

School Profile 2021-2022

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Introduction

The International School of Western Australia is a leading co-educational, non-denominational, independent international school, for students from Kindergarten (4 years of age) to Year 12.

Geographics

The school is in the coastal suburb of Doubleview, 13km west of the city centre, in the capital city of Perth. The school offers full-time campus attendance, and each sub-school (Early Years, Primary and Secondary) are located on the one site. ISWA is the only school in Australia operating on a northern-hemisphere inspired academic calendar, from July – June.

Demographics

The school has continued population growth which boasts 330 students, including 52% boys and 48% girls. The whole school has 40% citizens and 60% international students, whilst the Early Years comprises of a changing trend of 70% citizens. The average class size of 15 students creates an environment where students are free to explore, receiving meaningful and equal access to teachers

With over 40 nationalities of students and families, the highest populations are Australian, American, British, French and Dutch. There are 0 indigenous Australians in the current population. There are more than 15 first languages in the school community including English, French, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Russian and Japanese. ISWA welcomes a higher number of tertiary-educated families who have senior management and qualified professional employment.

Governance and Accreditation

ISWA was established in 2005 with the support of Chevron Corporation, though operates as a non-for-profit organisation. ISWA is governed by a Board and managed by the appointed Principal and supported by the School Executive Team.

ISWA is an accredited World School of the International Baccalaureate Organisation and approved provider of US College Board Advance Placement. ISWA is an approved SAT & PSAT test centre. ISWA is registered with the WA Department of Education and Association Independent Schools WA. ISWA is a registered Australian provider of education and training to overseas students.

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Learning at ISWA follows the Western Australian curriculum from K-Y10 through the globally recognised International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes. This educational approach is internationally admired for its academic and personal rigour.

Teaching and learning in the Primary School is learner-centred and inquiry-based, with a strong focus on building exceptional numeracy and literacy skills while promoting a lifelong love of learning.

Secondary School commences in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) of Years 7 to 10. Students experience many skills across eight subject areas and can focus on higher order thinking as they explore global topics.

In Year 11 and 12 ISWA offers two academic pathways for students. This includes the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) and the US College Board Advanced Placement (AP). ISWA is the only school in Australia that is accredited to offer the AP Program, which is equivalent to first year college level studies in the USA.

School Leadership

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The Curriculum

ISWA offers academically challenging senior courses, including the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB DP) and the Advanced Placement (AP) Program that allows senior students to pursue college-level coursework. The following subjects are offered:

AP Biology	IB DP Biology
AP Calculus	IB DP Chemistry
AP Chemistry	IB DP Economics
AP English Language and Composition	IB DP Environmental Systems & Societies
AP English Literature and Composition	IB DP French ab initio IB DP French B
AP Economics	IB DP History
AP US History	IB DP English Language and Literature
	IB DP English Literature
	IB DP Mathematics Analysis
	IB DP Mathematical Applications
	IB DP Physics
	IB DP Spanish ab initio IB DP Spanish B
	IB DP Theatre Arts
	IB DP Visual Arts

Students can also complete regular High School Classes (HS) or High School Honors classes in either an AP or DP class.

Graduation

Beginning in Year 9, ISWA requires students to complete 25 credits before they are eligible for Year 12 graduation. One credit is awarded for each full year course and students must complete with a passing grade of D- or better. Half credit is awarded for a course completed in one semester. We require students to successfully complete the following:

ENGLISH 4 credits	VISUAL ART 1 credit
MATHEMATICS 3 credits	ELECTIVES 1 credit
SCIENCES 2 credits	PE/HEALTH 2 credit
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 2 credits	YEAR 11 & 12 COURSES 4-6 credits per annum
ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE 2 credits	SERVICE 1 credit

Co-curricular Program and Student Leadership

A variety of clubs and activities are offered throughout the school and take place before and after school. These include, but are not limited to: National Honor Society, Student Council, Drama club, a range of Sports, Science club, Music, School Production and Set Design, Dance, Art club, Model United Nations, Robotics and Coding and Engineering Design. The school's Creativity Action and Service (CAS) component of MYP and DP also enables senior students to be involved in a range of self-initiated service projects in the school and local community.

Camps, leadership training and field trips are regularly offered. In recent history, students have travelled to Cambodia in 2016, Thailand in 2017, Bali in 2018 and Fiji in 2019. ISWA offered an exchange program to Shenzhen, China in 2018 and a STEM exhibition tour to Spain in 2019. Other experiences have included camping in the south-west of Western Australia, a week at Ningaloo reef in northern Western Australia, local Western Australian outdoor adventure camps and a leadership camp to Rottneest Island. Year 7 and 8 students also attend a biennial civics and citizenship tour to the capital city, Canberra.

Graduation Statistics May 2021

21 students
 100% Achieved a High School graduation
 90% achieved ATAR equivalent of 70 or above
 38% achieved ATAR equivalent of 90 or above
 5% achieved ATAR equivalent of 99 or above
 (ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

Advanced Placement

5 students
 ISWA highest score (ATAR equiv) 99.95
 ISWA passing average 3.18
 World passing average 3.03
 100% achieved ATAR equivalent of 70 or above
 60% achieved ATAR equivalent of 85 or above
 20% achieved ATAR equivalent of 99 or above

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

16 students
 ISWA highest score (ATAR equiv) 97.9
 ISWA highest IB DP score 40
 ISWA passing IB DP average 33
 World passing IB DP average 33
 ISWA IB DP passing rate 100%
 World IB DP passing rate 89%
 40% achieved ATAR equivalent of 90 or above

National Testing

ISWA regularly achieves outstanding results in Australia's national testing, out performing the national average in all testing years (Y3, Y5, Y7 and Y9) by at least one grade level. In 2018-2019, 95% of our cohort achieved results above the national average in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. In 2019-2020, NAPLAN was not assessed due to COVID-19 related restrictions of attendance in schools across Australia.

Grading

All ISWA courses in Years 9-12 are included in determining the grade point average (GPA). Year 9 and 10 students complete the IB MYP and Year 11 and 12 students choose IB DP, AP or High School classes.

Grade Point Scale

GR	DPSL/HS	DPHL/HONS	AP	GR	DPSL/HS	DPHL/HONS	AP
A	4.0	4.5	5.0	C	2.0	2.5	3.0
A-	3.7	4.2	4.7	C-	1.7	2.2	2.7
B+	3.3	3.8	4.3	D+	1.3	1.3	1.3
B	3.0	3.5	4.0	D	1.0	1.0	1.0
B-	2.7	3.2	3.7	D-	0.7	0.7	0.7
C+	2.3	2.8	3.3	F	0.0	0.0	0.0

Ranking statement

ISWA does not report class rank. As an international school with a fluid student population, we cannot accurately or fairly rank students who may only be at our school for a limited period of time.

Course Offerings

ISWA does not routinely offer honors level classes in the Middle Years (Y7-10).

Test Centre

ISWA is a registered test centre for SAT.



University and College Acceptances

ISWA prepares students for universities world-wide. The following list represents some of the universities and colleges where our graduates have been offered admission to:

US Universities

Baylor University, USA
Binghamton University, USA
Carnegie Mellon University, USA
Case Western University, USA
Colorado School of Mines, USA
Cornell University, USA
Emerson College, Boston USA
Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
George Washington University, USA
John Hopkins University, USA
Kansas University, USA
Michigan State, USA
Mississippi State University, USA
North Western University, USA
Oberlin College Ohio, USA
Oklahoma State University, USA
Purdue University, USA
Rensselaer Polytechnic, USA
Texas A & M University, USA
Tufts University, USA
United States Airforce Academy, USA
University of Alabama, USA
University of Austin, USA
University of California, Berkeley, USA
University of California, Davis, USA
University of Illinois, USA
University of North Texas, USA
University of the Pacific, USA
University of Rhode Island, USA
University of Southern California, USA
University of Texas, USA
University of Vermont, USA
University of Washington, USA
Tufts University, USA

International Universities

American University of Paris, FRANCE
Birmingham University, UK
Dresden, GERMANY
Enderun, PHILLIPINES
Exeter University, UK
Fontys University of Applied Sciences, NETHERLANDS
Queen Mary University of London, UK Sorbonne, FRANCE
St Andrews University, UK
University of British Columbia, CANADA
University of East Anglia, UK
University of Glasgow, SCOTLAND
University of Montréal, CANADA
University of Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA
University of Rome, ITALY
University of Rotterdam, NETHERLANDS

Australian Universities

Australian National University, ACT
Bond University, QLD
Edith Cowan University, WA
Deakin, VIC
Curtin University, WA
Murdoch University, WA
Notre Dame University, WA
RMIT University, VIC
University of Canberra, ACT
University of Melbourne, VIC
University of New South Wales, NSW
University of Sydney, NSW
University of Western Australia WA

Enrolment Requirements

ISWA is open for all enrolment enquiries. Pre-requisite conditions of enrolment include

- Minimum age of 3 years and 6 months on the first day of the new academic year
- Holder of valid resident, citizen or international student visa
- English language proficiency from Year 9 onwards

Disclosure policy

ISWA will provide universities and colleges with accurate information about a student's academic and co-curricular record and will identify personal qualities relevant to the admissions process. Should there be any significant change in a student's performance or attitude after applications have been submitted, ISWA reserves the right to report those changes to the relevant institution.