

STRAITS INTERNATIONAL

SCHOOL

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PENANG CAMPUS





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Straits International School – Rated a 5-star school by the Ministry of Education Malaysia



OUR VISION

To establish Straits International School as a group of schools respected and recognised for its standards of education throughout Malaysia by encouraging excellence in every aspect of life in our community, and by supporting and nurturing each other to achieve that goal.



We aim to prepare our students to take up their places in an ever evolving and challenging world, striving for continuous excellence in their pursuits, but tempered with empathy for others. Students of SIS will leave the school with strong moral and ethical values and with a truly internationally-minded outlook.











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The motto of the school reflects the mission of our education, which is to develop in our students a sense of community spirit that enables them to become compassionate, well balanced citizens. As such, a commitment to our community and the performance of service is the cornerstone of an education at SIS.

Our community work exists in many ways at the school and takes form in various activities. Through 'hands on' service learning, our students develop a sense of self, improve their cultural understanding and help create a better school for all.











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A FORWARD-THINKING CAMPUS FOR A FORWARD-THINKING SCHOOL

Penang Campus

Straits International School Penang is strategically located near Penang International Airport, away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our location provides easy access to modern housing areas and we are only 10km away from Georgetown.

The campus is a relatively new construction that meets and exceeds all safety codes. Our bright, modern classrooms and labs offer the latest technology enhancements, including interactive whiteboards.























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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Straits International School.

In keeping with its standing as one of the most modern and forward thinking schools in Malaysia, Straits is proud of its dynamic and innovative approach to school life. Straits provides a safe and happy learning environment which promotes academic challenge, a sense of community responsibility and the development of well balanced, caring pupils who are equipped for their future.

In this way, our school community of staff, pupils and parents are determined to provide the very best for all involved with Straits. A dedicated team of knowledgeable staff who recognise that each pupil is unique and requires personal learning experiences to maximise their potential. Success is measured in many ways and students at Straits shall confidently be able to say that they can make a positive difference to the world in which they live, having been given the tools and opportunities to excel.



Background Profile

Mrs. Karlie Walsh originates from Melbourne, Australia where she completed a double degree in a Bachelor of Education in Primary and in Early Childhood studies at the University of New England in New South Wales. Almost all of her career has been set in schools in London focusing on developing teaching and learning skills in teachers and creating a strong school ethos. While in London, she completed a Masters of Education at the prestigious University of London's, Institute of Education. She has many years of teaching and leadership experience and is dedicated to further developing the students of Straits International School into confident and knowledgeable problem solvers of the future.



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The Straits Way

- Straits International School believes that every child is unique and has the potential to be developed into individuals who are self-assured, shows perseverance and are spirited. We are committed to a style of education that demands academic rigour but recognises that success can also be counted in many other ways.
- Straits International School offers a stimulating and supporting environment, defined by this pursuit for excellence in all areas.
- Students at Straits are expected to demonstrate hard work and effort in all that they do. They are proactive participants rather, than passengers. Straits students demonstrate an ethos of community through a caring attitude which shows respect for our school and all those who work within it. They seek to give back to their community through service and leave our school as well rounded, well qualified young people prepared for the challenges that await them.





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A BRITISH CAMBRIDGE CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is based upon British standards accessed through Cambridge UK qualifications which include Primary and Secondary Checkpoint and IGCSE. Our subjects taught include Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Art, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Music, Drama, History and Geography. Secondary students also study Business, using a programme designed by our specialist staff.

All Malaysian nationals study Bahasa Malaysia, while Mandarin is compulsory for all students at the school.

Students in Years 10 and 11 are offered an IGCSE options package, also from Cambridge. Our curriculum in many subjects is 'internationalised' to suit an Asian setting, particularly in the Humanities. Integrated within our curriculum is a focus upon service-based learning as well as project work, which develops other skills such as independent thinking, giving presentations, group work and research. One example of this is our Young Entrepreneur's Day projects for all ages.



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Enterprise Project

Enterprise project is a key element of the learning experience at Straits International School because it:

- Appeals to multiple intelligence
- Develops soft skills
- Encourages critical thinking
- Increases knowledge of business skills
- Fosters a sense of plan do and review
- Is fun and 'breaks up' the traditional learning experience

Enterprise projects are carefully planned by teachers and students, taking into consideration a model that begins with the end of the project in mind, creating a driving question, planning, mapping and reflecting upon the experience. These opportunities offer a diverse array of skills that includes both independent and group work, presentations, use of ICT, essay writing and more practical, art and craft based assignments.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

EAL support is offered at SIS and includes 4 hours per week of specialist parallel classes in English, based upon the Cambridge English curriculum. For those students with further requirements, SIS also provides an intensive after school development programme via the dedicated EAL department based at the school, which can add up to an extra 3 hours per week.

Teaching and Learning

Learning is student orientated, and based around lesson plans that concentrate upon the discovery, application and discussion of knowledge. Learning also focuses upon the development of skills as much as the knowledge of content and it is part of the school's ethos to drive the concept of project focused enquiries as well as service based learning.

A Safe & Secure Environment

Straits' secure, fully enclosed campus uses a state-of-the-art security system, and it has been evaluated and approved by major multinational corporations in the city. On-campus guards monitor an advanced security-camera system 24 hours a day. Students will be provided with a multi-purpose electronic student ID card that traces students' attendance and grants access to the main entrance.

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Technology & Facilities

Our school features the following facilities:

- A Google school where students from Year 4 and above have their own Chromebooks on hand
- Classrooms with multimedia courseware and presentation facilities, and e-mail or groupware for collaborative work
- Computer laboratory for teaching, and readily accessible multimedia and audio visual equipment
- Dining hall with e-purse facility for food purchases
- Access to an online teacher/pupil forum for assistance outside of traditional school hours and the sharing of materials
- A safe internet search facility linked to the UK curriculum



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Co-Curricular

Straits operates an extensive co-curricular programme for students. A variety of activities are held every afternoon. Activities are themed to ensure that a range of skills and interests are covered.

These themes include Sport, Creativity, Academic Challenge and Support and Service. Through participating in activities which are themed in this way the school ensures a balance in experience. Indeed, we value the activity programme highly at SIS, with key learning outcomes attributed to each activity and a continual cycle of evidencing that builds a students' personal achievements.









Our Community

At each level the students, staff and parents will be given opportunities to play a ventral role within the community and participate in service based learning, whether it be through hands on service, charitable schemes, out of school learning, events or connecting with other communities. We also ensure that each of our bi-annual Challenge weeks include service activities.

All students are expected to participate actively and in a positive manner. Our educational ethos expects that all members of our community pursue lifelong learning and that we understand that education is not just limited to classroom academics. It is our vision to produce young men and women with the compassion, drive, communication skills and understanding which will best prepare them for their future roles in the world.



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OUR COMMUNITY - THE STRAITS SEVEN



Collaborative

"Collaborative means that you work as a team, set aside your differences, and use your skill set to achieve your goal"



Creative

"Creativity means thinking outside of the box and creating ideas that are interesting and original."



Hardworking

"Hard work means that you do not laze about in lessons, you listen in class and you always try to improve upon your work."



Independent

"Independence is trying to solve a problem by ourselves first."



Caring

"I think caring is when someone is hurt or sad, and someone else comes to comfort them."



Proactive

"Being proactive means making an effort to be involved or help without being prompted or asked."



Compassionate

": I think being compassionate is to genuinely care for someone whenever they need it. They would go to any lengths, without hesitation, to help you anytime you need it."









Penang – Pearl of the Orient

Penang is an island off the north-western coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Penang is best known for its rich multicultural history which is full of Malay, Chinese, Indian, and European influences.

Penang is also well-known for being the 'food paradise' of Malaysia. Penang hosts the second largest expatriate community in Malaysia, attracting residents with its slower pace of life and beachside lifestyle. With a considerable number of multinational corporations and a strong international vibe, there are many expatriate societies, groups and associations that cater well to expatriates.

Websites that could be of interest:

http://www.penang.ws/penang-

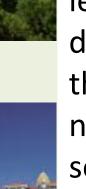
attractions/placevisit.htm

https://www.malaysia.travel/en/ay/places/states-of-

malaysia/penang#page1

www.expatgomalaysia.com/index/33/penang







The climate in Malaysia is pleasant all year round (27°C – 34°C) although there is a relatively high level of humidity. There is little difference in temperature throughout the year and there are no distinct seasons except for wet season, which runs from October to January. Lightweight clothing is adequate throughout day and night unless you visit the surrounding hill resorts where it is cooler.





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