



# AISHK Academic Scholarships Guide 2025



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Australian International School Hong Kong (AISHK) is a globally-minded community yet uniquely Australian within Hong Kong. Our school achieves outstanding academic results balanced with strong well being and extra-curricular programmes. AISHK delivers an international and Australian curriculum which culminates in the NSW Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The academic results of AISHK students are among the best in Hong Kong, Australia and around the world. Our alumni are highly successful in their chosen fields, making great contributions to the world.

AISHK is pleased to announce a limited number of academic scholarships starting in July 2025 or in January 2026. These scholarships are open to students not currently enrolled at AISHK with a strong command of English, exceptional academic ability, and a proven commitment to school life, and seek to enter Year 10 or 11 in 2025/2026 (between 16-17 years of age). Scholarships will be up to and including Year 12, subject to progress and good conduct.

We understand that applicants may be in another curriculum, and therefore, if successful, may be considered for a scholarship which will cover the second semester of our 2025 school year.

All AISHK Academic Scholarships are awarded on merit, recognising students' existing talents, achievements and academic performance as well as their potential to contribute to the school community.

Scholarships apply to tuition fees but do not apply to levies or other costs e.g. uniforms, lunches, buses, excursions and camps are to be paid by the student and family.

Scholarship recipients must participate in an annual review of progress and conduct with the Head of School.



The academic scholarships will be allocated after the completion of a scholarship examination and interviews. They will be awarded to students considered to have high academic potential, who will benefit substantially by attending the school, and who will in return make a significant contribution to the life and culture of the school. Factors other than solely academic potential may be taken into account. Fluency in the English language is essential to be offered a scholarship.

Scholarships may be awarded for up to 60% reduction in tuition fees for the duration of the student's time at the school. Students awarded a scholarship will not be required to lodge a Debenture with the school, however 50% of the annual Capital Levy will be payable.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to the examination and then only favourable applicants will be offered an interview.

### **2025 Academic Scholarship Examination**

**Date:** Saturday, 3 May 2025  
**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Venue:** Australian International School Hong Kong

Please note, results from the scholarship examination will not be made available to families.

### **Applications**

To apply for the AISHK academic scholarship, please:

- Complete the online AISHK Scholarship Application Form and pay the application fee HK\$2000 by Tuesday, 22 April 2025. This fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Submit student references to support the applications. Please note each scholarship application must be supported by two student references; the student reference forms will be available once payment is received.

## What AISHK Parents are saying:

*“AISHK teachers are worth their weight in gold.”*

*“The teachers are amazing, and that's why I send my children to this school... Support staff are equally as good.”*

*“Teachers, students and parents have a very close relationship.”*



## Our School

Located in Kowloon Tong, Australian International School Hong Kong (AISHK) is a non-profit, co-educational day school for students from Reception (4 years of age) to Year 12.

Founded in 1995 to fulfil the growing demand for a premier Australian educational institution in Hong Kong, the School today welcomes more than 1,100 students from over 25 different nationalities. Operating on an Australian school year (late January to mid-December), AISHK is the only school in Hong Kong to utilise the Australian curriculum.

Primary students study the Australian national curriculum and Years 7-10 students study the NSW Stage 4 and 5 curriculum, with school based examinations and assessments at the end of Year 10. Students are also entered for academic competitions in several subjects along with the Australian

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy at Year 3, 5, 7 and 9.

AISHK offers senior Secondary students (Year 11 and Year 12) the option to undertake either the New South Wales Higher School Certificate (NSW HSC) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBDP), creating a seamless transition to all universities in Australia and around the world.

Our Wellbeing program complements the school's rigorous academic focus while enabling students to develop personality and character, celebrate excellence, develop confidence, and maintain genuine and meaningful friendships.

# Secondary at AISHK

AISHK provides an exceptional educational pathway for Secondary students through a curriculum model which offers diversity and opportunity to specialise through course electives.

Our teaching methodology identifies the preferred learning styles and strategies of students, which are then aligned with classroom learning experiences.

It also employs group and inquiry-based learning to foster student engagement.

## Years 7-10

In Years 7-10, more focus is placed on encouraging students to be personally responsible for their studies, with the aim of achieving self-discipline and social communication skills.

All students are enrolled in courses that cover eight Key Learning Areas to fulfil the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) mandatory requirements. The curriculum includes English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Information and Software Technology, Geography, History, Commerce, Chinese (Mandarin), French, Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Physical Education and Sports Studies.

The programme is designed to provide entry to Year 11 and 12 courses of study for either the New South Wales Higher School Certificate (HSC) or the IB Diploma.

## New South Wales (NSW) Higher School Certificate (HSC)

The HSC is offered through NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). It is internationally recognised and provides a strong foundation for all further study options as a matriculation qualification. All HSC students have access to the world's best universities.

The HSC offers a syllabus that defines clear expectations for students, and measures performance against set standards. It allows for breadth, depth and diversity in student subject choices. AISHK offers a wide range of HSC courses in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Technology, Creative Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), Human Society and its Environment (HSIE) and Languages.

The HSC examinations are held from mid-October to mid-November each year, with results published in mid-December.

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

AISHK has offered the IB Diploma Programme since 2006. The IB is an academically structured programme, which emphasises critical thinking, intercultural understanding and exposure to a variety of points of view.

AISHK offers a varied range of courses from the six IB subject groups; Language A, Language B, Mathematics, Sciences, Individuals and Societies and The Arts. Students must also complete the three DP core elements; Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Action and Service (CAS); and the extended essay. AISHK runs IBDP examinations in November each year and results are available in mid-December.

# Secondary Key Learning Areas

The following provides an overview of subjects offered in Secondary:



## Years 7 & 8

### MANDATORY SUBJECTS:

English
Mathematics
Science
Design & Technology

Geography
History
Visual Arts
PDHPE

### ELECTIVES:

Chinese (Mandarin)
French

## Years 9 & 10

### MANDATORY SUBJECTS:

English
Mathematics
Science
Geography
History
PDHPE

### ELECTIVES:

Design & Technology
Computing Technology
Commerce
Chinese (Mandarin)
French
Visual Arts

Drama
Music
Academic English
Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS)

## Years 11 & 12 (HSC)

English (EALD / Standard / Advanced / Extension)
Mathematics (Standard / Advanced / Extension)

Chemistry
Biology
Legal Studies
Business Studies
Economics
Modern History
Geography
Software Engineering

Design & Technology
Visual Arts
Visual Design
Music
Drama
Health & Movement Science
Sports, Lifestyle & Recreation (SLR)

### ELECTIVES:

Chinese (Continuers / Literature)
Physics

## Years 11 & 12 (IB)

English - Literature & Language A (HL / SL)
Mathematics (HL / SL)
Biology (HL / SL)
Chemistry (HL / SL)
Physics (HL / SL)

Design & Technology (HL / SL)
ITGS (HL / SL)
Economics (HL / SL)
Business & Management (HL / SL)
History (HL / SL)
Psychology (HL / SL)

Chinese A (HL / SL), B (HL / SL), & ab initio (SL)
French B (HL / SL) & ab initio (SL)
Visual Arts (HL / SL)
Music (HL / SL)

*“AISHK has taught me that my generation are the game-changers of the future. **I realised that we, being privileged with a great education, are capable of shaping the world,** and that we should use the power of education to fulfil greater purpose and meaning in our lives.”*

CHLOE LAM, AISHK ALUMNI



## Sport & Extra Curricular Activities

AISHK sees sport as a key facet in daily school life and in fostering an environment where all students strive for their personal best.

An avenue to build rapport and develop lasting friendships, sport also demonstrates to students the importance of developing life skills such as teamwork and leadership.

Within the School, our PDHPE curriculum is regular, varied and engaging, promoting not only physical fitness, but a healthy approach

to mindfully attaining a well-rounded lifestyle.

In the wider community, AISHK embraces competitive sport, representing the School through our strong affiliation with a number of local and international sporting clubs and associations including ISSFHK, ACAMIS, AISA and HKSSF.

Our extensive Extra Curricular Activities programme also offers a vast array of sporting activities available outside of school hours.



## Wellbeing & PROSPER

Wellbeing is a fundamental component of school life, significantly contributing to the overall success of all students. AISHK provides opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom, for students to experience significant personal development during their Primary and Secondary school education. Their learning journeys encompass age appropriate growth in their social and emotional wellbeing and their academic pathways. Students develop essential life skills such as resilience, independence, safe risk-taking, collaboration, and leadership.

A working group of staff and students conducted a comprehensive review of what wellbeing means to the AISHK community. As a result, an evidence-based framework, PROSPER, anchored in positive psychology, was introduced. Its implementation is a significant milestone as AISHK formally lays the foundation for how we live, learn and grow as a community, using a common language for everyday wellbeing. The PROSPER framework is structured around a set of norms: These norms are integrated into the school's practices and programmes that enhance both wellbeing and academic achievement.



## Performing Arts

Performing Arts at AISHK allows students to creatively explore a range of musical and theatrical styles, building skills in performance, listening, composition, research, improvisation, and physicality.

Music is taught as a core subject from Reception to Year 8, becoming an elective from Years 9 to 12.

Drama is an elective subject from Years 9 to 12.

Performing Arts offers students the opportunity to take part in a range of instrumental and

vocal ensembles and drama troupes, with the further option of learning a musical instrument through the instrumental music programme.

AISHK actively seeks and encourages avenues for students to thrive in a range of opportunities to display their skills at regular school assemblies, annual musical productions, arts showcases and community events.

# House Spirit & Student Leadership

AISHK adopts House system which instils teamwork, cross-divisional support between Primary and Secondary, and a level of friendly competition through inter-house activities. The House system also underpins initiatives within student leadership and community service. The four AISHK Houses, named after Australian flora, are:



AISHK equips students with the tools to become responsible citizens and leaders. Students are offered means of voicing their ideas, concerns and opinions, and to act on behalf of their colleagues in open forum. Primary Head Boy and Head Girl are determined at Year 6, while boy and girl School Captains and Vice Captains are determined at Year 12.

Prefects are also appointed in a variety of responsibility portfolios. Students are encouraged to apply for positions of responsibility including Student Council Representatives, Community Service, Transition and Sports Committee Liaisons.



## Community Service

As a non-profit organisation, AISHK is committed to instilling a strong sense of community service and ongoing civic engagement and leadership in our student community. Community service programs exist through every year level at the school through our house system, with each house having a specific organisation that students support throughout the school year.

Eucalypt: Christina Noble Children's Foundation  
Jacaranda: HOPE for Cambodian Children  
Waratah: Child Welfare Scheme Nepal  
Wattle: One Sky for All Children

This initiative allows students to not only fundraise for projects, but to develop a strong connection with the work of their house's charitable organisation. Students also have the opportunity of a first-hand experience, visiting and assisting in projects as part of the Secondary Activity Week program.

In 2014, AISHK Secondary students formed The YES Club (Youth Experiencing Service) - a student-initiated community service club open to all secondary students, in support of over 30 local charities. The YES Club has grown from strength to strength, participating in a wide range of service activities, including assisting at food kitchens, visiting the elderly, reading to younger children, soap cycling and tutoring local school students.

Other charities which AISHK supports include:

- Crossroads Foundation
- Fred Hollows Foundation
- Food Angel
- Running to Stop The Traffik & 24 Hour Race
- Kids 4 Kids
- SupportHK



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