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Hi, parents!

Being a parent always has its highs and lows. But with the rollercoaster year we've just had (thank you, Covid-19!) it's been more challenging than ever. With home learning, the rise of anxiety in our kids and just generally having to wear masks almost everywhere - it's pretty full on for our little ones (and for us!).

It's super important you feel 100% confident that you find the right school for your kids. That's why we are so thrilled to bring back the International School Fair 'in real life' this year.

We know how important it is to meet the schools in person, to ask them questions and to get a really good chemistry-match between you and your final school of choice. We hope that you find all this and more at this year's fair.

And if you didn't get to join us at the International School Fair? This concise school booklet is going to be your new best friend. It's filled to the brim with handy guides, checklists and all the guidance you need to get your little learner prepped and ready for the school bus.

**All the best, and remember -
we're all doing a great job!**

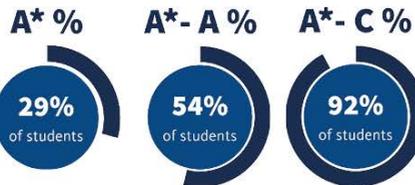


Chris Edwards
Mum to Evie, Louis & Darcy
Founder & CEO of Honeycombers
& HoneyKids Asia

Congratulations

Class of 2021

IGCSE RESULTS



HSC RESULTS

11 of our AIS students have been celebrated 19 times on the NSW merit list. 36 students sat for the HSC in 2021 averaging an impressive 78.5 Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR).

Danielle Tran scored an **ATAR of 98** and appeared on the merit list three times. **May Hnin** achieved an **ATAR of 93.2** and appeared on the merit list four times. We have 3 students with a **score of 90+**, this is **Danielle Tran, May Hnin and Ryan Dooley**.

TOP PERFORMING HSC STUDENTS



IBDP RESULTS

A tremendous effort from the entire graduating IB class of 2021 resulted in school record results. A 100% pass rate combined with 14 students completing the bilingual diploma has allowed this group to excel with a massive Value Added of +5.76 points per student. Two of our students secured perfect scores with five others scoring an excellent 43 points.

IB SCORE 45



What we about raising kids in Singapore

[PART ONE]

The HoneyKids team reflects on all the amazing opportunities that make bringing up a family in Singapore so awesome.

Angela Mum to Xavier and Marcel



"I love the preschool options that are available here. When we lived back home in Australia, the only drop-off care option available was daycare; a long and exhausting day for little people. In Singapore, we had the opportunity for our boys to attend a fantastic local Montessori school, initially just for three hours a day, where they could learn, play and interact with peers who live within the surrounding area. I'm really grateful that they have been provided with such a wonderful introduction to learning."

Kate Mum to Jess and Sienna



"I love how kid-friendly Singapore is. It might be modest in size, yet it has so much to offer for kids of all ages. Whether it's getting out and about to one of the many parks (it's not called the Garden City for nothing!), to the endless indoor play options for when the weather is a little unpredictable. I love exploring and our list of things to do is never-ending, which is a good thing when you're trying to entertain little ones!

Dawn Mum to Tessa and Gemma



"We love how Singapore is so multicultural, and with that comes fantastic food from around the world. We're also very lucky to enjoy condo living: the kids are never short of good friends. Extra happiness: the parents have all become great friends of ours, too!"



Scan the QR code to watch our [video](#) on why raising kids in Singapore rocks!



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CIS Canadian International School



Canadian International School's new kindergaten wing

CIS Canadian International School



Visuals presented are an artist rendering, and spaces are subject to change.

The Canadian International School's (CIS) new state-of-the-art Kindergarten wing at their Lakeside campus opens in January 2023. This light and bright space will house the school's nursery to grade 1 student community.

Classrooms and learning pods that bring the outdoors in

An enormous 2,618.5 square metre (that's almost three quarters of an acre) outdoor discovery centre will connect with spacious and natural light filled classrooms and pods on level 1.



An outdoor discovery centre (ODC) designed to facilitate play-based learning

Some of the extra special features within the ODC include lush gardens (both sound, herb and vegetables), a play fort, grassy hills, natural tunnels, a mud kitchen, and running and bike tracks (perfect for children's gross motor development) and quiet and peaceful places for reflection.



New dedicated school-wide facilities

But this new wing is not just for the school's youngest students. Students school-wide will enjoy the wing's new full-sized gymnasium that will serve as an additional practice and tournament facility for older students, an indoor 25 metre swimming pool, dance studio and 200-seat black-box theatre.



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What we ❤️ about raising kids in Singapore

More thoughts from HoneyKids HQ about why we love bringing up our families here on the Little Red Dot.

[PART TWO]



Esther Mum to Hadrian

"It's just one of the most family-friendly cities in the world! I love the pram-friendly parks, the lush park connectors, and inclusive playgrounds. There's always something fun to do with the kids on the weekends, so there really isn't a boring moment for families in Singapore."



Zhenying Mum to Abigail and Amelia

"I love raising my kids in Singapore because it is so multi-racial and has such a diverse culture. They grow up learning and living amongst the different races and cultures in harmony and are exposed to a wide variety of traditions and food! It is safe and clean in Singapore and there are lots of free parks with playgrounds and water play for them to burn off their energy!"



Jasmine Mum to Jack, Lynn & John

"Singapore is a perfect and safe place to raise my children. The education system in Singapore has been consistently ranked as one of the highest in the world. The diversity and inclusive learning environment offers my children the opportunity to be more confident and more resourceful, too!"



Scan the QR code to watch our video on why raising kids in Singapore rocks!

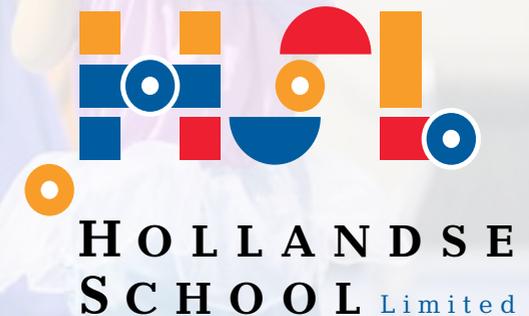
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Research shows that a non-competitive, low-stress school culture contributes to the recurring Dutch number 1 ranking of the happiest children in the world monitored by UNICEF. This is exactly what distinguishes us from other International schools in Singapore. Our students learn in a playful, cooperative, yet structured way and they are taken seriously by giving them a voice. They are allowed to make mistakes, they get ownership of their learning goals and they don't get stacked up with homework. Moreover, the open-minded and close-knit community of HSL helps children to integrate quickly and feel self-confident at our smaller scale international school.



"What an amazing time our children have at the HSL! Every morning they can't wait to get on the school bus to go to school. This makes us as parents truly happy too! We feel blessed for the possibility to let our children flourish in this safe haven with an excellent education at one of the most beautiful spots in Singapore".

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DECISIONS DECISIONS?

Picking the perfect school can be challenging. So, where do you start?

We'll be honest: choosing between all the great international schools in Singapore is one of the hardest decisions to make. From how close campuses are to your home to what languages are taught, there are so many factors to consider.

Curriculum

Whether you're looking at early years, primary or secondary education, there is a wealth of different curricula out there to choose from. Read up on the key takeaways for the stage your child is at to see what's important to you.

Location

Is the school within walking distance? Do you have a car? Will it be the opposite direction to where you work? Is there a bus service from where you live and how much is it? Working out the essential day-to-day route will give you an idea on practicality. Check out our [handy map feature](#) to help with your search!



Cost

This one's a biggie: how much will school cost? Check to see what fees are involved, what's included and what would be extra. Factor in things like uniform, trips, technology, exams and insurance, then tot it all up.

Language

Consider questions such as what languages are taught and how – for instance, is the teaching style immersion or integrated? Also think about your own personal circumstances. If your family's eventual plan is to move overseas, it would make sense to choose a school that teaches the language of your destination country.

Class or school size

The teacher-student ratio, or number of pupils in a class or school, is worth considering. Do you want that personalised, focused attention on your child or will they flourish in a bigger school environment and a bigger social group?

Extracurricular activities

Giving your child the chance to try different things and see what they're passionate about can help inspire and drive them in all areas of their lives. Look at what sports are on offer and what other extra learning opportunities take place after hours.

Parent support

Also look at what's available for you, too. Many schools have measures in place to support parents, such as teacher meet-ups, social events, on-site cafes and online portals, to name but a few.



Scan the QR code to read our [handy, in-depth articles on many of these topics, plus more!](#)



THE BRITISH CLUB

The British Club is the leading Family Club in Singapore. Situated on a hilltop in Bukit Timah, the Club enjoys a lush green environment away from the bustle of the city. With excellent sports facilities from tennis courts, gym, fitness studio to a spa; members are spoilt for choice. The Club offers four different restaurants with a wide variety of cuisine ranging from outstanding Indian food to the best pizzas.

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Let's talk curricula!

Our one-stop guide to some of the more recognised curricula on offer in Singapore will help you understand what they're all about.

Whether you are choosing an international school in Singapore for the first time or looking to move your child to a new school, one thing's for sure – the variety of curricula out there can be confusing. Here's a handy guide to get you started...



Montessori

Montessori is a method of education developed by Italian physician and educator Dr Maria Montessori. It is based on independence, hands-on play and learning through experience. Students are allowed freedom to choose activities based on their natural interests, thereby learning free from strict instruction.

Reggio Emilia

The Reggio Emilia approach is a preschool and primary educational philosophy whose ethos is that young people form lifelong personalities during the early years. The program is very hands-on and aims to inspire students to use symbolic languages (such as painting and sculpture) in their day-to-day learning. It focuses on values of community, responsibility and respect.

National curriculums

Many schools also offer nationally recognised curricula, such as the British, American, Australian, German and French learning systems, to name a few. This is a great choice if you are already familiar with a particular country's curriculum, if you know your family will be moving to that country or if you're aiming for your child to go into further education in that country.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB aims to provide a truly international education by developing academic, personal, emotional and social skills students require for success in today's world. The IB is the most widely offered curriculum in international schools in Singapore and receives high recognition among higher education institutions. It also has a focus on producing caring world citizens who are able to think independently.

International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)

IGCSE are internationally adapted certificate courses for students of high-school age. Originally based on the UK GCE 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. IGCSEs are considered to be excellent preparation for A Levels and IBDP (IB Diploma Program) subject courses.

NUMBER CRUNCHING

Planning to send your kids to an international school in Singapore? From application fees and lunch at the canteen each day to building maintenance and insurance, we take a look at how much it really costs to get started.

It goes without saying that cost is a huge factor in your decision-making process when choosing an international school for your child. And, while annual tuition fees for international schools can vary considerably, what about all the other costs involved? Getting your kid to their first day at school may have you coughing up for application fees, enrolment or registration fees, building maintenance costs, contributions to the parents' association, extracurricular activities, exams, insurance... and that's before your little person has even made it to morning snack break. Here are a few factors you may want to consider.

Calculators at the ready!

Tuition fees

This is the biggest cost you need to consider and can vary a lot from school to school. Ask as well about when you'd have to pay: is it in instalments or is full payment required upfront? School fees tend to increase as your child moves up an age group, so do bear that in mind if you plan to send your child to school in Singapore for an extended period of time.

Application fees

Submitting an application is free at some schools, while others add this charge to the list. However, some application fees are partially refundable. Keep an eye out for open days that have offers of discounted or waived registration fees to help you save some pennies.



Transport

Waving goodbye to your child on the school bus is another cost to include in your sums.

Uniforms

It could be a small fee, it could be another hundred dollars or so. Either way, it's good to find out the cost and add it to your list.

School lunches

Rocking up to the school canteen every day may eat another chunk out of your wallet per year. It's worth factoring in!

And then there's...

Other costs that might crop up include fees for extracurricular activities, technology, books, field trips, resources, exams, insurance, learning support, and charges for studying English as a Second Language.

SAVINGS ALERT!

Sibling discounts are sometimes offered to families who have more than one child attending the school. If you've got more than one child and you plan on sending them to the same school, be sure to ask your shortlisted schools if they have any

discounts in place. Also, it's worth noting that some fees are a one-off, such as your registration or application fee. That means while you have to factor in to your first-year costs, it won't be applicable from the second year onwards.

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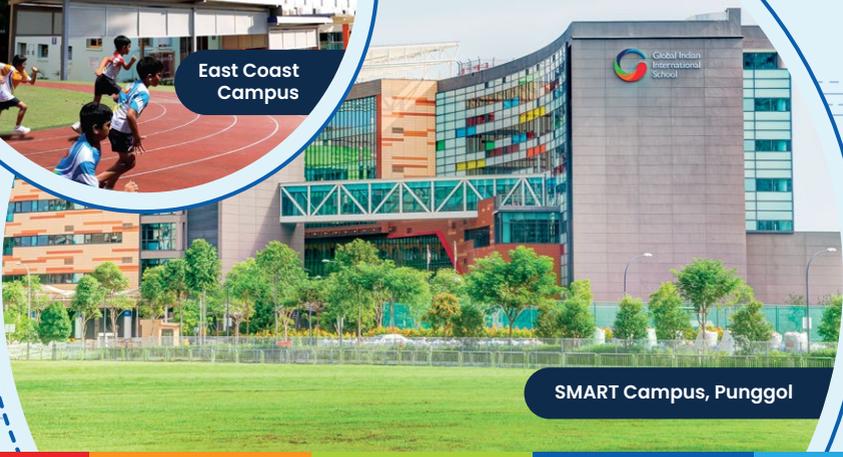


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At GIIS, we believe that global-minded learning prepares your child for future success, and technology plays a huge part in it. With highly qualified teachers, modern infrastructure, over 40 skill-based studios, multiple curricula choices and a moderate fee, we support our students' journey to global excellence at the world's top universities and beyond.



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Bilingual kids? No problem!

Don't speak the lingo? Even if you don't speak the language your children are learning at school, parents can still be a huge support at home.

Singapore is a melting pot of different cultures, each with their own language. And that's a huge benefit to our kids – they're exposed to and given the opportunity to learn more than just their mother tongue. But what if you don't speak the language they're learning? Worry not: even if you don't know the lingo, you can still be a huge support to your child's studies. The secret is keeping them excited and engaged, rather than bored. Here's how...



Set up 'dates': Arranging meet-ups with friends, relatives and neighbours who speak the language your child is learning can help with their new communication skills.

Use TV and apps: Screen time just got positive! TV shows and apps in their second language may encourage engagement.

Workshops and performances: Keep your eyes peeled for helpful workshops or theatre productions in their second language to keep things fresh.

Keep tabs on homework: Helping your children stay on top of the learning can keep them on track.

Books, books, books: Fun children's books in their second language – even translated versions of their usual faves – can help generate excitement

Learn, too! You might even want to take adult classes so you can learn the same language!

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At One World International School (OWIS), we believe our kindness-led philosophy enables our students to embrace their learning experience. Your child will be guided through our inquiry-based IB PYP, IGCSE and IB DP pathway by excellent and caring educators, who are invested in ensuring all learners reach their potential. Further, we personalise the learning journey to ensure your child has opportunities to develop their interests and aspirations. At OWIS, your child will enjoy:

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Ever thought about scholarships?

International school fees can certainly make a dent on your bank account. The good news? Your child might qualify for a scholarship...

Sending your kids to international school in Singapore can cost a pretty penny. One way to get around some of the fees and enjoy all the perks of attending a world-class international school? A scholarship! Here's how it works in Singapore...



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What kind of scholarships are out there?

It depends on the school. Some offer full and partial tuition scholarships and some offer scholarships that last for two or three years. Some schools only offer scholarships to students who are in secondary school or higher.

What do international schools look for in potential scholars?

Apart from a strong academic record, scholarship committees also look at a student's ability, dedication, leadership skills and aptitude across a range of disciplines. Some even consider a student's background, and favour those who would benefit most from financial assistance or a scholarship.

What is the application process like?

Different schools have different prerequisites for potential scholars. Typically, there'll be a rigorous selection process that involves several interviews, and, in some cases, aptitude tests and personal statements. These requirements are reviewed by a scholarship committee who will review all cases.

What are the benefits of applying for a scholarship?

Apart from financial assistance, students can capitalise on the prestige of having the achievement of a scholarship on their records. This helps when they apply to universities in the future. Usually, scholarship recipients tend to do well in their university applications and thrive in well-known institutions.

Interested to know more? Reach out to your shortlisted schools and ask them for further information.

The ultimate Singapore family bucket list

Are you new to Singapore, or do you simply want to enjoy the very best of this dazzling city? We've been busy picking 55 top things to do with kids in Singapore – all you need to do is tick them off!

- Gaze at nature at [Gardens by the Bay](#)
- Journey back to prehistoric times at [Brickosaurs World](#)
- Spend a day at [Sentosa](#)
- Go behind the silver screen at [Universal Studios Singapore](#)
- Meet the animals at [Singapore Zoo](#)
- Get [island-hopping](#) – [Pulau Ubin](#), Lazarus, and more!
- Spy parrots at [Jurong Bird Park](#)
- Visit Singapore's best [kid-friendly museums](#)
- Stroll around the [Singapore Botanic Gardens](#)
- Be inspired at an [Art Gallery](#)
- Ride the [Singapore Flyer](#)
- Visit a [nature reserve](#)
- Hit the [beach](#)
- Check out a Singapore [park](#) or two!
- Head out on a [Singapore River Cruise](#)
- See Singapore by [bike](#)
- Let the kids run riot at an [outdoor playground](#)
- Ride ponies at [Gallop Stable](#)
- Cool off at [water play](#)
- Burn some rubber at a [karting arena](#)
- Visit a [temple](#)
- Get back to nature at a [farm](#)
- Take to the skies in a [cable car](#)

- Be dazzled by lights at [Garden Rhapsody](#)
- Shop at a [wet market](#)
- Hit the shops on [Orchard Road](#)
- Go for activities galore at [Jewel Changi Airport](#)
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- Feast at a [hawker centre](#)
- Uncover a whole lot of history at [Fort Canning](#)
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- Stroll along the [river](#)
- Get your skates on at a [skate park](#)
- Visit a [library](#)
- Get wet at [Wild Wild Wet](#)
- Discover fam-friendly dining at [Dempsey](#)
- Explore Singapore's [Park Connector Network](#)
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- Spot sights galore in [Chinatown](#)
- Discover the Malay roots at [Kampong Glam](#)
- Snap the Peranakan houses at [Joo Chiat](#)
- Climb to dizzying heights at a [rock climbing](#) wall
- Go on a family [hike!](#)
- Meet the dinosaurs at [Changi Jurassic Mile](#)
- Check out a show at the [theatre](#)
- Discover a [heritage trail](#)
- Get out on the water – [surfing, kayaking, and more!](#)
- Check out hip 'hood [Tiong Bahru](#)
- Go [longkang fishing](#)
- Get musical at the [Victoria Concert Hall](#)
- Run amok at [East Coast Park](#)
- Explore a [new neighbourhood](#) – [Punggol, Ang Mo Kio](#), and beyond!
- Sign the kids up to [art](#) or [dance](#) classes
- Visit the [HoneyKids Asia International School Fair!](#)



Let's shop!

Here's our handy guide to some of the back-to-school supplies you'll need on your radar.

So you've picked your school, you've filled out all the paperwork and you've got the uniform. Now it's time to tick off the must-buys before the first day of term rolls around! Our handy back-to-school guide will take the pain out of your shopping for school experience, and steer you to some of our top picks for school supplies in Singapore. From stationery and name stickers to cool school bags, our lowdown will have your kids striding through those school gates totally prepped!

Stationery

Us HoneyKids parents are still massive stationery geeks - nothing quite beats shopping for new pens, pencils and notebooks! Get your kids on the same page with these fab suppliers:

- [Smiggle](#)
- [Typo](#)
- [Paper Market](#)
- [Popular](#)
- [Daiso](#)

Name stickers

Get a head start on the back-to-school rush and help avoid the lost property box by labelling everything they own...

- [StickerKid](#)
- [Bright Star Kids](#)
- [Stikets](#)
- [Tiny Me](#)
- [Label of Love Studio](#)

School bags

If you don't have to go with the standard-issue bookbag, try these suppliers on for size. They've got a great range of bag options for even the littlest of school starters...

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- [Pupsik Studio](#)
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Family Friendly Neighbourhoods

[PART ONE]

Are you new to Singapore or to the parenting gig and not sure where to live? We've got the lowdown on the top kid-friendly hoods to kick off your search!



Holland Village

[Holland Village](#) is a sought-after locale for expats and locals alike, not least for its abundant bars, restaurants, and shops. We know many parents who'd swear it's the best place to live with kids! The Lorong Mambong stretch comes alive with revellers at night, spilling out onto the pedestrianised street. It's also home to the charming Chip Bee Gardens strip! Plus, it's easily accessible for a whole host of schools in Orchard, Alexandra, and beyond!



Serangoon

This [hidden gem in the north-east](#) is known for its bustling cafes and local eateries. Not only will you get more bang for your housing buck out here, but you're also conveniently close to a raft of international schools, including [Brighton College](#), the [Australian International School](#), [International French School](#), and [Hillside World Academy](#).

Central (Orchard and Tanglin)

[Orchard](#) is one of the best places to live with kids if you still want to feel the buzz of inner-city living. You'll pay through the nose for rent per square metre, given the prime location and proximity to niceties such as retail, F&B outlets and entertainment. But fret not, you'll save on travel costs (you won't need a car thanks to all the [public transport links](#)). And [EtonHouse International School Orchard](#) and [Invictus International School](#) are just around the corner!



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Tanjong Rhu

If you're looking for a home with a view, Tanjong Rhu has one of the best in Singapore. Bordered by [parks](#), spacious fields and an actual [river](#), Tanjong Rhu has always been a hotspot for home hunters and outdoor enthusiasts. Families who live in the area love to take full advantage of the awesome bike paths and close proximity to the Singapore Sports Stadium. School-wise, you can take your pick from nearby options in Joo Chiat and Katong.



Joo Chiat and Katong

Want to live in a child-friendly area but still in the heart of an authentic Singaporean district? Katong is all about living as the locals do (this may or may not involve multiple bowls of famous Katong laksa!). [Family hangout East Coast Park](#) is easily accessible – so grab your scooters and bikes for some fresh air! Plus, [Canadian International School's](#) Tanjong Katong Campus and [Nexus International School](#) are in the area!

Toa Payoh

[Toa Payoh](#) is not only home to the Housing Development Board, but there are also family-friendly eats galore, [hawker centres](#) and even a Popular Bookstore, with plenty of playgrounds to keep the kids happy. Although you might not be in 'Expatriate Central', this area is great for integrating with Singaporean locals, and you'll still be able to find international schools in the area, like [EtonHouse International School](#).

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Punggol

Families who love the great outdoors can settle down in [Punggol](#). It's the perfect place to go back to nature with wide-open green spaces, prawn fishing, and plenty of [water play areas](#). Kids who love biking will have no shortage of paths to explore, especially with [Coney Island and Punggol Settlement](#) just a stone's throw away. You'll find [Global Indian International School's \(GIIS\) SMART Campus](#) and [One World International School's \(OWIS\) Digital Campus](#) (from 2023 onwards) right on your doorstep, too.



River Valley

River Valley is a much-loved child-friendly area offering the perfect blend of city living and space. It's less hustle-and-bustle and slightly more residential. The high-rise condos range from the older, larger styles to chic, river-facing homes with large balconies. In the Mohammed Sultan Road area, you'll also find some quirky shophouses and Buddhist temples. It's definitely the spot to be if you're a fan of [alfresco dining](#) or river cruising.



Queenstown/Alexandra Seletar

This child-friendly area is full of delish local food, discount sports shops, an IKEA, artsy cafes and restaurants serving up honest family fare. What's more, it's perfectly situated to reach some of the best international schools in Singapore, including [Dover Court International School](#), [Razum International School](#), [North London Collegiate School \(NLCS\) Singapore](#), and [Ascensia International School](#).

A hidden gem situated in the north-east region of Singapore, [Seletar](#) has plenty of green spaces and kid-friendly facilities. Love planes? This neighbourhood has an airport where bub can spot a private jet or two. There are even aviation-themed playgrounds for the kids to explore! One last benefit? It's close to [XCL American Academy](#) and [XCL World Academy!](#)



Sentosa

Living in [Sentosa](#) feels like you're on a permanent holiday while enjoying the perks of a tropical idyll and plenty of child-friendly activities. You can play golf, wander along the boardwalk post-brunch at Quayside Isle, or jump aboard a stand-up paddleboard at one of the island's many [beaches](#). Plus, it has an [EtonHouse](#) preschool and primary on the island!



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Bukit Timah

This well-loved residential enclave is teeming with young families drawn in by its leafy tree-lined streets and semi-suburban vibe. At one end, you have Newton Circus hawker centre, and at the other, the [Bukit Timah Nature Reserve](#) and [Singapore Botanic Gardens](#). It's close to plenty of international schools including [The Perse School Singapore](#), [German European School Singapore \(GESS\)](#), [Hollandse School](#) and the [Swiss School in Singapore](#). And with the [Hollandse Club](#) on your doorstep, you won't need to worry about opting for a landed place and not having a pool!

West Coast

Some locals say the west side is the best side, and we can see why! Besides being home to the lush [West Coast Park](#), with eight (yes, eight!) play spaces, you're also spoilt with beautiful [Jurong Lakeside Garden](#) on your doorstep, too. Plus, there's easy access to a whole host of pram-friendly walks for families with young children. Oh, and not to mention being convenient for [International Community School](#) and [Dulwich College \(Singapore\)!](#)



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Starting school 101

Once you've found the right school that suits your child to a tee, the next step is getting them adjusted and settled in. Yep, it's first day time! Enter our handy tips...

Starting or switching school, or moving up a grade, is a huge milestone. There could be a brand new campus to get used to, new friends to make, different teachers to get to know and heavier workloads. It's no wonder our young 'uns can feel stressed at this turning point in their lives! To give your child the best possible start, we've pulled together the following survival tips...

Get into a routine

Kids thrive on routines, so get them into a schedule that suits your family at the tail-end of the school holidays. It will help them adjust once school starts. And of course, once the actual day arrives, set the alarm clock nice and early so you have lots of (hopefully stress-free) time to get ready.

Give them all the attention

It'll help your school-starter if you can focus your attention purely on them come the big day itself. If possible, leave younger siblings with another caregiver for the first drop-offs to give them as much solo support as possible.

Don't hang around

We know you'll want to hang around and make sure they're ok... but don't! They WILL stop crying. Honestly.

Smile and ask questions

At the end of the school day, slap on a smile and radiate all the positivity you can muster. Encourage them with open-ended questions to get them talking, focus on the good things and give them heaps of praise.

Keep talking

It's so important to keep communicating with your little one, letting them know that you're there to listen to any concerns, no matter how small they might seem. Something as seemingly minor as not being able to open their lunchbox can develop into something bigger. Encourage them to talk through their problems, and come up with solutions together.

Work with the teachers

Your child's teacher spends a lot of time with your little one, so they'll be able to help you spot and deal with any issues that might crop up. Treat your relationship with them as a partnership and work together to support your child as best as you can.

Stay prepared

Small things like getting their uniform ready the night before or packing bags before bed can really help ease the stress come morning time. Chances are your household will be a hive of activity, so keeping things as organised and as calm as possible can only be a good thing!

Go easy on them

Much like starting a new job, transitioning into school life is a challenge. Don't expect them to be settled in overnight - these things take time. All you can do is be the support they need. You got this!



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After-school fun

Let the kids play and learn a new skill with our round-up of the most popular after-school activities.

It's important for our kids to get a healthy mix of school, playtime and personal development, which is why we love an after-school activity. Not only do they offer our children the chance to build soft skills and make new friends, but they also encourage learning outside of the classroom. Don't know where to start? Take a peek at these popular after-school activities and get inspired...



Rugby

This contact team sport is increasing in popularity in Singapore – and it's not just for boys! With more than half a dozen [rugby clubs](#) in town, it's perfect for the kiddos who love to run around and muck about with their friends.

Swimming

Beat the heat! Living in the tropics means it's always a great time to go swimming, and you can bet this is a popular activity for kids of all ages. Sign them up for [lessons with a popular swimming school](#), or with a private coach in the comfort of your own condo.

Martial arts

Unleash your little warrior's inner karate kid by signing them up for a [martial arts](#) class. Not only does it build your kid's discipline, resilience and self-confidence, but it'll also keep them fit. Plus, it gives them a safe space to let off some steam – we all know they need it!



Football

Got a Messi or Ronaldo in the making? Enrol your wannabe football star in one of the many [soccer academies](#) in town. It'll help foster teamwork, coordination and communication – always a bonus!

Music

Got a little maestro at home? Sign them up for a [music class](#)! Singapore has plenty of schools for your music makers to learn a new instrument. The best part? It's a great way for parents to pick up a new skill, too!

Dance

If you've got [tiny dancers](#) with restless feet, let them work off their energy by grooving or tapping their feet to the beat. From jazz and ballet classes to hip hop and tap, get loose and get dancing!

Coding

Embrace technology and equip your tech-savvy kids in today's globalised society by signing them up for some [coding workshops](#). It's a great way to get them excited in science and technology, and complements their lessons in school as well.

Performing Arts

Set your thespian on the path to stardom with classes from reputable [theatre companies](#) around town. It'll encourage them to channel and express their creativity into acting, singing or in other forms of performing arts, like set production and design, sound effects and more.

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Let's get planning!

We've got all the public holiday dates for 2021 so you can make the most of your weekends with the fam.

As much as we want the kids to love school, there's one thing the whole family loves more: holiday time! And living in Singapore means lots of public holidays throughout the year to look forward to. All those long weekends mean we can really make the most of our time together to make happy memories.

Luckily for you, we've done the digging to find out the public holiday dates for 2021, whoop! Don't forget as well that we've pulled together a super-handly chart depicting many of the [international school holidays](#) on our site, so be sure to take a look. Now all that's left to do is get planning!



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5 things to do during the holidays

1. Go on a bike ride

We love exploring the great outdoors with the kids and getting a healthy dose of exercise, too! Check out our guide to our fave routes for a [family bike ride](#).

2. Enjoy a picnic

With so many great green spaces on our doorsteps, you're never far away from a top picnic spot. Take your pick from one of our [favourite parks](#)... then get making those sarnies!

3. Play indoors

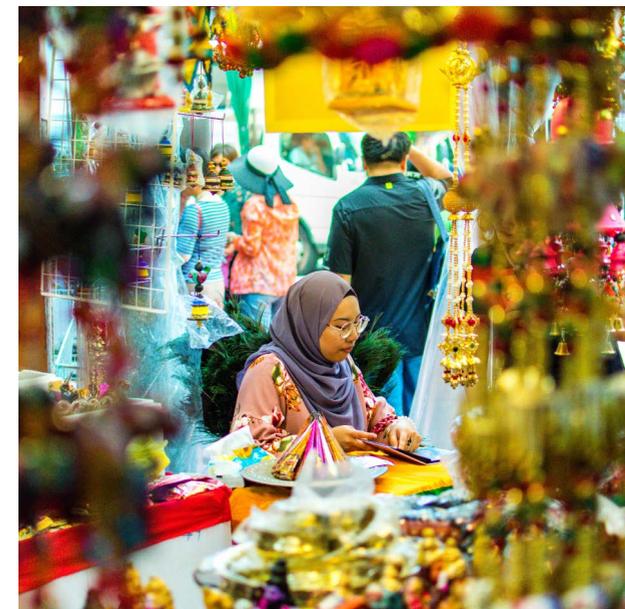
If it's just too hot - or raining heavily - outside, head to one of Singapore's top indoor play centres for a couple of hours!

4. Curl up with some books

Singapore has some fabulous [public libraries](#) for kids with amazing children's sections and heaps of pageturners to get lost in. Why not enjoy an afternoon readathon?

5. Splash out

There are some awesome [public pools](#) in Singapore to cool off in. And some even have amazing slides for thrill seekers! Don your cozzie and take a dip, we say!



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Good Friday	15 April 2022	Friday
Labour Day	1 May 2022	Sunday
Hari Raya Puasa	3 May 2022	Tuesday
Vesak Day	15 May 2022	Sunday
Hari Raya Haji	10 July 2022	Sunday
National Day	9 August 2022	Tuesday
Deepavali	24 October 2022	Monday
Christmas Day	25 December 2022	Sunday

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.

IGCSE:

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

HSC:

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

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.

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.

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Culture club

We list the cultural sights across the Little Red Dot we're crushing on.

One of the best parts about raising kids in Singapore is its multiculturalism – we always jump at the opportunity to teach our children about diverse cultures, languages and traditions. With that in mind, we've pulled together our all-time fave cultural hotspots in town.

Little India

The lively and colourful district of [Little India](#) is home to several cultural hotspots, trade shops and restaurants with delicious regional Indian food. Take your camera!



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Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple

One of Singapore's oldest [Hindu temples](#), the Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple was once a place of worship for early migrant workers and a refuge for Japanese air raids during World War II. We have serious heart eyes over its ornately decorated, colourful and intricate structures.

Kampong Glam

Home to Singapore's oldest urban quarter, the district of Kampong Glam is now a vibrant lifestyle enclave with great food and cultural sights. Pop in to the Malay Heritage Centre to learn about the history and culture of the Malay community.

Katong Antique House

If you've wanted to experience life in a Peranakan home, be sure to explore this traditional shophouse. Plus, hop on a tour to learn more about the unique cultural practices through its treasure trove of artefacts that line its walls.

Chinatown

This 'hood is full of stalls and stores selling knick knacks, street eats and traditional wear. We've often swung by the Chinatown Heritage Centre to learn more about the [local Chinese culture](#), too.



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Sultan Mosque

Built in 1824 for Sultan Hussain Shah, the Sultan Mosque is Kampong Glam's gleaming jewel and a national monument. Be sure to admire its architectural beauty and impressive golden dome from outside.



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St. Andrew's Cathedral

Located in the Civic District, this Neo-Gothic building was built in the 1850s and is the oldest Anglican church in Singapore. You can't miss its imposing tower and spire, and its stained-glass windows and murals are pretty impressive, too.



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Your admissions checklist

Things you might need when applying to an international school.

While every school has its own application process, here are some of the documents required you might want to start compiling...



- COMPLETED SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM
- PHOTOCOPIES OF CHILD'S PASSPORT
- PHOTOCOPIES OF CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- PHOTOCOPIES OF PARENTS' PASSPORTS
- PHOTOCOPIES OF BOTH YOURS AND YOUR CHILD'S IMMIGRATION STATUS (DEPENDANT'S PASS, FOR EXAMPLE)
- PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR CHILD
- VACCINATION HISTORY CERTIFICATE
- REPORT CARDS (OFFICIALLY TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH IF NECESSARY)
- BAPTISM CERTIFICATE OR SIMILAR IF YOUR CHILD IS APPLYING TO A FAITH-BASED SCHOOL
- LETTER OF GUARANTEE IF YOUR COMPANY IS PAYING THE SCHOOL FEES
- AND OF COURSE, ALL YOUR RELEVANT FEES

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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