

# About GESS

The German European School Singapore is an international, multi-lingual, not-for-profit school with a distinct European flavour. Since its foundation in 1971, GESS has grown to a school at 1,500 students of more than 50 nationalities from Pre-School to Grade 12. GESS offers education in either English or German.

## English education

As an authorised IB World School, our European Section offers education in English for students from 3 years old to high school across all three IB programmes: the PYP, the MYP and the IB Diploma.

## German education

As an accredited “Excellent German School Abroad”, the German Section of GESS offers all major German school leaving certificates.

One of GESS’ core strengths is language acquisition. The European Section supports multiple languages with a high proportion of students being bi- or even trilingual. In particular, Dutch, Danish, German, French, Spanish and Mandarin are all delivered within the curriculum, with more languages coming online all the time.

Our dedicated and caring international faculty members encourage students to develop their strengths. GESS believes “learning to live and to give” to be crucial in supporting and nurturing the students to become balanced, responsible and informed world citizens.



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# Primary and Secondary School European Section



# We give our students roots and wings.

Willkommen, bienvenue, salve, bienvenidos, welkom, huanying ... these are some of the languages spoken at GESS; languages through which we get to know each other, through which we acquire knowledge and skills, and the attitudes required by our students to grow in independence and tolerance to become responsible citizens. This applies to children of all nationalities at our school aged from 18 months to 18 years.

## Primary School

Following the IB philosophy of student-centered, inquiry-based teaching and learning, the European Section Primary School focuses on individual student growth in the fundamentals - literacy and numeracy - while also broadening minds through inter-disciplinary units of study. In addition, we offer a well-rounded curriculum of specialist subjects, including music, art, information and computer technology, and physical education.



## Secondary School

Our Secondary School students in the European Section are prepared for university entrance or for reintegration into their national programmes. Throughout the MYP, students are empowered with skills and understanding, enabling them to successfully enter the high school. Once there, a high proportion of our students achieve the highly sought after bilingual IB Diploma, gaining them access to the best universities around the world.



## Language Acquisition

With an emphasis on language acquisition, GESS maintains a unique position in Singapore. Primary students learn one foreign language and in Secondary School, students follow 3 languages at various levels. We aim to support native languages where possible. Dutch and Danish have been added to English and German as taught first languages and are integrated into the curriculum. In Secondary School, other languages are also supported at native level.

## Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

We offer an extensive range of Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) in all areas such as sports, robotics, science, computing, music, art, drama and languages. A door-to-door

bus service after CCAs is available. Secondary CCAs cover sporting disciplines, with an emphasis on extending skills, and other activities aimed at supporting the curriculum and helping students excel in fields of their personal interests, such as Model United Nations.

## Vocal and Instrumental Programme

Each year, through our Vocal and Instrumental Programme (VIP), more than 350 students learn from qualified instrumental teachers how to further develop their music and voice skills.

## C.A.R.E.@GESS

Through charitable work and hands-on community service, C.A.R.E.@GESS offers educational value to our students, who learn about the importance of social and environmental responsibility, whilst supporting our neighbours in Asia.

Firmly embedded in our curricula, our community and environmental programmes run from Pre-School to Grade 12 ranging from beach clean-ups to a hands-on project in India that supports rural Indian communities to improve their livelihoods.

