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(About the school)

Q1

What is the inspiration behind SIS?

- SIS Dili is set up as an embodiment of the strong values and traits of the Singapore Education system. We see ourselves as an ambassador of the key driver that has yielded Singapore its developed country status and we hope to share its virtues to as many people outside of Singapore as possible. In the future, we also hope, in our own way, to strengthen the ties between our two beloved nations primarily from the exchange of human capital and academia.

Q2

When is SIS starting operations?

- In line with the start of our academic year, SIS Dili will be projected to start operations in September 2024.

Q3

Where is your school located?

- SIS Dili is located at Fomento.

Q4

What are your school operating hours?

- The official school hours are 8am to 2pm. We recognise the need for many parents to have their children's school hours coincide with their work or business requirements, so the students will have enrichment activities or additional lessons from 2pm to 4pm under our After School Activities Programme.

Q5

What is the cost of the tuition fees?

- Please see the attached pricing document in our Parents Info Pack.

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(Academic year and student enrolment)

Q6

What level of students will SIS be accepting?

- In the first phase, SIS will start as a Primary School with the intention to accept students from Grade 1 to Grade 4 (6 years old to 10 years old) students. This decision has the endorsement of the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) and the rationale is to create adequate runway for our Upper Primary students to get acquainted with the requirements of iPSLE (see Q14).

Q7

When will SIS Dili accept Secondary students (G7 to G10)?

- SIS Dili will be beginning Secondary operations in phase 2. At current projections, this will likely be 3 years after we start operations and phase 2 will be projected to start in academic year 2027. We will be offering the Cambridge iGCSE examinations for our Grade 10 students.

Q8

When does the academic year start?

- SIS Dili's academic year will start in August/September annually.

Q9

What are the enrolment requirements?

- Besides the usual administrative requirements as outlined in our Information Docket, all new students should fulfil the age requirements for their year of entry (unless specially approved by SEAB) and will be required to sit for an internal assessment conducted by the school to determine their proficiency level in the various subjects.

Q10

What are the calendar holidays for the school?

- Our calendar holidays would include official Timor Leste holidays, a few term breaks as well as summer and winter vacations.

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(Our curriculum)

Q11

What curriculum will SIS be using?

- SIS Dili will be the first official iPSLE (see Q14) test centre for Timor Leste (pending final audit) and the students will be sitting for the iPSLE examinations at the end of Grade 6. This examination is set and marked by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB). In line with this requirement, SIS Dili will be using a Singapore based curriculum for its core subjects.

Q12

What are the official examinations for the school?

- Students in SIS Dili will be taking the iPSLE (see Q14) at the end of Grade 6 and the Cambridge iGCSE at the end of Grade 10. In those regards, SIS Dili is the first official iPSLE test centre in Timor Leste (pending a final audit) and the Cambridge iGCSE will be offered when our Secondary operations begin in phase two.

Q13

What are the various graduation milestones for the students?

- SIS Dili has two graduation milestones for its students – iPSLE at Grade 6 and iGCSE at Grade 10.
- **iPSLE at Grade 6:** As advised by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB), students who do adequately well in the iPSLE would be eligible for direct entry into the Singapore education system for their secondary studies.
- **iGCSE at Grade 10:** Students who do adequately well for the iGCSE will be eligible to apply for foundation year studies in colleges in USA, UK, Australia and Singapore.

Q14

What is the iPSLE?

- The Singapore International Primary School Examination (iPSLE) is the international version of Singapore's Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). As a background, all students in Singapore government schools will sit for the PSLE at the end of Primary 6 as a measure of each student's progress. That being said, the iPSLE was introduced with the aim of allowing overseas schools to benchmark their academic standards against that same Singaporean standard.

Q15

What core subjects for iPSLE are being offered?

- We offer English language, Mathematics and Science as core subjects for the iPSLE.

Q6

What other subjects will be offered?

- A choice of a second language between Portuguese or Chinese
- Arts and craft
- Music and rhythm
- Physical education
- Timorese culture and appreciation

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(Our special offerings)

Q16

Will the school be offering Extra Curricular Activities (ECA)?

- Yes, similar to the Singapore school system, ECAs are typically offered only to students in the upper primary. In this respect, SIS Dili will follow a similar approach. Yet, parents can be rest assured that our After School Activities Programme will also provide interesting activities that will jumpstart your child for the real world.

Q17

What special services does the school have?

- SIS is attentive to the needs of parents. With this in mind, the school will be providing an After School Activities Programme for parents with a busy schedule. For transport, SIS has engaged a trusted vendor to provide bus services. Lastly, for meals, lunch will be served and consumed in our indoor air-conditioned canteen.

Q18

What special facilities does the school have?

- Music room
- Art room
- Computer lab
- 3 storey toilet block
- Rubberised play area
- Playground
- Air-conditioned canteen
- Street soccer court (20m x 15m)
- Bus bay
- Sheltered walkway between all buildings