



**SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL**  
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**VISION**

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

**MISSION**

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

**From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School year. It is with high expectations that we started this new school year. When you walk through our doors, I am sure you have seen that the Singapore International School SIS@Ciputra is dedicated to inspiring a passion for learning and encouraging emotional and intellectual vitality. We will continue to empower our students with the confidence and courage to contribute to the global community and supplying them with the tools necessary to achieve their dreams. In our classrooms and as a learning community, we will continue to pursue that balance that provides a strong academic preparation with opportunities for students to achieve their learning goals.

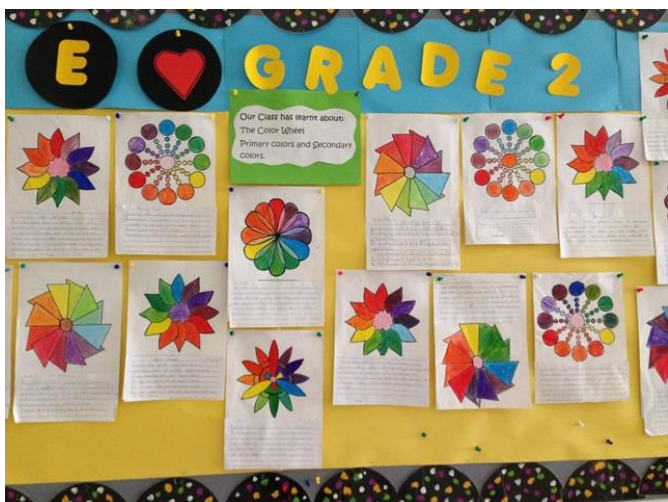
SIS@Ciputra understands that students are individuals who learn in varied ways, develop at different paces, and bring a wide variety of talents and interests to the classroom. At SIS we foster the relationship between students and their teachers by maintaining a constant stream of information between them in person and on paper. The concept of the "Whole Child" is fully understood by our faculty and is the basis of our curriculum and professional development. Our faculty and staff are devoted to assisting each child grow, intellectually, socially, physically, emotionally and civically.

We believe that education should be global in its scope and broad base in its implementation. With the diversity in the world we live, we believe that we should execute lessons that are not just appropriate but that instill in our students with an excitement towards learning.

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SIS@Ciputra school day begins at 8:15 am. Please have your children to school before that time. When students arrive late it affects the classroom as a whole and your child misses very important instructions.

You will find that we are introducing new text Scholastic text books in our academic programme. It is our aim to offer the highest quality education within our learning community. In addition to our curriculum, we hold each of our students accountable for their education and have for them the highest expectations.

SIS@Ciputra employs a dynamic teaching staff, and this year we have welcomed a few new teachers. I would like to introduce you to these amazing educators.

Mr. Mark Todorovic has come to our school from Australia. Mr. Mark has a Master's in Education, Masters in Professional Educational Training as well as two Bachelors one in Education and one in Applied Science. Mr. Mark has worked in schools in Australia as well as International schools around the world.

Ms. Sally Doggett is Year 2A International teacher. Ms. Sally is from Australia and holds a Bachelor of Education, Diploma of Teaching as well as Tasmanian Teacher certification.

Ms. Kelly Baxter is the Year 2B International teacher. Ms. Kelly is from Australia and holds a Bachelor of Primary Education and TEFL Certification.

Ms. Kerry Norris is the Year 3 International teacher. Ms. Kerry is from Canada and holds a Master of Education, Bachelor of Art as well as TESOL/TESL Certification.

If you have not already met these teachers I encourage to you to visit the school and visit with each of them.

In closing, thank you for your dedication and support of the Singapore International School Ciputra. Together, both parents and school staff we are creating a learning committee that support each child to reach their full potential.

Truly,  
Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal



Ms. Sally Doggett



Ms. Kelly Baxter



Ms. Kerry Norris

## **Academic Awards Policy**

The Academic Awards policy has been reviewed to provide clearer guidelines for students, parents and teachers.

### International Programme

For the International Programme, the award is called Academic Champion Award and is awarded for the highest overall academic result for the school year in English, Maths and Science for each international class in Years 1 – 8. The overall result must be 85% or above.

### For the Integrated Programme

The award is called Academic Champion Award – English and is awarded to the highest overall academic result for the school year in English for each integrated class in Years 1 – 5 and English and EPP for each integrated class in Years 6 – 9. The overall result must be 85% or above.

## **From Deputy Principal**

I am honoured to be here at Singapore International School @ Ciputra. My name is Mark Todorovic and I come from Queensland Australia. I have many years experience in international education and I am looking forward to being a valued team member here.

My overall experience spans across public, private and non-profit sectors encompassing positions such as a Principal (Australia and overseas), Advisor (Qatar) and Cluster Manager (UAE). I have extensive experience in primary and secondary sectors of education including the IGCSE, IB PYP and MYP as well as the U.S curriculum and the AP.

My past position as a Cluster Manager for the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC) in the United Arab Emirates was focused on developing principal capacity to improve the day to day operations of their schools.

I have delivered a number of Vocational Education and Training Courses to students as an alternative pathway to university.

I find Hanoi a fascinating place and look forward to immersing myself in Vietnamese history and culture. I am looking forward to being part of a great team here at SIS Ciputra delivering a superlative education to your children.

## **Curriculum:**

This year a new curriculum is being implemented in English and Mathematics. Lesson plans are being developed at by our



Mr. Mark Todorovic

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teachers are implementing new and exciting strategies to increase student learning. Our teacher resources and curriculum portal continue to grow and I feel confident that as the year progresses you will soon see the beneficial impact these programs have on your child's education.

## WASC

WASC accreditation continues to move forward and the final document has started to come together. Through the assistance of parents, teachers and students we have been able to gather all the necessary data to compile a comprehensive document that represent the quality education that is offered at Singapore International School Ciputra. The final document is being proofread by our dedicated staff.

## After School Activities

We are very pleased to mention that our afterschool activities have begun and that we are excited to have a new selection of activities. As we proceed through the year we will continue to add diversity to our selection as well as making sure that we have an even balance between academic and social sport activities. The activities we are offering this term are:

Basketball, Homework club, Golf, Art for Life, Taekwondo, Chinese, Choir, Paper Craft, Science, Basic Robot Engineering, Badminton and Karate. We are excited and hope the students are enthusiastic about participating.

It is important to remind all the parents of **pick up time**. It is imperative that you pick up your child at the correct time so that we don't have any children that are left unattended. Please take note of the time your child's activity ends and please be prompt when picking them up. If your child is finished at 4:00 PM, please be at school at 4:00 PM and not 5:00PM. The same issue is for students that are finished at 5:00 PM. Please be at the school at 5:00PM and not later.

We understand that sometimes traffic can be very heavy and you can be late so please call the school if this happens. Your child's growth and safety is our primary concern and children that are left at school lose precious time to complete their homework for the next day. Please try to be prompt.

Mr. Mark Todorovic - Deputy Principal



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## From the Vietnamese Department

Welcome to the new school year 2015 - 2016!

We are very pleased and excited to work together with you in this school year. We wish our teachers and students a meaningful and successful school year with a lot of exciting activities and experiences. It was great to see all the teachers, parents and students in the academic year 2015 -2016 at Singapore Vietnam International School.

Last school year, we actively explored and implemented solutions to innovate and improve the quality of education. With the hard work of the teachers as well as the learning enthusiasm of the students, the quality of education was maintained and enhanced. Many students have won prizes in the Olympic English Contest at district and city level and other competitions for primary students. This school year, the Vietnamese Program will continue to focus on improving the quality of teaching and learning and improve the quality of teachers. Since the beginning of the school year, teachers have participated in professional development training courses organized by Tay Ho OoET and the Academic Department of the company.

We helped the students to understand and participate in the event "The Day for every child to come to school" in the very first assembly of the Vietnamese Program. The first grade students were welcome by the teachers and the upper grades in the joyful atmosphere on the early days of the school year.

The assembly of September was very dignified to commemorate 70 years of the August Revolution and National Day of the Vietnam.

The school also helped students to understand the traditional values and the beauty of the Vietnamese culture through the Mid-Autumn Festival on September 25th 2015. Teachers and students watched the Lion Dance performance and joined the lantern parade. To prepare for the festival, students made paper lanterns and learnt the legend related to the Mid-Autumn Festival. Students were introduced and practiced making Banh deo, traditional moon cake, in class.

All members of the school had a Mid-Autumn Festival full of joys and meaning. I believe that all of us will continue to enjoy the excitement of the upcoming events in this school year.

In recent weeks, we have sent a lot of information about the school, classes and learning programs to parents through the introduction letters from teachers, weekly email with learning plan for each week and the conference night between teachers and



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parents. We encourage parents to monitor and participate in their children's education so that they achieve the best quality of education.

With the enthusiasm, passion and profession of teachers, the regular and continuous support of parents and the active learning of students, I believe that all of us will have a great year ahead with many exciting experiences.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien  
Head of Vietnamese Studies

**Important dates in September & October:**

25 Sept: Mid-Autumn Festival

26 -29 Oct: Parent teacher conferences – Student progress report

30 Oct: Term 1 ends

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