



# Bilingual Day & Boarding IB School in the heart of Dubai

**SWISS INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL IN DUBAI**







**100+**  
NATIONALITIES



**8:1**  
STUDENT : TEACHER



**2100+**  
STUDENTS



**75+**  
AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



**1:1**  
REAL SUPPORT



**20+**  
LANGUAGE SUPPORT TEACHERS

# Vision

The Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai (SISD) is a leading international day and boarding school where future generations are inspired to become confident and enthusiastic lifelong learners, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges of a global world.

# Mission

SISD provides an inspiring, inclusive and challenging learning environment while celebrating academic excellence. We encourage and support all our students to become successful, global minded, enthusiastic lifelong learners who will confidently take advantage of future opportunities and help make a difference. Together with our teaching staff and parents, we support our students to develop their potential fully in a motivating, multilingual and international learning environment.

SISD welcomes students of determination and gives them access to appropriate provision, resources and curricular options.







# Our Values

## **BILINGUALISM**

With English serving as the foundation, our students will also speak, read and write in French or German and Arabic. As global citizens we celebrate diversity, treating all languages and cultures with equal respect.

## **EXCELLENCE**

We believe in maintaining high standards and aspire to be the best that we can be. We foster a spirit of enquiry, encouraging both creative and critical thinking.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

We believe that social, cultural, economic and environmental awareness prepare us to play our part in shaping a better future, both for ourselves and for those around us. Our school campus is eco-friendly, using less energy to create a comfortable and healthy environment.

## **TOGETHERNESS**

In our international community, we know that we are at our best when we all work together. We view active participation in the community, from the most local to the most global, as the foundation of a valuable life.



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# Academic Programmes

At SISD we follow the framework of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme from Pre-Kindergarten (PreKG) to Grade12 and the Swiss Baccalaureate programme from Grade 6 onwards.

The Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai is an IB Continuum World School authorised to offer and teach the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP), IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) and IB Diploma Programme (DP) and the IB Career-related Programme (CP).

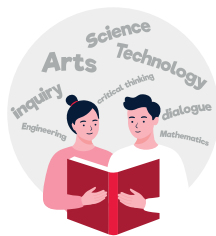
SISD offers three different streams with an emphasis on offering learners the chance to develop international-mindedness, to broaden their skills and capabilities and to acquire the information needed to access other cultures:



**English-French  
Bilingual Programme  
(with Arabic)**



**English-German  
Bilingual Programme  
(with Arabic)**



**IB STEAM Programme  
(French/German as  
an additional language)**





**Ashley Fitzgibbons**

HEAD OF BOARDING

## Boarding at SISD

A great school is one where the staff know the students, where the students feel valued, cared for, able to express themselves, and supported in their goals. Our boarding academic and pastoral team takes time to really know students, to make time for them, to value them as individuals, to care about their happiness. Our aim is to develop the thoughtful, caring side of their characters as well as their intellect and ambition, and to provide the students with valuable life skills.

**Welcome**

**Bienvenue**

**Willkommen**

**مرحباً**



# Boarding Options

**At SISD we cater for boarders who live all over the world, but also for those who live within the UAE.**

## FULL BOARDING

Full boarding students spend the semester on campus and return home for the holidays. Full boarders enjoy a range of enthralling evening and weekend activities, but they also have time to relax, catch up on homework and use the facilities on campus. If a full boarder has a guardian or family member who lives locally, they are able to visit them off-campus, but only with the permission of the parents.

## WEEKLY BOARDING (MONDAY – FRIDAY)

Weekly boarding students are able to fully immerse themselves in life on campus during the weekdays, and then return home on weekends. Weekly boarding students join the boarding house on a Sunday evening and then return home on a Friday afternoon. There are many benefits to weekly boarding which include the following:

- Students have the support of academic specialists after school hours.
- Students don't have a long daily commute.
- The boarding house is designed to ensure students are comfortable, enabling them to concentrate and focus on their studies without distraction.
- Students can use the sporting facilities.
- Students have a home away from home.





# Boarding Options

## FLEXI-BOARDING

Flexi-boarding is when a student wishes to stay in the boarding house for a shorter period of time, with the minimum being one week (5 nights). This can be useful for the student and parents in the following situations:

If the parents are travelling and they do not want their child to miss any school days.  
During exam periods, where it is beneficial for the child to be in a structured environment with academic tutors on hand to provide support.  
During unplanned emergencies (for example hospital stays).

Flexi boarding can be requested depending on the availability of places in the boarding houses.

*Home away  
from home*

With the support of boarding staff and other students in the house, this family-like environment has enabled me to grow as a person, attaining excellence and push boundaries of both my academics and sports.

Muhammad Infra



# Boarding Accommodation

## Purpose-built boarding houses

Our boarding experience and facilities are world-class, and we are proud of our approach to ensuring students enjoy a cosmopolitan and enjoyable boarding experience in one of the most exciting and innovative cities in the world.

Our purpose-built boarding houses have been designed with students at the centre of the decision-making process and as such the clean, modern furnishings allow students to be as comfortable as possible. The en-suite rooms are climate-controlled, with wifi available throughout. The boarding students have access to incredible onsite facilities, namely: communal social spaces, pantries, basketball courts, football pitches, tennis courts, athletics track, volleyball, badminton, sports centre, Olympic-sized swimming pool, library and music and art rooms.

The newly furnished boarding houses have four floors each, with 14 rooms and en-suite bathrooms in each double room for a total capacity of 100 students per house.

Each floor has a fully equipped pantry room and there is a spacious community room full of things to do for when the students have time to relax.

The dormitory building also features dedicated apartments for housemasters and tutors.





# Pastoral Care

## **Nurturing & developing our boarding students**

The welfare of our boarders is of the greatest importance, as parents have entrusted us to guide, nurture and develop their child to become a mature and healthy young adult. Leaving home can be an emotional time for a young person and their parents, but rest assured, our experienced boarding staff will ensure that every boarder feels safe, well-integrated and happy.

Boarders are offered outstanding levels of pastoral care, reflecting our commitment to creating a genuine home away from home. Every boarding house has its own carefully selected staff, who care for the boarders' welfare and practical needs, with the support of the school's Medical Centre.

The twenty-four hour nature of boarding means that the staff live alongside the boarders and they are always on hand to offer support, guidance and advice. Boarders follow a structured routine which encourages them to get the most out of their time. Homework sessions are supervised and help can be given where necessary.

Our dedicated onsite team aims to support and challenge each individual to reach their full potential. The Boarding House provides a safe, welcoming space in which students can be fully immersed in school-life. Students are encouraged to take part in every aspect of boarding life, helping them to grow and develop into happy, motivated and aspirational citizens.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

Our dedicated boarding nurse works collaboratively with our school clinic team to ensure high levels of care and support for all boarding students. The school clinic is available to students for wrap-around care





# Food & Nutrition

## Healthy and nutritious food

Food is one of the most important elements of boarding life – it's certainly one of the most common questions from parents and students! We have an on-site catering team and kitchen in our dining hall, that is open 7 days a week. All boarding students enjoy a healthy breakfast every morning before school, lunch in the dining hall with school friends, and then an evening meal with their boarding colleagues.

At the weekend, boarding students enjoy a later breakfast / brunch type meal and then either have a BBQ, take-away evening or eat out as part of their social activities.

The menu is varied, developed in conjunction with the students, and rotated every 4 weeks.

Each floor of the boarding house also has its own kitchen, and students can make snacks and drinks at their leisure. Food is provided by the boarding staff, and students can request their favourite snacks.



# Boarding Activities and Weekends

## Boarding Activities

The activity provision within the boarding school at SISD is exceptional. As a result, we believe our boarding students truly do have the best of both worlds. Whilst they can enjoy the great range of activities provided by the school, the boarding experience also provides students with an extensive activity package that boarders can take advantage of during the week and at the weekend.

Each evening, there is always a boarding activity provided which the students can opt to participate in. Homework and structured study time is also planned into each week day, and our team of academic tutors ensure our students receive the best possible educational support.

Our aim is to provide students with different interests, varying activities in which to participate, and our dedicated boarding team ensure there are always options each evening, with something for everyone. Our communal lounge is also a relaxing place for students to socialise, play games relax, play the piano, enjoy a game of table tennis or pool or just watch TV.

## Weekend Activities

Living in one of the most exciting and dynamic cities in the world allows us to provide an array of organised trips and activities for the students; an opportunity to participate in truly outstanding, memory-making experiences. The trips include visits to the beach, waterparks, theme parks and malls that Dubai has to offer, but also the cultural experiences that exist within the city and the UAE. Students have enjoyed desert evenings, culinary courses, hiking in the UAE mountains, and boat rides on the oldest abra boats from the Dubai Old Town.







# Sports in Boarding

Boarding offers our full, weekly, and flexi boarders a prime opportunity to take care of their health and wellbeing needs, with access to our world class sports facilities on campus. Every evening after school, boarding students engage in various sport activities such as racket sports, basketball, cardio and weights gym etc. Our elite athletes have an easy commute to Speedo Swim Squad training in our Olympic swimming pool, and our newly launched AIS Athletics Academy for the upcoming school year. The boarding sports offering is further enhanced for the 2024 - 2023 academic year with recruitment of experienced sports staff in areas such as football, dance, netball and more.

*Boarding in the heart of Dubai*

Being a boarding student is fun, exciting and challenging, and boarding life comes with support from your new boarding family – friends for life.

Olivia Jappy









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