



Join  
Australian  
International  
School  
in Hong Kong



## Our School

Situated in Kowloon Tong, Australian International School Hong Kong (AISHK) is a non-profit, co-educational day school for students from Kindergarten 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. 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 students in Years 7-10 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 Programme – Literacy and Numeracy in Years 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 Programme complements the school's rigorous academic focus while enabling students to celebrate excellence, develop confidence, and maintain meaningful friendships.

## Our Governance and Leadership

AISHK is governed by the Australian International School Foundation Limited (AISFL), a charitable status body which provides guardianship for the School's future. The Foundation Board has permanent representation from key Australian organisations in Hong Kong.

AISHK is led by the Head of School, who is supported in this task by the School Executive. Their purpose is to advise and report to the Board with regard to the School's Strategic Development Plan, school management, goals and key performance indicators.

The School Executive ensures all policies, procedures and processes align with the School's Mission Statement and Values. This team also manages the day to day operations and optimise learning and teaching opportunities for all students and plan strategically for the future.

The School Executive is chaired by the Head of School and the members are:

- **Ms Mina Dunstan**  
Head of School
- **Mr Kevin Elliott**  
Head of Finance and Operations
- **Mr Jane Thomas**  
Head of Primary
- **Mrs Lisa Bonazza**  
Deputy Head of Primary
- **Mr Christopher Bird**  
Deputy Head of Primary
- **Mr Peter Phillips**  
Head of Secondary
- **Ms Emma Young**  
Deputy Head of Secondary
- **Ms Karin Bennett**  
Deputy Head of Secondary

The entire AISHK community works together with foresight and drive to ensure a valued school experience which is recognised for its warmth, energy and excellence.



## Our Staff

AISHK places great importance on recruiting and retaining high-calibre and well qualified teaching staff from Australia and around the world. From our teachers to our School Executive and administrative support team, AISHK is managed and led by a passionate staff community, which works with dedication to deliver a world-class education for every student.

### 192 Staff

107 Teaching, 73 Non-Teaching

### 19.3%

Staff with 10+ Years at AISHK

### 41%

Staff with 5+ Years at AISHK

## All Staff Passport Nationalities

Australia /  
New Zealand

Hong Kong /  
China

Other

UK

## Teacher Passport Nationalities

Australia	<b>51%</b>
Other	<b>11%</b>
Hong Kong / China	<b>11%</b>
UK	<b>18%</b>
New Zealand	<b>9%</b>



## Staff Wellbeing and Development

In line with our school's approach to wellbeing, AISHK provides a wide range of opportunities for Professional Learning. AISHK also encourages activities to promote staff wellbeing and integration across all year levels, departments and faculties.



## What Our Parents Say

"Without the AISHK teachers who on a daily basis go above and beyond on ensuring our children are well educated, nurtured, and cared for. Our children would not be as well prepared as they go onto the next stage in their lives."

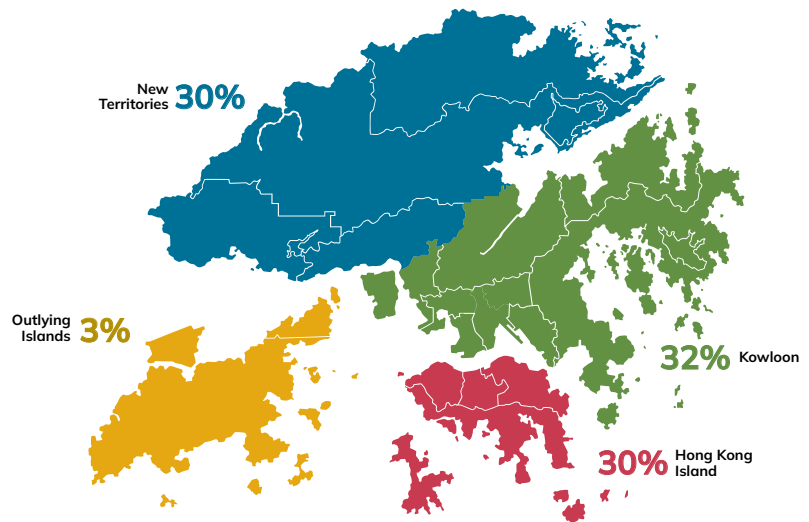
## Our Students

As a leading international school in Hong Kong, the student body at AISHK represents over 25 nationalities. This reflects the rich cultural diversity of our School and our wider community. AISHK emphasises the pursuit of personal excellence, both in and out of the classroom, providing an environment for students to reach their full academic, cultural, physical and emotional potential. AISHK graduates go on to study at top universities in Australia and throughout the world.

## 1,100+ Student Population



### Student Nationalities



### Where do AISHK families live?



## Compensation and Benefits

We are a vibrant and inclusive learning community where effort is valued, learning is engaging and creativity is fostered. This combined with quality staff, enables learners to flourish whilst also being challenged and motivated to be the best they can be.

### The Rewards:

- Competitive salary;
- Rental reimbursement assistance;
- Relocation allowance;
- Medical coverage;
- Education allowance;
- Gratuity upon successful completion of the initial two-year contract.

“Primary teachers are dedicated to their students, are obviously well-trained and take opportunities to stay current with best practices. I have found them all to be sensitive, empathetic and great educators.”

- AISHK PARENT



## PRIMARY

The Primary Division of AISHK encompasses Reception to Year 6. The Primary Curriculum is inquiry-based and covers the core subject areas of English, Mathematics, Chinese, Science and Technology, Geography and History, Creative Arts, and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education; with specialist teachers taking classes for Music, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Library and Chinese.

By following the Australian curriculum, we ensure that each student receives a distinct taste of what it means to be Australian, whilst embracing the cultural context of Hong Kong. Learning experiences which occur within our Primary classrooms mirror those occurring in classrooms across Australia.

The Primary Division places significant focus on working hard and celebrating achievement. Our students thrive in a vibrant and engaging learning environment. Teachers strive to give every student the best possible opportunity to achieve new personal bests, related to both effort and results. Student wellbeing and academic programmes are explicitly linked to develop life skills such as resilience, independence, safe risk taking, collaboration and leadership.

### Reception – Year 2

In Reception to Year 2, AISHK is committed to ensuring our students are provided with a wide range of opportunities to learn through play-based, hands-on experiences.

Throughout these early Primary years, students are increasingly introduced to more ‘academic’ learning, while teachers nurture individual learners. In our Early Childhood classrooms, emphasis is placed on developing independence skills that allow children to become confident self-managers and problem solvers.

In Reception, the Australian Early Years Learning Framework is used as a tool to extend and enrich children’s learning with an emphasis on communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) as well as social and emotional development. This focus on literacy and numeracy continues in the coming years and incorporates information technology as a tool for learning.

### Years 3 – 6

As students gain greater levels of understanding, self-belief and independence in the upper Primary years, they are presented with more opportunities to build academically, while evolving their interpersonal skills. The skills to develop and share an informed opinion are promoted, as well as developing empathy towards others.

Upper Primary students are given numerous opportunities to develop and demonstrate academic excellence. They are guided to identify, understand and develop their own character strengths, as this is seen as a key stage in their development. Students are also encouraged to recognise the strengths demonstrated by their peers.

*"I am so pleased with everything that I have achieved. My teachers really believed in me, more than I believed in myself. I will miss school but I am ready to face the future. Following my good exam results, I plan to study Architecture."*

**- STUDENT, CLASS OF 2024**



## SECONDARY

AISHK provides an exceptional education 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.

### Year 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. These are: English, Mathematics, Science, Design & Technology, Geography, History, Visual Arts and PDHPE.

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 holds IBDP examinations in November each year and results are available in early January.



# KEY LEARNING AREAS

The following provides an overview of subjects offered from Reception to Year 12:

## PRIMARY

### Reception

Reception Year provides a foundation programme, designed to meet the needs of 4-year-old children. Adopting a child-centred approach, the play-based learning programme covers areas of intellectual, emotional, social and physical development. Language development is also emphasised.

The foundation for learning is the **Early Years Learning Framework**, which is used by most schools in Australia.

### Prep - Year 6

English	Civics & Citizenship (from Year 3)	Drama
Mathematics	Economics & Business (from Year 5)	Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PDHPE)
Science & Technology	Chinese (Mandarin)	
Geography	Visual Arts	
History	Music	

## SECONDARY

### Years 7 & 8

#### MANDATORY SUBJECTS:

English	Geography
Mathematics	History
Science	Visual Arts
Design & Technology	PDHPE

#### ELECTIVES:

Chinese (Mandarin)
French

### Years 9 & 10

#### MANDATORY SUBJECTS:

English	Design & Technology
Mathematics	Computing Technology
Science	Commerce
Geography	Chinese (Mandarin)
History	French
PDHPE	Visual Arts

#### ELECTIVES:

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

### Years 11 & 12 (HSC)

English (EALD / Standard / Advanced / Extension)	Chemistry	Design & Technology
Mathematics (Standard / Advanced / Extension)	Biology	Visual Arts
	Legal Studies	Visual Design
	Business Studies	Music
	Economics	Drama
	Modern History	Health & Movement Science
<b>ELECTIVES:</b>	Geography	Sports, Lifestyle & Recreation (SLR)
Chinese (Continuers / Literature)	Software Engineering	
Physics		

### Years 11 & 12 (IB)

English - Literature & Language A (HL / SL)	Design & Technology (HL / SL)	Chinese A (HL / SL), B (HL / SL), & ab initio (SL)
Mathematics (HL / SL)	ITGS (HL / SL)	French B (HL / SL) & ab initio (SL)
Biology (HL / SL)	Economics (HL / SL)	Visual Arts (HL / SL)
Chemistry (HL / SL)	Business & Management (HL / SL)	Music (HL / SL)
Physics (HL / SL)	History (HL / SL)	
	Psychology (HL / SL)	

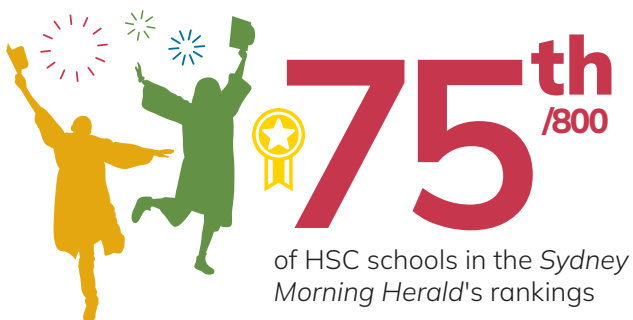
# Results & Pathways



**AISHK Alumni** are accepted into the world's best universities including those in **Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and across Asia, UK, USA, Canada, and Europe.**

**Median  
ATAR of 88.9**

AISHK Graduates **Ranked in the Top 11%** of Australian Students in their age group



**52%**

of the cohort were named HSC Distinguished Achievers for attaining at least one Band 6 result

**39%**

of our IB Cohort scored 40 points or more with a **Top Score of 43pts**



**100% of our IB Cohort** matched or surpassed the global average score, with over **70%** attaining an **ATAR of 90+**

**IB Cohort Average 37<sub>pts</sub>**

versus this year's global average of 29.2 points

## Alumni

AISHK has an active Alumni Association, which connects former students and staff of the School. Held in Australia and Hong Kong, the alumni reunions are much anticipated events, which rekindle friendships and allow alumni to establish support networks in their new home cities.

## Events

AISHK has a full and lively calendar of events. From the School Fair and School Ball to Mother's Day lunches and Father's Day celebrations, there is always an opportunity for staff, students, parents and the wider school community to come together.

"AISHK gave my children their voice. Throughout their Secondary education, they were encouraged by passionate and caring teachers, and supported by a diverse community of students all working together."

~ AISHK ALUMNI PARENT

"AISHK has a strong community spirit - the BBQs, Christmas Carols, Mother's Day Lunch and the Ball are all so well organised and enjoyable, very important for promoting a positive school community. We have found AISHK to be a very friendly, welcoming and inclusive school."

~ AISHK PARENT



## Service Learning

AISHK is committed to instilling a strong sense of community service, civic engagement and leadership in our students. Service Learning programmes exist throughout the School. Each House supports a specific organisation that it advocates for. CAS students commit to on-going projects and the 'YES' Club leads on social change projects they are passionate about.



# GET TO KNOW HONG KONG

## Discover Hong Kong

Come to Hong Kong, a cosmopolitan vibrant city surrounded by natural beauty.

If you are excited by the prospect of a new adventure - AISHK is here to help.



# HK at a Glance

## Languages

Cantonese and English are the official languages of Hong Kong. All public signage feature both languages, as do government documents. Cantonese is the most widely spoken dialect. Mandarin is becoming more widespread.

## Climate

Hong Kong has a subtropical climate, with temperate conditions for nearly half the year.

Spring and autumn are the most comfortable seasons, with plenty of sunshine, occasional showers, and pleasantly cool evenings. Summers, June - August are very hot, and rainy. Winters are mild and dry, with the temperature rarely dipping below 10°C. Hong Kong does experience occasional typhoons and tropical storms from April through October.

## Geography and Housing

### New Territories

The New Territories make up most of Hong Kong, with a range of prices and affordable accommodation.

### Kowloon

AISHK is located in Kowloon Tong on “Kowloon side” and generally has more mid-range priced accommodation for rent.

### Lantau

Lantau is a large island close to the airport. It has a number of upscale housing areas including Discovery Bay and Tung Chung.



### Hong Kong Island

This is the most international region of Hong Kong, with some expensive housing opportunities.



# Get Around

Hong Kong's public transportation system is one of the safest, most efficient and frequent in the world. Virtually all forms of public transport use an Octopus card. These cards can also be used at many supermarkets and shops around the city.

## MTR

Hong Kong's MTR (Mass Transit Railway) is clean, efficient and affordable and covers most of the territory.



## Buses

There is an extensive and far-reaching bus network with very affordable fares. Many mini-bus routes can navigate even the steepest or narrowest Hong Kong streets. Various mobile apps are available to assist with bus transport, including timetabling and arrival tracking.



## Taxis

Taxis are plentiful and cheap. They can be easily flagged down and red taxis will take you any where you want to go.

## Driving

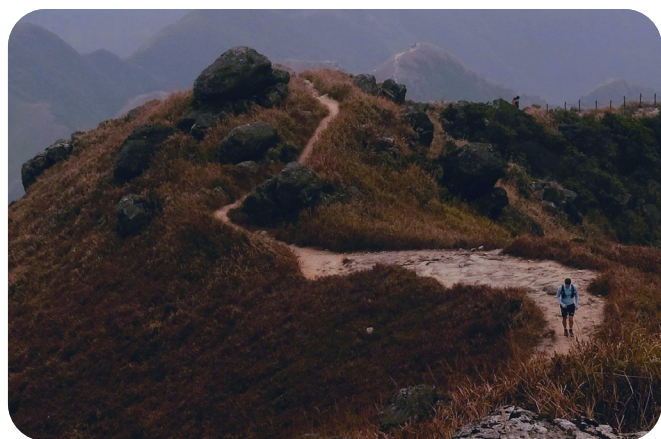
To drive in Hong Kong you must have a valid overseas, international or Hong Kong licence. Some AISHK staff choose to drive.



# Explore

There is so much to do in Hong Kong.

**DiscoverHongKong.com**  
is a great place to find out more.



## Beaches

Hong Kong has some beautiful beaches that are patrolled in summer and boast shark nets, swimming platforms, BBQ pits and shops. Big Wave Bay and its neighbour Shek O Beach are great for water sports.

## Hiking

Perhaps surprisingly, Hong Kong has so many excellent hiking trails. Hong Kong's trails are well developed and maintained with a vast number of easily accessible walks in the Country Parks.

## Junk Boats

When the weather is warm you will be partying on a junk trip with friends and family.

## Markets

There are loads of markets in Hong Kong and they are all worth visiting. The Ladies Market, Temple Street Market, Jade Market and the amazing Flower Market to name just a few. Virtually anything you want is available in Hong Kong.

## Annual Events

There are some outstanding events in the Hong Kong calendar that you will not want to miss including the: Rugby Sevens, Arts & Music festivals and horse racing.



## Festivals

Living in Hong Kong offers an opportunity to experience a vibrant cultural scene shaped by the city's colonial history, Chinese influence and local culture.

### Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid- Autumn Festival is also known as the Lantern Festival and the Mooncake Festival. This celebration sees families playing in the city's parks with lanterns, glowsticks and eating mooncakes.

### Chinese New Year

This is the most important festivals in Hong Kong, with 15 days of ancient traditions, festivities and celebrations. Enjoy dragon and lion dances around the city and lots of food.

### Dragon Boat Festival

Join a dragon boat team and enjoy a day on the water or watch the races from the beach or a boat.



## Food and Fitness

### Fitness

The list of sports and leisure activities available in Hong Kong is huge, there is everything from cricket to Zumba.

There are many sports and social clubs that you and your family can join either as a paying or sporting member.

### Food

There are supermarkets and restaurants around every corner in Hong Kong and you can get pretty much whatever you want.





**AUSTRALIAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
HONG KONG**

**CONNECT.  
STRIVE.  
FLOURISH.**

**[aishk.edu.hk](http://aishk.edu.hk)**

