

# World class education: **Academic Pathways at ISWA**



**International School  
of Western Australia**

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An ISWA education provides every student with the opportunity to excel. Our globally recognised programs nurture inquiry and curiosity, encouraging young minds to ask questions, engage in critical thinking and develop a life-long love of learning.



**Our programs are designed to inspire and challenge students, while our small size, provides unique and flexible learning experiences. ISWA is consistently ranked as one of Australia's top NAPLAN schools, reflective of our motivated team who empower our students to lead lives of purpose.**

## Learning at ISWA

### Early Years to Year 10

ISWA follows the Western Australian curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 10 through the globally recognised International Baccalaureate (IB) programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP). IB aims to develop analytical, knowledgeable and caring young people, who help create a better world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Benefits of the programmes include:

- Inquiry-based learning
- A focus on building exceptional numeracy and literacy skills
- Problem-solving and big picture thinking
- Exploration of real-world topics

### Tertiary education pathways

ISWA offers two education pathways for our senior students in Years 11 and 12.

### International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP)

The IB DP runs over two years and students can take subjects at Higher Level (HL) and some at Standard Level (SL) across six subject groups.

The programme promotes critical thinking and assists with the transition to learning at university level. Graduates have the added benefit of being able to continue their studies anywhere in the world.

The core components of the programme are:

- Theory of Knowledge
- Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)
- Extended Essay

Students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake a project that often involves community service.

### **US College Board Advanced Placement (AP)**

The AP courses expose motivated high school students to first-year university-level material, which can significantly ease their transition into third level education. The senior-level courses run over one year and students take two courses in Year 11, and three in Year 12. AP graduates are valued for their high level of engagement in university-level work, writing, problem-solving techniques and ability to tackle rigorous coursework.

### **The ISWA academic difference**

Both the IB DP and AP are accredited and progressive alternatives to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Students are challenged to pursue excellence and experience the ISWA difference.

Some of the benefits of our academic offering include:

- Entrance into universities in Western Australia and around the globe.
- The benefit of a higher and generous weighting given to final results of the IB DP and AP, which can increase eligibility for university entrance and scholarships.
- ISWA is the only Australian secondary school to offer AP courses, providing an exclusive opportunity for students to thrive.

To find out more about academic pathways at ISWA, please get in touch:

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The IB programmes develop strong academic, social and emotionally well-rounded students that are likely to perform well academically.

**Chris Burch, Head of Secondary**



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The IB programmes provide opportunities for students to think broadly and deeply at the same time. Students are thinking critically and working collaboratively to understand their world and make a difference.

Paul O'Brien, Head of Primary



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