



St. Nicholas' English Kindergarten

Passion • Innovation • Leads To Quality Education

A young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a pink short-sleeved shirt with a red and white checkered collar and cuffs, is smiling and looking upwards. She is stacking a tall tower of red cylindrical blocks. She has a small blue heart-shaped sticker on her left wrist. The background shows a classroom setting with a wooden desk, a green bulletin board, and a wooden abacus with colorful beads.

“

I HEAR , I FORGET;
I SEE, I REMEMBER;
I DO, I UNDERSTAND;

– MARIA MONTESSORI

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OUR VISION & MISSION



Our Vision

St. Nicholas' will be an inspirational force in educating children to become transformative leaders of tomorrow.

Our Mission

Founded in 1971, St. Nicholas' mission is to provide each child with the opportunity to develop independence, confidence and a sense of purpose by:

- Empowering children to learn how to learn, leading to a lifelong pursuit of learning;
- Providing a nurturing trilingual child-centered environment and holistic education;
- Passionate teachers educating the whole child and delivering an outstanding academic program;
- Fostering an environment that encourages innovation;
- Tailoring to the learning needs of children by focusing on each student's intellectual, emotional, social, physical, spiritual and ethical growth.

A GLIMPSE INTO ST. NICHOLAS'



1971

Kindergarten Founded



11,000 ft²

Campus with Two Floors



300

Student Size



1:8/1:11

Teacher-to-Student
Ratio



30

Faculty Size



3

Languages



OUR HISTORY

St. Nicholas' English Kindergarten was founded in 1971. With a history of more than half a century. In 2026, St. Nicholas' has the distinct privilege of celebrating its 55th anniversary. It has become one of the leading and most respected kindergartens in Hong Kong.



St. Nicholas' prides itself on being among the first to model itself on the work of Maria Montessori, and makes it our priority to apply her teaching methods and strategies throughout our school.



In 1987, our school further enhanced our Montessori-inspired curriculum to incorporate extracurricular activities, such as educational and cultural field trips, interschool competitions and public performances.



In 1996, before the handover of Hong Kong to Mainland China, Putonghua was added to our core curriculum, due to our society's increasing need for leaders with mastery of two of the world's most influential languages

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



WELCOME!

Please allow me to take the opportunity to introduce St. Nicholas' English Kindergarten.

We feel very fortunate to count dedicated Native-Speaking English and Putonghua teachers among our faculty. Their innovative approach to instruction and their diverse insights provide great enrichment to our community. Today, our students enjoy lessons in English, Cantonese and Putonghua as part of our trilingual environment.

All teaching at St. Nicholas' follows the whole-child approach and seeks to tailor instruction to each child's unique learning style. In addition to our dedicated teachers and staff, students at St. Nicholas' also benefit from the individualized attention that is made possible by an optimal teacher to student ratio.

One of the biggest challenges in Early Childhood Education is staying current with the demands of today's ever changing educational landscape. At St. Nicholas' we strive to produce innovative content and instruction while retaining our focus on developmentally appropriate, whole-child education.

Our teachers and staff are ready to adapt to the demands of tomorrow. As we look ahead to the future, I am thrilled by the prospect of an evergrowing and changing St. Nicholas', providing quality education for the children of Hong Kong for years to come.

OUR CAMPUS AND FACILITIES



St. Nicholas' English Kindergarten is situated on a stunning 11,000 square foot campus in the esteemed Kowloon Tong area of Hong Kong. The large outdoor playground, featuring outstanding play structures, is a true treasure in the city. Our classrooms are equipped with Montessori teaching aids to facilitate exploration and hands-on learning.

We hold the belief that the architectural environment plays a crucial role in our educational approach. Our school space acts as a canvas, allowing your children to leave their own distinctive impressions as they engage in play.

OUR MONTESSORI-BASED CURRICULUM

Our curriculum provides the opportunity for well-rounded development of each child's physical, emotional, affective, social, creative and cognitive self. We foster values, abilities and friendships that last a lifetime. Our teachers work together closely to articulate these values and work towards a school programme that keeps pace with today's ever-changing educational demands.

Our Montessori-inspired education aims to provide an age-appropriate, prepared, and stimulating learning environment for all children, focused on the sensitive periods of the child. The child learns through guided choice of work activities and discovery, in which self-learning is promoted.

Everything is relevant to the life of the child and all Montessori materials are child sized and meticulously arranged in an aesthetically pleasing environment. The teacher prepares the environment and acts as a guide to the child, encouraging independence, freedom within limits and a sense of order. The child chooses what is offered in the environment to develop his/her potential and interacts with the teacher when support is needed.





BENEFITS OF MONTESSORI

Child-centered

Sensitive Periods &
Absorbent Mind

Concentration, Order,
Coordination, and
Independence

Spontaneous repetition

Auto-education

Positive Discipline

Control of Error

Freedom within limits



A Montessori education offers our children opportunities to develop their potential and promote love of lifelong learning.

PRACTICAL LIFE

Practical life activities teach practical skills while aiding hand-eye coordination and development of concentration, independence, confidence and organizational skills. The child learns to care for the environment and care for self. Grace and courtesy skills are also practiced. Practical life activities help to hone a child's gross and fine motor skills.



MATHEMATICS

Mathematics learning begins with Sensorial materials, which acts as foundation. Numeration (counting 1 through 10) is the next step in the Mathematics program. After a child develops a solid knowledge of Numeration, the child can then move to Linear Counting, the Decimal System and Memorization. Montessori stresses the importance of development of concepts from concrete to abstract. Upon graduation, children will be able to perform addition, subtraction and multiplication up to 4 digits.

SENSORIAL

Sensorial lays a solid foundation for Mathematics. The Sensorial materials stimulated all of the child's five sense, including visual, tactile, auditory, taste, and smell. Children learn to match and grade the materials, which helps them to develop the concepts of order, comparison and classification.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Athletics develop our students' physical competence and confidence, as well as their ability to use both fine and gross motor skills to perform a wide range of tasks and activities. They provide students with the chance to be cooperative, and offer them the tools they need to encounter different physical and social challenges as a team and as individuals. We at St. Nicholas' encourage team work, cooperation and active participation from all students.



ART

St. Nicholas' students enjoy a wide range of art activities that help them explore their creativity. These activities are carefully chosen by teachers to both correspond with each month's theme and stimulate the student's senses

Our students are always excited to begin a new painting, paper folding, or craft project, and are exceedingly proud to see these works displayed in our halls.



MUSIC

Music and song are excellent tools to impart knowledge and develop language skills. Alongside their teachers, our kindergartens learn songs, chants and rhymes both in their English and music lessons. These songs serve to consolidate learning while allowing students to enjoy a fun, relaxed environment.



ENGLISH

Immensely important in today's global world, St. Nicholas' students enjoy an in-depth English language programme. Native English-speakers from the U.S.A, the U.K, Australia, Canada and Hong Kong work with students every day on pronunciation, diction, vocabulary and fluency.

Our curriculum consists of:

- Stories
- Songs and Rhymes
- Vocabulary Enrichment
- Sound Games
- Word Study
- Reading Analysis

Three-part cards introduce various nomenclature with pictures and words. The Montessori Phonics Reading Sequence transitions a child from initial sounds to whole words, including three-letter phonic words, consonant blends and phonograms. We combine it with Jolly Phonics' songs and actions, which allows greater interaction with children. Movable alphabets are leveraged to aid the child in spelling even before writing. The child hones his/her fine motor skills through tracing metal insets, which indirectly prepares for writing.



PUTONGHUA

At St. Nicholas', students develop language skills as part of a three-pronged, trilingual approach. All Putonghua lessons are taught by native-speaking instructors. Our lively instructors provide a creative and interactive learning basis that challenges novice and advanced students alike. Through chants, songs, speaking prompts and stories, these young minds encounter a rich and vibrant curriculum.



CHINESE

Chinese words are first introduced as pictographs so that children can easily associate words with corresponding pictures. The child learns all the Chinese word radicals, parts and shapes, which allows them to create different word combinations as well as sentences.

Language development begins with concept development through matching and identifying objects and words.





LEARNING IS EVERYWHERE

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At St. Nicholas', experiential learning is integral to our educational vision. Our students engage in meaningful, hands-on experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom and foster intellectual curiosity, creativity, and global awareness. Through international collaborations, environmental initiatives, performing and visual arts, and a comprehensive STEAM curriculum, students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while nurturing empathy and resilience. Supported by dedicated educators and a stimulating learning environment, each child is encouraged to explore their potential and cultivate a lifelong passion for discovery.

PHILANTHROPY



WHO IS ST.
NICHOLAS?



GENEROSITY • LOVE • CONCERN

Our school name reflects the values of acceptance, compassion, and humanity embodied by St. Nicholas, renowned for his generosity toward those in need, love for children, and selfless giving without expectation. Our philanthropy program builds character through meaningful service: students engage in intergenerational collaborations with elderly volunteers during festivals; participate in sponsored readings; contribute to the Community Chest's Dress Casual Day; generating almost HK\$1 million over 15 years; support the "Box of Hope" initiative to collect over 2,000 gift boxes; and observe International Day of Peace with dedicated lessons, arts, ceremonies, and peace pledges to foster a lifelong commitment to peace.



POSITIVE EDUCATION

Positive education is one of the key pillars of St. Nicholas' pedagogy. It is an educational approach that draws on positive psychology's emphasis on individual strengths and personal motivation to promote learning. We hope to support our students' well-being as they flourish through their years at St. Nicholas'.

Peace

Honesty

Gratitude

Hope

Kindness

Forgiveness

Love

Creativity

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



St. Nicholas' students enjoy a wide variety of extracurricular activities, ranging from sports to the dramatic arts. The program gives parents peace of mind to know that their children have such fun and educational options during after school care. The range of activities is a great complement to the regular school day program. These activities offer students the opportunity to pursue their passions and explore new talents and interests, while challenging them to broaden their horizons.

We engage the children in creative, physical or scientific experiences in a structured but fun and relaxed environment.

The activities challenge and educate our students on different levels and allow them to cultivate collaborative and leadership skills. Everything fits together to enhance our quality education.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement can create a better learning environment for children. We have established the St. Nicholas' Parent Institute, in which we organize various parent seminars, workshops and small group activities. Parent education is as important as educating young children. We believe successful home-school collaboration is beneficial to the child.

We also formed a Parent Volunteer team to help our teachers carry out various school activities, and to provide an opportunity for parents to spend more time with their children. Every year, we organize many parent-child activities, such as parent storytelling, career sharing workshop, the Christmas Gala, Chinese New Year Fair and Sports Day to further strengthen the relationship between parents and children and create a harmonious learning environment.



THE ST. NICHOLAS' DIFFERENCE

Words fail when trying to describe what makes St. Nicholas' so unique. You simply have to experience it. And there is no better way than visiting the school and meeting the children. That's where you will find the truth and be able to determine if this is the right environment for you. And it won't be for everyone. We are not a school that aims to be all things to all people. We are very clear about who we are, what we believe in and what drives our approach. If it sounds like that might be for you, let us show you what we have got.

**WHEN YOUR CHILDREN WALK
THROUGH THESE DOORS, ALL
OTHERS WILL OPEN FOR THEM.**

**Come visit
our campus
and be
prepared for
a beautiful
adventure.**



ADMISSIONS



We're delighted that you're considering St. Nicholas' English Kindergarten as a school for your child. Before you start an application, we encourage you to learn more about our curriculum and the admission process, and watch our guided tours to get a feel for our school life.

**ONLINE
APPLICATION**

**ADMISSION
INFOSESSION**

**STUDENT
ASSESSMENT**



2023 - 2025 GRADUATES' OFFERS

Private Schools

Alliance Primary School, Kowloon Tong
Creative Primary School
Diocesan Girls' Junior School
Good Hope Primary School
Holy Trinity Primary School
International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School
Kowloon Rhenish School
Kowloon Tong School (Primary Section)
Kowloon True Light Middle School (Primary Section)
Munsang College Primary School
Our Lady's Primary School
Po Leung Kuk Choi Kai Yau School
Pooi To Primary School
Pui Ching Primary School
Sacred Heart Canonissian School
St. Clare's Primary School
St. Francis at Assisi's English Primary School
St. Hilary's Primary School
St. Joseph's Anglo-Chinese Primary School
St. Louis School (Primary Section)
St. Paul's Convent School (Primary Section)
Tak Nga Primary School
Tsung Tsin Primary School

International Schools

American International School
Australian International School
Christian Alliance International School
English Schools Foundation (ESF)
Harrow International School Hong Kong
International Christian School
Singapore International School (Hong Kong)
Stamford American School Hong Kong
The Independent Schools Foundation Academy
Think International School
Yew Chung International School of Hong Kong

Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools

Diocesan Boys' School
Evangel School
Fukkien Secondary School Affiliated School
G.T (Ellen Yeung) College
HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School
Lingnan University Alumni Association (Hong Kong) Primary School
PLK Lam Man Chan English Primary School
PLK Luk Hing Too Primary School
Pui Kiu College (Primary School)
St. Margaret's Co-educational English Secondary and Primary School
St. Paul's Co-Educational College Primary School
St. Paul's College Primary School
Ying Wa Primary School

Government & Aided Primary Schools

Canossa School (Hong Kong)
C.C.C. Kei Wa Primary School (Kowloon Tong)
Chan Sui Ki (La Salle) Primary School
Diocesan Preparatory School
Heep Yunn Primary School
Holy Angels Canossian School
Holy Family Canossian School
Kowloon Tong Bishop Walsh Catholic School
La Salle Primary School
Marymount Primary School
Maryknoll Convent School (Primary Section)
Maryknoll Fathers' School (Primary Section)
Ma Tau Chung Government Primary School
St. Joseph's Primary School
St. Mary's Canossian School
St. Rose of Lima's School
Yaumati Catholic Primary School

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