

School Profile 2023-2024

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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 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 379 students, including 51.9% boys and 48.1% girls. The whole school has 44% citizens and 56% international students.

With over 60 nationalities of students and families, the highest populations are Australian, American, British, Italian, German and Japanese. There are 0 indigenous Australians in the current population. There are more than 16 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 it operates as a not-for-profit organisation. ISWA is governed by a Board, managed by the appointed Principal, and supported by the School Executive Team.

ISWA is an accredited World School of the International Baccalaureate Organisation and an 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 Years 11 and 12, ISWA offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP).

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 which allows senior students to pursue college-level coursework. The following subjects are offered:

AP English Literature and Composition

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

IB DP Biology
IB DP Chemistry
IB DP Economics
IB DP Environmental Systems & Societies
IB DP French ab initio IB DP French B
IB DP 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

Graduation

Beginning in Year 9, ISWA requires students to complete 24 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 or PERFORMING ART 2 credit
MATHEMATICS 3 credits	ELECTIVES 4 credit
SCIENCES 3 credits	PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH 2 credit
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 3 credits	SERVICE 1 credit
ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE 2 credits	

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 clubs, 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, Thailand, Bali and Fiji. 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 southwest 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 2023

29 students

100% Achieved a High School graduation

100% achieved ATAR equivalent of 70 or above

92% achieved ATAR equivalent of 80 or above

54% achieved ATAR equivalent of 90 or above

(ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

Advanced Placement

11 students (plus 1 High School student)

ISWA highest score (ATAR equiv) 99.95

100% achieved ATAR equivalent of 70 or above

100% achieved ATAR equivalent of 80 or above

80% achieved ATAR equivalent of 90 or above

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

16 students (plus 3 DP Courses students)

ISWA's highest score (ATAR equiv) is 96.35 /

ISWA's highest IB DP score is 39

ISWA passing IB DP average 31

The world passing IB DP average is 30.24

ISWA IB DP passing rate 100%

World IB DP passing rate is 79.35%

100% achieved ATAR equivalent of 70 or above

81% achieved an ATAR equivalent of 80 or above

25% achieved an ATAR equivalent of 90 or above

National Testing

ISWA regularly achieves outstanding results in Australia's national testing, outperforming 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 on attendance in schools across Australia.

Grade Point Scale

Based on our rigorous academic curriculum offerings, ISWA chooses not to report Grade Point Averages (GPA). If requested specifically by a College, University or transfer school, ISWA may provide additional data to support an understanding of our grading system.

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.

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
Monash University, 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.