



The International School  
OF MACAO | 澳門國際學校



*At A Glance*

**In a safe, caring and welcoming environment, we develop socially responsible, lifelong learners able to problem solve, think critically and make positive changes in our global community.**



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# About Us



**The International School of Macao (TIS) is a diverse, multicultural school that offers a well-rounded and developmentally appropriate curriculum for students in Pre K to Grade 12.**



Forty-four countries are represented in the student population and more than one third of TIS students are residents of Macao.

We provide many opportunities for students to explore and enhance their individuality and creativity in a truly international learning environment. Our range of academic and extra-curricular programs allow boys and girls to nurture their emerging talents and prepare for a future of learning and responsible citizenship.

TIS was established in 2002 to provide a Canadian curriculum and accreditation to local and expatriate students. The School opened with an initial local enrollment of 58 students on the campus of Macau

University of Science and Technology (MUST). By 2006, TIS had grown to over 500 students and moved into the first phase of its new, purpose-built facility on the MUST campus. Currently, the TIS campus can accommodate a total enrollment of 1600 students with facilities spread across two buildings in two wings, as well as multiple outdoor areas for sports and recreation.

Accredited with the Ministry of Education in Alberta, Canada since 2006, TIS earned the highest level of accreditation - Level 4 - in 2017 and is the only school in the world to achieve this standing. Students graduate from TIS with an Alberta High School diploma and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma recognized by universities worldwide.



# Our Approach

**Students are best prepared for the future by cultivating skills and attitudes that enable lifelong learning and caring for the community. The primary aim of education is not simply to enable students to do well in school, but to help them to do well in the lives they lead outside of school.**

Our program teaches students:

### **Judgement**

Students tackle ambiguous problems that may have more than one correct answer. Judgement is not mere preference, but rather the ability to justify choices. Good judgement requires good reasoning abilities.

### **Critical Thinking**

Openly criticizing ideas and enjoying the nuances of critical thought are an important part of learning. Courage to advance new viewpoints should be encouraged at an early age.

### **Meaningful Literacy**

Cultivating multiple forms of literacy and intellect, which not only include reading, writing, speaking, and numeracy, but also cultural literacy in music, visual arts and dance.

### **Collaboration**

Students are given many opportunities to work with others collectively, cooperatively and harmoniously. This is especially important in a culturally diverse student population such as ours. The process of collaboration and empathy gives birth to new ideas and develops social skills.

### **Service**

Students learn the value of citizenship by contributing to the school community. TIS values the importance of developing socially responsible students who are willing to make a difference in their community.

# Quick Facts



## One School One Story



**100%**  
University Offers



**606**  
Alumni Worldwide  
(and growing)



**142**  
Highly Skilled  
Teachers



**44**  
Nationalities



**25**  
Maximum Class Size



**1,435**  
Student Participants in  
Extra Curricular Activities



**400**  
Student Athletes



**40**  
Coaches



**98**  
Extra Curricular Courses



**11**  
International Trips  
Abroad Every Year



**1,400+**  
Students



**25**  
Sports Teams



# Our Campus







**Modern, spacious facilities provide  
the right environment for learning**

**Our large, modern campus with its progressive, world-class learning environment allows students to take full advantage of their academic goals, while our state of the art sports and recreational facilities allow them to fulfill their extra-curricular passions.**



Facilities across the north and south wings include:

- Purpose-built classrooms for kindergarten, elementary and secondary students
- Science laboratories
- Computer labs
- Robotics lab
- Black Box Theatre
- 3 Multi-purpose halls/gymnasiums
- Visual arts, drama and music studios
- Television and film studio
- Two-story library
- Discovery Centre
- Covered playgrounds
- Food preparation area
- Administration centres
- Student Services Hub
- Learning Lab





In addition, there are multiple outdoor areas at TIS which include open common areas and spacious athletic fields that encourage students to socialize and take part in recreational activities.



Indoor and outdoor playgrounds with soft surfaces are located within the North and South wings. There are two basketball courts and a large playing field next to the school. TIS is fortunate to have a football stadium, tennis courts and gymnasium adjacent to our campus. Swimming pools, cross country trails, a skating rink and beach volleyball courts are all within a reasonable distance from the school.

# Curriculum Overview



**Committed to instilling  
a passion for learning**



*Alberta*   
Accredited  
International School  
Canada 

**Our progressive curriculum ensures that students are best prepared for the future by cultivating skills and attitudes that enable lifelong learning and caring for the community.**

By aligning pedagogy, curriculum and core values, our mission is to develop socially responsible lifelong learners able to problem solve, think critically and make positive changes in our global community within a safe and caring environment.

The International School of Macao (TIS) offers the Alberta, Canada provincial curriculum for Senior Kindergarten to Grade 12, which is the cornerstone of our successful educational program. Pre Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten use the Alberta FLIGHT curriculum for early childhood development. Our excellent results in the most recent PISA tests (Programme for International Student Assessment) show the effectiveness of the Alberta curriculum and the teaching strategies that are used at the school. As an Alberta accredited offshore school, TIS must meet rigorous requirements in order to offer this world-class curriculum.

On July 1st, 2017, TIS became authorized to offer the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) as an option to its curriculum for Grades 11 to 12. The two-year IB DP is a challenging and balanced pre-university educational program that is recognized around the world. The similarity between the Alberta and IB programs allows students selecting this option to graduate with dual diplomas.



# Faculty and staff



**TIS recruits and maintains high quality teachers who are deeply committed to encouraging students to develop a love of learning and a desire to succeed.**

It is important to us that teachers have experience with the Alberta curriculum. Our highly skilled faculty from a variety of countries are required to maintain the necessary Canadian experience to meet our curricular demands. Teachers (SK - Grade 12) must be certified by Alberta Education which involves a rigorous process that ensures our faculty have the necessary training and experience to deliver the curriculum. The process also includes professional and security checks.

Teachers are hired based on their ability to teach effectively, their familiarity with the curriculum and their ability to develop relationships with students, parents and the community.



Where do TIS graduates go?

## Creating globally educated students

Thanks to its rigorous, well rounded curriculum and diverse learning opportunities, TIS students garner remarkable university acceptances worldwide and are highly sought after by international universities. One hundred percent of our graduates have received direct admission offers to more than 350 universities and colleges around the globe, including highly ranked schools such as University of Oxford, Purdue, University of Washington, University of Michigan, King's College London, Imperial College London and The University of Hong Kong. This attests to the quality of the school's challenging programs and its growing global reputation in the university world.

Our alumni are studying in diverse fields such as medicine, dentistry, law, engineering, business, architecture, design, film studies, music production, hotel management, education and many others.

TIS graduates are also continuing their education in graduate schools and have earned acceptances to top universities for their postgraduate studies.

# Creating a balanced student

**In addition to its rigorous academics, TIS also offers a wide range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities to complete an education experience that expresses each student's individual ambitions.**

Experiential learning is encouraged at TIS. There are many opportunities for students to explore and enhance their individuality through sports, drama, music, and art.



## **Sports**

The TIS athletics program promotes physical fitness, social skills and the emotional growth of students. Tigers' teams compete locally and internationally in a variety of leagues. Students have opportunities to play sport year-round and the chance to participate in competitions within Macau as well as Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China in sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, swimming, golf, cross country, touch rugby and track and field.



## **Extra-Curricular Activities (Afterschool programs)**

TIS offers three different extra curricular sessions over the course of the school year and students can sign up for a multitude of ever-changing activities. The School also invites many outside agencies to use our facilities and offer extended opportunities for students, such as gymnastics, soccer, Portuguese language classes, dance classes and fencing.





## **Drama & Performing Arts**

TIS offers a variety of exciting performing arts opportunities. Musical productions, theatrical productions, Christmas concerts and Chinese New Year performances are annual events that showcase the creative talent being fostered at our school.

## **Music**

Music is an integral part of the Alberta Curriculum and is showcased at a variety of concerts throughout the school year. At the elementary level, students learn to appreciate a variety of music and express their creativity through listening, composition and performance. Students are taught basic music theory and introduced to a number of instruments.

Middle school students continue to develop their musical techniques with wind instruments and are encouraged to participate in bands and music ensembles offered at our school. In high school, music is offered as an option for students who choose to pursue music to a higher level.

## **Visual Arts**

The visual arts program at TIS provides an environment which supports and nurtures creativity. Our program gives students the opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of the arts of different cultures and historical periods. TIS runs an Artist-In-Residence program which invites local artists to share their skills and perspectives with students. In the final school term, an art exhibition open to family and friends showcases students' creations.

# Our TIS community

**TIS is a highly diverse and multicultural school made up of a warm, welcoming and supportive community of parents, teachers, students and staff.**

Annual school events, such as the Welcome Back BBQ, Mid Autumn Festival, Community Days, Activist-in-Residence Program, Christmas Wonderland, TIS Benefit Concert and Arts Night regularly bring our community together to socialize while also raising money for charitable causes.

The TIS Parent's Association (TISPA) acts as an important link between the School and parents, and helps to promote a sense of community within the School. It also raises funds to improve School facilities and enrich its learning environment.

While there are many ingredients that make a fine school, TIS believes that a commitment to a friendly and supportive culture creates a high quality teaching and learning environment. Our core values are what set us apart and our current families and student alumni can all attest to how TIS has positively impacted their lives.



# Join us!

If you would like more information about the school, how to apply, or have any other questions, please contact our Admissions team or visit our website:

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