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“PEACE begins
with a SMILE”

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Warm, Welcoming, Wonderful.

As the new Head of School here at Southbridge, these are my first impressions of this community, and these are the first feelings that I will carry with me on this new journey here.

A community is more than just a group of people with a common goal. It is a feeling... a shared philosophy on what is important, a connected mission to aim for quality and excellence, and a future-focused vision that values improvement and development. Everyone’s participation and contribution at Southbridge in creating a community just like this, shines through. At Southbridge it is clear that people matter.

Building relationships, creating connections, and engaging with the people in this wonderful community is an important part of what we do. It is only through our connections and respect for one another, that we can work to develop an environment and a culture that is positive and empowering, and where our focus is the well-being of our people, including students, teachers, staff, parents and the wider community.

I want us to become a school that we are all super proud of, and our parents and families are such an important part of this journey. I am excited to see what we can achieve together this academic year!



Ms. Louisa Condorelli
Head of School

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OUR CURRICULA

Cambridge IGCSE | AS & A Levels

- International Programmes (IP)
- Integrated Curriculum (IC)

Early Years Programmes

Primary Years Programmes

Secondary Years Programmes



The Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge ("SIMOC") conducted on 21 July 2024 in Singapore with the approximately 2,300 candidates from around the globe, including Cambodia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Indonesia, India, Laos, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Malaysia, Jordan, New Zealand, Myanmar, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Philippines, Ghana, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Brazil, Iran, Japan, UAE Dubai, Kyrgyzstan, China, Canada, Vietnam, Mauritius and Sri Lanka.

SISC also sent 16 students to represent the school, and Cambodia as a whole, to participate in this prestigious event, earning 18 medals, including Gold, Silver and Bronze. It is a testimonial that SISC students have been equipped well with mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities.

We, in the SISC Community, are very excited and proud of our students for their excellent achievements. However, we never forget the endless support and encouragement of the parents, teachers, Southbridge staff, and the students themselves for their hard work. We wish all of our students a successful academic life. Let's make their talent shine brighter in the future.



By Mr. Thol PICH, Khmer Program Principal



OEUNG Sambath



CHOMROEUN Rithyul



CHOMROEUN Samitthik



DAMBURAE LIYANAGE Yasas Tharinda Damsara



KEO Vorakpheap



LEE Hon Lam Anton



LIM Rattanak



NAO Useng



OEUNG Pisey



PO Paknit



SENG Mony Sakada



TIV Visudh Dariny

An Exciting New School Year Has Begun

I am excited that the SISC Secondary School students have more choices and clearer academic pathways than ever. On August 20th, we invited all parents to the Parent Orientation to give an overview of the secondary school academic programs as well as for us to receive feedback and questions from parents.

One of the most important topics was how we have fully implemented the new Integrated Curriculum in grades 6-10. The students are already feeling the benefits of the IC: it has reduced their workload and given them more time during the school day to get support from their teachers as well as supervised self-study time to review and prepare for tests and other assessments during the school day. This reduces psychological, emotional, and physical stress, decreases the pressure of homework after school, and hopefully will give your child a little more family time at home.

I look forward to more meetings with our student's parents. In September, we resume our monthly Secondary School Parent Conversation afternoons.

I wish you all a terrific start to this new school year. My door is always open for you to come and talk!

By Mr. Eric Heim, Secondary School Principal



Go Tigers!

A Month of Exploration and Discovery



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 2024-2025 academic year at Southbridge International School Cambodia. Our primary school is poised for greatness, and I am excited to lead such a dynamic department. At Southbridge, we are dedicated to providing holistic education, nurturing every aspect of a child's development—physical, emotional, psychological, and social. Every child is unique, and our team is trained to support diverse learning needs.

As a forward-thinking school, we are exploring innovative opportunities, including virtual conferences with students from around the world, to help our students become global citizens.

Our curriculum is off to a strong start, and I thank our primary school parents for their unwavering support. We are also introducing new activities, such as a one-night trip to V-Kiriom for Grade 5 students, and perhaps camping for Grades 3 and 4.

We remain committed to creating a positive, disciplined environment. To support good behaviour, we've implemented a reward system to acknowledge and motivate exemplary conduct.

This year promises growth, discovery, and success. Together, we will make Southbridge the best it can be.

By Mr. Bothwell Rise, Primary School Principal



Your Child is our Child at SISC

At the beginning of each new academic year, we get so many questions from our parents. They ask if their child has eaten, did they sleep enough, did they cry, and so forth. These questions are very normal from our parents who just want to know how their children are behaving and transitioning at school. Our EY teachers are always honest and transparent when communicating with parents, updating them on their child's progress. This is an important part of building a trust relationship between parents and the school!



As the year progresses, concerns start to shift to the child's academic progress, as parents worry whether or not their child is learning well. Are they advancing in their reading and writing and numeracy skills? It is important for parents to remember that at such a young age, children learn and develop at their own pace, in small steps, every day. For children that are so young, progress is measured by every little milestone that they achieve, outside of just academics. Were they able to finish their snack all by themselves? Did they share their toys nicely? Were they able to follow instructions? Do they recognise their name when they see it written? All of these things are signs of progress!

At SISC, we work together as a community to evaluate and monitor the progress of all of our children. We work hard to implement the best foundation that we can, making sure that our Early Years students are ready for their academic journey into the higher year levels.

By Ms. Marina Catbagan Oligo, Early Years Principal

Together, we are a Family: Crafting our Class Family Collage

As part of our IEYC "This Is Me" Unit, our K3 Class took a special journey to learn about themselves and what it means to be a community. The children brought in family photos, with each child sharing their favorite pictures and telling stories about their loved ones and the unique traditions that make their families special. This sharing created a warm feeling of belonging and allowed the kids to express who they were.

Making the K3 family collage was a fun highlight of the unit, turning the classroom into a lively space for creativity and teamwork. This experience was more than just making art; it became a chance to understand and accept each other. As the children shared their family stories, they found similarities and differences, helping them appreciate one another even more. They learned that love and support can look different for everyone, and each family plays an important role in who we are.

By Ms. Cynthia Sagubo, K3 Teacher

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

NEW CLASSES START FROM
23rd September 2024

