineer proximity. Psychologists call it the propinquity effect: we befriend the people we see repeatedly. Sign your child up for one regular activity, the same class, the same faces, every week. Repetition does the heavy lifting that charm can't.

Coach the opener, not the friendship. Kids don't need a script for a lifelong bond. They need one line for Monday: "Can I sit here?" works in every language and playground on earth.charm can't.

Host early, host small. One classmate, your home, 90 minutes. Research on children's friendships consistently shows one-on-one time builds closeness faster than group settings, where new kids tend to hover at the edges.

Watch your own face. Research on family relocation, including Shigehiro Oishi's work on residential mobility, suggests children's adjustment tracks closely with their parents'. If you're treating this move as an adventure rather than a loss, they're more likely to as well.

And give it a term. Studies on friendship formation suggest it takes dozens of hours together to turn an acquaintance into a friend. Slow is normal. Slow is not failing.

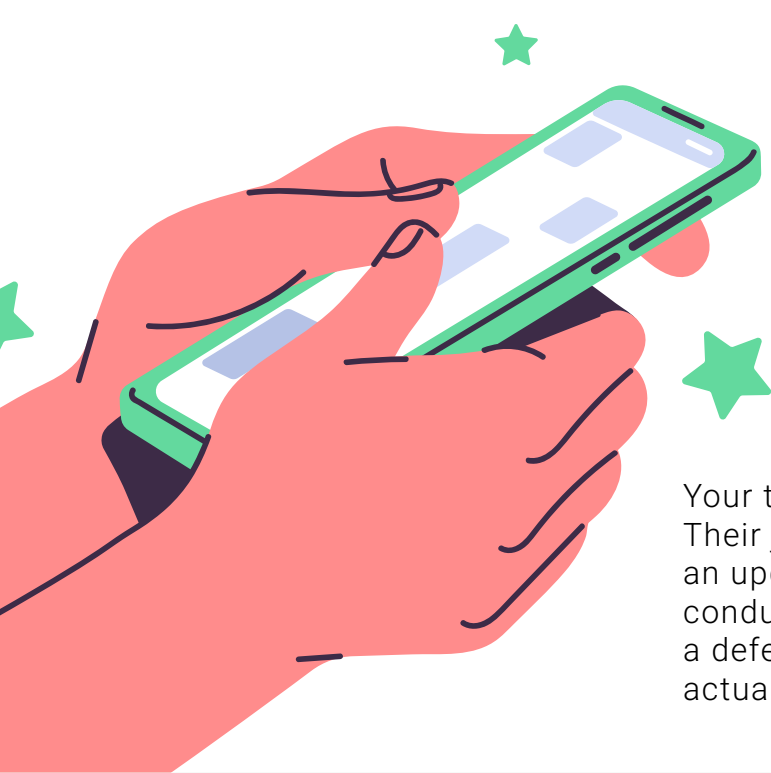


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6 things to tell your kids never to text

Your teen's group chat moved countries with them. Their judgement about what goes in it should get an upgrade too, because Singapore takes online conduct seriously, and "everyone was doing it" is not a defence anywhere. Here's the shortlist worth an actual conversation, not a lecture.

1

Anything they shouldn't show us, their parents.

And yes, that includes nudes. Ever. Including their own. In Singapore, creating, sending or even possessing intimate images of anyone under 18 is a criminal offence, and that applies to teens sharing images of themselves or each other. No relationship, no amount of trust, no disappearing-message app changes this. Screenshots outlive romances.

2

Anyone's personal details.

A classmate's address, phone number or schedule, shared to embarrass or pile on, can count as doxxing, which is an offence under Singapore's Protection from Harassment Act. The test to give your kid: would that person be happy you sent it? No? Don't.

3

"Jokes" about violence.

Bomb jokes, threats sent for laughs, "I'm going to kill him" energy. Authorities and schools here treat these literally, and the consequences arrive faster than the punchline. Humour that needs a disclaimer isn't worth the send.



4

Passwords and OTPs.

Singapore's scam numbers are sobering, and teens are targets too, often through "friends" whose accounts have been hijacked. House rule: one-time passwords get shared with no one. Not a best friend, not someone claiming to be you.

5

The pile-on.

Forwarding the embarrassing video, adding the laughing emoji to the roast thread, voting in the mean poll. Participation is authorship. Cyberbullying falls under the same harassment laws as the real-world kind, and schools here act on it.

6

Anything written angry.

The rule that saves adults' careers works for teens too: type it if you must, then wait an hour before sending. Texts have no tone, no take-backs and a permanent paper trail. If it's a big feeling, it deserves a voice, not a keyboard.

The overall message worth landing: you're not policing them, you're briefing them. New country, new rules, same goal, which is that nothing they send at 14 should be able to follow them at 24.





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Here's something you learn fast after moving to Singapore: the best thing about living here might be what's around it. Within a few hours you can be on a Malaysian island, a Thai beach or a Cambodian temple trail. When the city starts to feel small (it will, occasionally), here's where to point yourself. Kids welcome, but this list works just as well without them.



Malaysia

Langkawi. Under an hour in the air and you're on white sand. Pelangi Beach Resort has a swim-up bar for you and Kiki Farm's animal feeding for the kids. Holiday Villa Beach Resort adds water sports and tennis courts to the mix.

Desaru Coast. About 2.5 hours by coach, and a weekend here can cost less than a day out on Sentosa. If you'd rather splurge, Anantara and Mandarin Oriental both run daily kids' activities, which buys you actual downtime.

Rawa Island. A drive to Mersing, a speedboat transfer, and suddenly you're a castaway with a good mattress. Two resorts, Rawa Island Resort and Alang's Rawa, both deliver. Around three hours door to door.

Johor Bahru. Under an hour by car, traffic gods willing. Legoland is the headline act, and the shopping bargains are the encore.

Genting Highlands. Five hours by road, 6,000 feet up, and genuinely cool air, which will feel like a novelty by month two of living here. SkyWorlds theme park keeps everyone busy.



Indonesia

Bintan. Your closest island neighbour, an hour by ferry. Banyan Tree Bintan has a private beach, a kids' club for ages three to ten, a spa and a golf course. Everyone gets a lane.

Bali. Under three hours by plane and endlessly rewatchable. Jimbaran Bay keeps you close to the airport with beachfront stays that don't sting, and Club Med Bali is all-inclusive, so nobody has to negotiate dinner.



Thailand

Koh Samui. Under two hours away. Anantara Bophut does five-star luxury on a quiet stretch of sand, while SALA Samui Chaweng throws in free kayaks, paddleboards and Thai cooking classes.

Phuket. Private pool villas without the eye-watering bill at Avani+ Mai Khao, which shares facilities with the Anantara across the road. JW Marriott has one of the best kids' clubs in Asia. Under two hours by plane.

Bangkok. If you like your weekends fast, this is the one. Theme parks, markets, massages, tuk-tuks and food worth the flight alone. Siam Kempinski sits in the city centre with saltwater pools and a kids' club for under-12s. About two hours away.

Philippines

Manila. Around three hours to a city that does not do quiet. Shangri-La at The Fort is the calm eye of the storm.

Cebu. Under four hours direct. Jpark Island Resort brings the waterslides and lazy river, Crimson Mactan brings lifeguarded kids' pools and a lovely little beach. Stretch the trip and swim with whale sharks at Oslob.

Boracay. About three hours to some of the softest white sand in the region. Mövenpick Resort & Spa sits right on it.

Vietnam

Around three hours gets you Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi for a city fix, or Hoi An if you'd rather slow right down. Salinda Resort and Furama both run packed kids' programmes while you get reacquainted with a book.

Cambodia

Siem Reap. Two hours to a UNESCO World Heritage wonder. Base yourself at Shinta Mani Angkor, a few tuk-tuk rides from Angkor Wat and the markets.

One admin note before you book: visa and entry requirements have shifted since the pandemic, so check the fine print for your destination, and for your helper if she's travelling with you.





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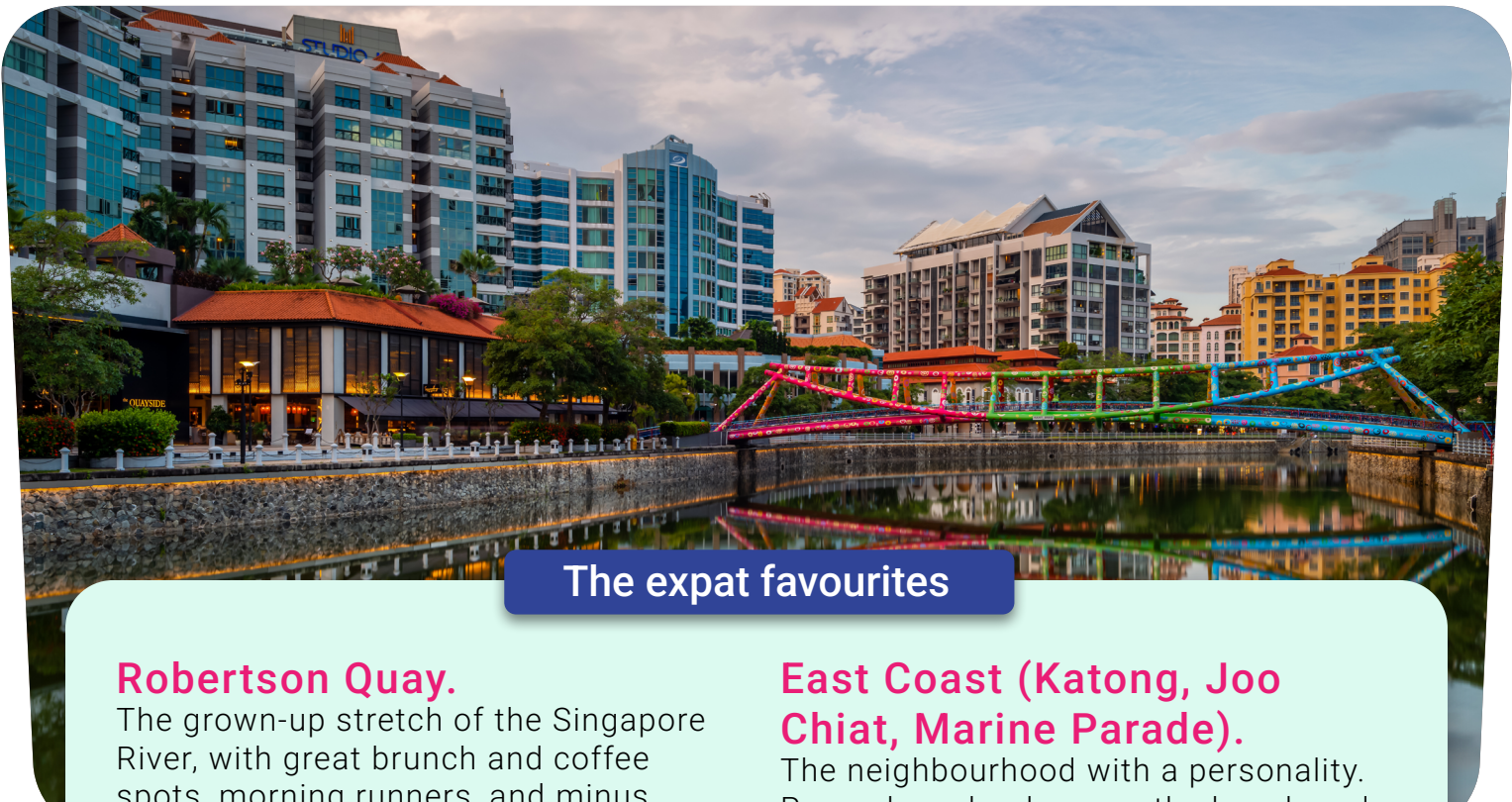
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Where to live in Singapore:

neighbourhoods that work for families

Singapore is small enough that nowhere is truly remote, but where you land still shapes your life here: your commute, your weekend, your grocery bill and how often you actually meet Singaporeans. Here's the honest tour, from the classic expat postcodes to the neighbourhoods where you'll be the only foreigner at the coffee shop, which is exactly the point.

A wide-angle photograph of a modern urban landscape. In the foreground, a stone-lined canal reflects the sky and surrounding buildings. A vibrant, multi-colored bridge with red, yellow, and blue arches spans the canal. Behind the bridge, several modern high-rise apartment buildings with glass facades and balconies are visible. The sky is a mix of blue and soft white clouds, suggesting late afternoon or early morning light.

The expat favourites

Robertson Quay.

The grown-up stretch of the Singapore River, with great brunch and coffee spots, morning runners, and minus the party crowds further downstream. You're minutes from the CBD, which makes it a favourite for families who want city living without sacrificing the weekend stroll. Condo-dense and walkable, with a soft landing built in.

Bukit Timah.

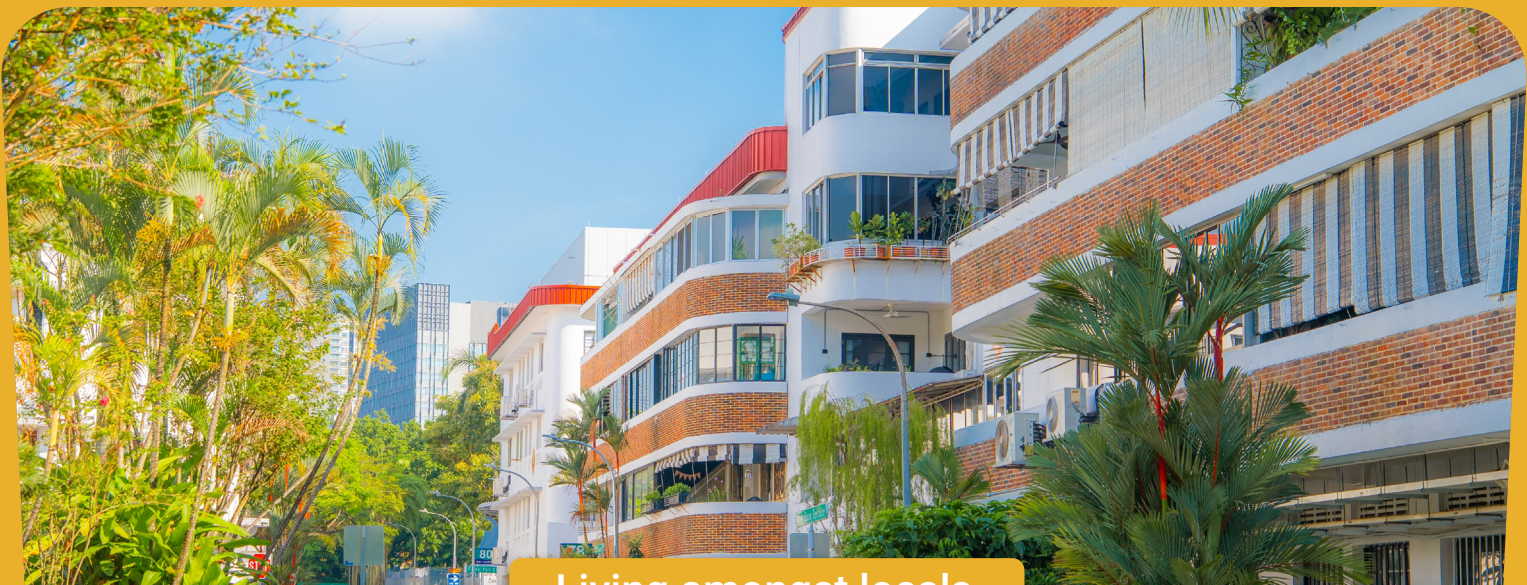
Green, leafy and quietly competitive. You're beside the nature reserve, the Rail Corridor and a remarkable concentration of family clubs and top schools, both local and international. Houses come with gardens and price tags to match. Best for families planning to stay a while.

East Coast (Katong, Joo Chiat, Marine Parade).

The neighbourhood with a personality. Peranakan shophouses, the beach and park connector at your doorstep, and some of the best eating in the country. It's further from the CBD than it looks on the map, but ask anyone who lives East and they'll tell you they're never moving.

Woodlands.

One reason, and it's a good one: the Singapore American School. A ready-made community of families on the same journey, more space for your money, and Malaysia ten minutes away for weekend runs across the Causeway.



Living amongst locals

Tiong Bahru.

Art deco walk-ups, one of the best wet markets and hawker centres in the city, and independent bookshops beside decades-old provision stores. It's compact, central and genuinely mixed. If you want your kids growing up knowing their kopi order, start here.

Bishan.

The heartland option estate agents rarely pitch to newcomers, which is their loss. Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park is one of the loveliest in Singapore, the MRT connections are excellent, and the local schools are among the most sought-after in the country. Your neighbours will be Singaporean families doing exactly what you're doing.

Serangoon Gardens.

Landed homes, quiet streets, and Chomp Chomp hawker centre as your canteen. It has long had a low-key international community alongside multi-generation local families, so you get integration without isolation.

Punggol.

Singapore's newest family town, built around a waterway park that was designed for weekend cycling and toddlers on scooters. Almost everyone here is a young family, housing is newer and better value, and the trade-off is distance: you're a proper commute from town.

A note on the housing itself

Condos come with pools, playgrounds and instant community, and most expats start there. But don't rule out renting an HDB flat, which is how about eight in ten Singaporeans live. They're spacious, well-connected and sit on top of the hawker centres and markets that make daily life here so easy. Living in one is the fastest cultural education your family will get, and your rent will thank you.

Wherever you land, apply the local test before you sign: walk to the nearest MRT station, then the nearest hawker centre, at 6pm on a weekday. If both work for you at rush hour, this could be your new neighbourhood!

Where to celebrate Christmas in Singapore



Your first tropical Christmas takes some recalibrating. It's 31 degrees, the snow is foam, and yet Singapore commits to the season harder than most cold-weather cities you've lived in. Christmas is a public holiday here, celebrated well beyond the Christian community, and the city treats December like a production. Here's where to point the family.



Orchard Road

The headline act. The full stretch from Tanglin to Dhoby Ghaut gets its famous light-up from November through early January, and the evening walk beneath it is the closest thing Singapore has to a Christmas ritual. Go after 7pm, start at one end, and let the kids burn out somewhere around Somerset.

Christmas Wonderland at Gardens by the Bay

The city's big festive fair: luminaire light sculptures, carnival rides, a festive market and nightly "snow". It's crowded, it's commercial, and the kids will talk about it until Easter. Book tickets early for weekend slots.





Tanglin Mall

A quieter institution. Its nightly foam-snow flurries have been delighting small children for decades, and watching a toddler meet "snow" at 29 degrees is a core Singapore memory. Free, sweet and blissfully low-effort.

Universal Studios and Sentosa

The island usually runs a full festive programme, and USS dresses itself up with seasonal shows and character meet-and-greets. Best for families with primary-schoolers who still believe, or teens who'll tolerate it for the rides.



Chijmes and the churches

For the actual reason for the season, Chijmes' restored chapel makes a stunning festive backdrop, and churches across the island, from St Andrew's Cathedral downwards, hold carol and Christmas Eve services that welcome newcomers. Midnight mass in the tropics, windows open to the humidity, is its own kind of magic.

Your own condo or void deck

The quiet local truth: much of Singapore's Christmas happens at home, over log cakes from neighbourhood bakeries and turkey from the supermarket's order form (put yours in by early December). Your first year, say yes to every gathering you're invited to. That's where the season actually lives here.



One admin note: specific events, dates and ticket prices change yearly, so check listings from November. The light-up, though, you can count on.

Keeping *teeth* healthy in Singapore:

Guide to family & kids' dentists

A trip to the dentist can feel overwhelming for young children – the unfamiliar noises, tools, and prodding can all seem intimidating. That's why choosing a kid-friendly dentist is key to helping them feel safe and at ease. Good news: we've rounded up the top paediatric dental clinics, plus helpful tips to make your little one's first visit to the dentist go as smoothly as possible!

It's recommended to bring the kiddos to the dentist at least once every six months – as soon as their first tooth sprouts or when they turn one. Make sure you talk

them through it before heading over and book a time slot when they'll be well-rested. Ensuring they have a good routine will make visits less painful as well!



Some kids' dentists in Singapore to take note of:

| AllSmiles Dental World

Several locations across Singapore

allsmilesdental.sg

| Gentle Dental Group

Several locations across Singapore

gentledental.com.sg

| My Little Teeth

Clinics in Orchard and Woodleigh

mylittleteeth.com

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 kids' needs!



Dealing with a health concern in the middle of the night? For non-urgent issues, you can skip the ER and head to a 24-hour clinic or after-hours doctor instead – it's quicker and helps keep emergency rooms available for true emergencies.

24-hour medical centres to bookmark:

Thompson Medical 24-Hour Family Clinic

📍 339 Thomson Road,
Thomson Medical Centre
#01-01, Singapore 307677
☎ 6350 8812

Mount Elizabeth Urgent Care Centre

Orchard

📍 3 Mount Elizabeth,
Singapore 228510
☎ 6731 2218

Novena

📍 38 Irrawaddy Road,
Singapore 329563
☎ 6933 0100

Unihealth 24-Hour Clinic

📍 Five locations in Toa Payoh, Jurong
East, Yishun, Tampines, and Punggol

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📍 Online, from anywhere in Singapore

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.
- ▶ A first aid course for minor injuries is always helpful.
- ▶ Keep a well-organised first aid kit handy.

We've compiled a full [list of 24-hour family clinics across Singapore](#) so you can keep them on hand if an emergency strikes!



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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?

NOTES

G l o s s a r y

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 uni-
versity 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/
Entrepreneurship, Arts
and Mathematics.



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Programs that include
Science, Technology,
Engineering and
Mathematics.

UNI:

University

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