

German European School Singapore (GESS)

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Molly (8), Fred (6) and Tom (3)*

Though we are Swedish, we have been living in Switzerland for the past five and a half years. Before we arrived in Singapore in June last year, our two older children had been going to a bilingual school where they spoke German half the time and English the other half, so they were both fluent in these languages.

Molly is currently in Grade 2 in the European section of the school, Fred is in the pre-primary English-speaking class, and Tom is in an English-speaking toddler group.

It was not a hard choice to pick GESS for our children. We liked the idea of a smaller school that was also a not-for-profit one, and it was very

important for us to keep our European roots. With our children already speaking three languages, GESS was ideal for us.

The school is divided into two sections, German and European. The European section, which we chose, is a fully authorised IB World School that offers all three IB programmes; children don't have to speak German to join this section. The German section offers the major German school-leaving certificates. Over 1,500 students from more than 50 nationalities are currently enrolled at GESS.

Both of the two campuses are very green and surrounded by nature. Our children were amazed when they first saw monkeys in the trees outside their classroom window. The open and friendly atmosphere at the school gives it a family feeling. My children are always happy to go to school, and they like their teachers and classmates. As parents, we can see that they feel safe and at home there.

What's more, the school has a good balance between work and play. We have already noticed the result in our children's learning, and we love to see their self-esteem grow, too. Molly and Fred also enjoy a wide range of co-curricular activities, and they love the library and the playgrounds.

Our whole family has settled very well in Singapore, and GESS is a huge part of that.

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