



# Vientiane International School

## High School Profile 2018 - 2019

*Situated in Vientiane, the small capital city of Lao PDR, VIS is an independent, not-for-profit day school offering a rigorous and quality international-standard curriculum for students.*

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### CURRICULUM

VIS is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The curriculum is embedded in the Primary Years Program (PYP) for grades EY-5, Middle Years Program (MYP) for grades 6-10, and Diploma Program (DP) for grades 11-12. The language of instruction is English.

### ACCREDITATION

VIS is the only accredited school in Lao PDR, holding accreditations from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Council of International Schools (CIS). We are also the only IB World School in the country, delivering IB Curriculum across all divisions.

### CALENDAR

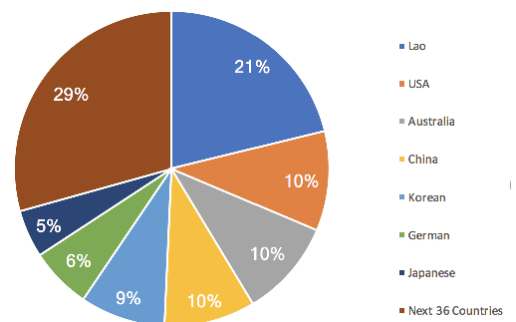
The academic year is 180 days, broken into two semesters. Semester 1 is from early August until late December. Semester 2 is from early January to early June. Lao National holidays are observed in addition to traditional international school breaks.

### ADMISSIONS

VIS meets the academic and social-emotional needs of college-bound, internationally-minded students. Our school welcomes the enrollment of all expatriate children and qualified Lao national students wishing to access an international education. In upper grades, factors such as maturity, educational background and achievement level are also taken into consideration to ensure each child can be successful at VIS. We serve a diverse community and provide limited support services to students with mild learning difficulties.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The student body of almost 500 students is extremely diverse, drawing from 46 nationalities. Most families represent the non-government and diplomatic sectors with international and local businesses also well represented. Our community is highly transient and the average length of stay for families in Vientiane is 3 years.



### LANGUAGES

Our unique VIS Mother Tongue program supports the development and maintenance of mother tongue languages for students in 14 different languages. VIS provides support for students who are in the process of acquiring English through the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program.

### SAT RESULTS

The scores below represent the average score of approximately 25% of the class of 2018 who chose to take the SAT Exam with 50% of participants with a Mother Tongue other than English.

SCORES - JUNE 2018	AVG
Reading & Writing	565
Math	640

# IB RESULTS 2013 - 2018 / DATA COMPARISON VIS – GLOBAL

(\*Stats unavailable until November 2018)

Examination Session	Number of VIS IB Diploma Candidates	IB Diplomas Awarded at VIS	% IB Diplomas Awarded at VIS	%IB Diplomas Awarded Globally	% IB Bilingual Diplomas Awarded at VIS	% IB Bilingual Diplomas Awarded Globally	Highest VIS Points	Mean VIS IBDP Points	Mean IBDP Points Global	Mean Grade VIS	Mean Grade Global
May 2018	20	20	100	*	50	*	41	31.4	29.8	4.9	*
May 2017	16	16	100	78.40	31	20.9	43	31.8	29.8	4.8	4.8
May 2016	22	19	86	79.30	68	22.60	35	29.5	30.0	4.5	4.7
May 2015	19	18	95	80.80	55.50	28.51	37	30.6	30.2	4.7	4.7
May 2014	16	12	81	79.30	83	28.61	36	28.6	30.0	4.5	4.7
May 2013	11	10	91	72	80	28.23	40	29.6	29.9	4.5	4.7

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**VIS DIPLOMA** - Students in grades 9-12 who complete 23 credits of study are also awarded the VIS High School Diploma. To achieve the VIS High School Diploma, students need to successfully complete the core requirements as opposite. The VIS High School Diploma is recognized as meeting or exceeding high school graduation requirements globally. One full year of attendance at VIS is a minimum requirement.

### IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Three Higher and three Standard Level subjects;  
Theory of Knowledge;  
Extended Essay;  
Creativity, Action & Service

### IB COURSES

A selection of Higher or Standard Level IB subjects and Core subjects

### VIS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA \*

All students graduate with a VIS High School Diploma. The subjects undertaken are IB and in some cases High School Level.

All students are required to successfully complete Creativity, Action & Service

\* Accredited by WASC

## SUBJECT MINIMUM CREDITS

Language A or B: English	4
Humanities	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Language A or B: Mother Tongue or Other Language	3
Physical Education	2
The Arts (Visual Arts, Theatre, Music)	2
Design Technology	2
Theory of Knowledge	1
Satisfy requirements of Creativity, Action, Service (CAS)	-

## GRADING SYSTEM

VIS uses a criterion referenced grading system. A passing grade for credit is at least a 3 on a scale of 1-7 for IB SL, HL or High School Level Subjects. VIS does not calculate GPA or class rank.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES 2015 - 2018

<b>ASIA</b> <b>Brunei</b> University of Brunei Darussalam <b>Hong Kong</b> The University of Hong Kong Hong Kong University of Science and Technology City University of Hong Kong <b>Indonesia</b> Stenden University, BALI <b>Malaysia</b> Monash University <b>Philippines</b> Enderun Colleges <b>Taiwan</b> National Taiwan University <b>Thailand</b> Stamford University <b>Singapore</b> National University Singapore Nanyang University Singapore Singapore Institute of Management <b>South Korea</b> University College Seoul Yonsei University Seoul	Concordia University Dalhousie University McGill University McMaster University Memorial University Niagara College Ontario College of Art & Design Queen's University Quest University Redeemer University College Simon Fraser University Thompson Rivers University Trent University Trinity Western University Tyndale University College University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Fraser Valley University of New Brunswick University of Ontario University of Ontario Institute of Technology University of Toronto Western University <b>EUROPE</b> The Netherlands University of Amsterdam Leiden University Maastricht University ULC The Hague University College Utrecht <b>Spain</b> IE University <b>Sweden</b> Jonkoping University <b>Switzerland</b> Les Roches International School of Hotel Management <b>United Kingdom</b> Aberystwyth University Brunel University City University London Coventry University	Exeter University Glasgow Caledonian University Goldsmiths University King's College Kingston University Lancaster University London College of Fashion Loughborough University Middlesex University Napier University Newcastle University North East Scotland College Norwich University Plymouth Marjon University (St Mark and St John) Regent's University London Royal Agriculture University Royal Holloway, University of London Queen Mary University of London Teeside University University of Aberdeen University of Birmingham University of Bristol University of Dundee University of Edinburgh University of Greenwich University of Essex University of Liverpool University of London University of Reading University of St Andrews University of Sterling University of West Scotland University of Westminster London University of York <b>NEW ZEALAND</b> University of Auckland <b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b> Academy of Art University Berea College Boston University Bryant University	California State University, Long Beach Case Western Reserves University Colorado State University Dallas Baptist University Emerson College Florida Institute of Technology George Mason University Gordon College Hofstra University Kent State University Loyola University Manchester Community College Marysville University Miami University Minnesota State University Moorhead Northeastern University The New School (Parsons School of Design) Purdue University Quinnipiac University Rochester Institute of Technology Santa Clara University Savannah College of Art and Design School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) St Catherine University Tulane University University of Buffalo University of California-Los Angeles University of Colorado University of Colorado-Boulder University of Denver University of Houston University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign University of Miami University of Missouri-Kansas City University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill University of San Francisco University of Oregon University of Texas Dallas University of Toledo University of Virginia University of Washington University of Wisconsin-Superior
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