





**Educating Minds and** Transforming Lives to Impact the World for the Glory of God

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# GREETINGS





Dear Family and Friends of ICS,

It has been quite a journey that we have all traveled on together these past two years. There have been triumphs - having the opportunity to be largely face to face in school, graduating our seniors, and simply enjoying each other's presence in new ways in the face of the pandemic. But there have also been struggles canceling many on-campus events, coping with pared down extracurriculars, and dealing with the general ebb and flow of varying restrictions. This has all put a great strain on all of us. Nevertheless, we have stayed the course at ICS in order to channel our Biblical Worldview into providing the best education we can for our students. We are certain that God is our guide, and providing an outstanding education to your children is our passion. As God invests in us, we invest in our students. This allows them to grow as global citizens with unique skills who will go on to impact their future communities.

Our theme at ICS this year has been "The Things That Matter," based on Micah 6:8. We have spent a great deal of time exploring all the ways living justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God affects our lives, so that we might better focus on the things that matter. To that end, each passing day reminds us of the importance of appreciating one of the things that matters most to us community - and the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your child. God continues to walk with us in his infinite mercy as we try to carry out his plan for ICS in Singapore.

This annual report tells the story of ICS, painting a picture of our success over the 2020-21 school year. It offers an overview of our demographics, outcomes, and results, as well as our evolving approach to helping our students achieve personal and academic success in a world that continues to wrestle with COVID-19. While we are certainly proud of our accomplishments, I would challenge you to look beyond the statistics to see the quality of our students and school during the last year. We know that God is doing good work through us and we are excited about the student leaders that ICS is producing.

Please join us in celebrating the work being done in and out of the classroom each day.

Blessings on each of you.

Dr. James P. Rader Director

## **Mission Statement**

### **Mission**

Educating minds and transforming lives to impact the world for the glory of God

### **Vision**

Our authentic international educational community will serve as a gateway to purpose, empowering and equipping global learners to lead positive change

### **Core Values**

Academic Excellence Biblical Worldview Caring Community Personal Excellence

Education and Transformation at International Community School (Singapore) is a holistic process. We pursue knowledge and inspire learning in all areas because we believe that God has a plan for each of our students, regardless of their circumstances. They are each unique because He has gifted them all with unique experiences and abilities that will help them positively impact their communities.

We invest in each student with intention because we expect them to be difference makers within their various spheres of influence—at home, at school, in their local communities, and, when they leave our school, all over the world.

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"I was grateful for the opportunity to help our community navigate through all the changes that were brought on by the pandemic. I had opportunities to help students cope, through impromptu hallway conversations, modified sports practices, and classroom lessons. And I got to rely on my trusted colleagues and friends to help process my own thoughts throughout the year."

James Kuang | Middle & High School Physical Education

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## **Board of Directors**



"ICS is emerging as an innovative leader in education, raising the bar for international schools not only in academics, but in the critically important area of character formation. It is a privilege to serve on the ICS Board of Directors."

Vice-Chair: Dave Hane Job Title: Personnel Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Strategic Partners Term: May 6, 2016 to May 5, 2021



Director: Su Wei Yong Job Title: Homemaker Term: October 15, 2018 to October 14, 2021



Director: Jacob Li Job Title: Resident Faculty, East Asia School of Theology Term: January 16, 2018 to January 15, 2021



**Director: Laura Tan** Job Title: Program Manager, Lonza Biologics Tuas Term: July 17, 2017 to July 16, 2022



Director: Sam Kim Job Title: Pastor Term: October 15, 2018 to October 14, 2021



**Director: Brent Carlson** Job Title: Sea Haven Pte Ltd, CEO Term: August 21, 2020 to August 21, 2023



Director: KD Baruah Job Title: EVP (APAC), DT One Term: November 13, 2018 to November 12, 2021



**Director: Daniel Kim** Job Title: General Counsel - Asia Pacific, Continental Automotive Singapore Term: May 14, 2021 to May 13, 2024

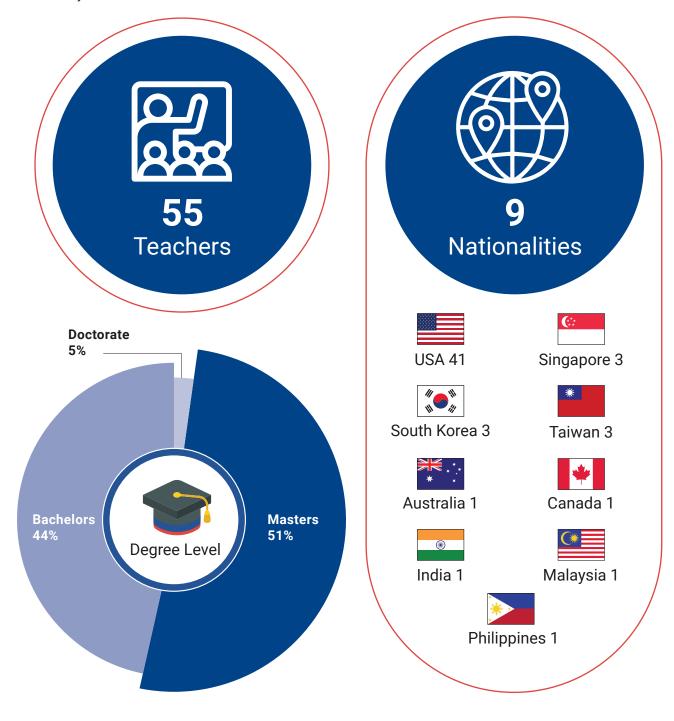


Director: Rio Inaba Job Title: Corporate Executive & Chief Innovation Officer, AEON Term: May 14, 2021 to May 13, 2024

# **Faculty & Staff Demographics**

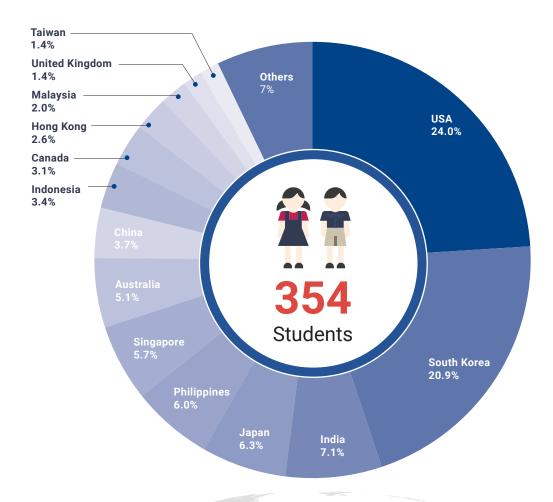
ICS prides itself on the expert quality and care of its teaching staff, the majority of which hold US passports. The 55 faculty members have an average of 12 years of teaching experience, with 51% of them boasting Masters degrees or higher.

For ICS teaching staff, education is truly a vocation, equal parts mission and profession. Their passion in the classroom and dedication to their students shows, too – the average length of stay for educators here is 5 years.



# **Student Demographics**

With over 28 nations represented in our student body, ICS is truly international. Our student-centered community embraces cultural and ethnic diversity, emphasizing the importance of love and respect for all people. With a low student-teacher ratio, and highly qualified and dedicated faculty, our classrooms offer a safe and nurturing learning environment for all of our students.



### **28 NATIONALITIES**

USA
South Korea
India
Japan
Philippines
Singapore
Australia

China Indonesia Canada Hong Kong Malaysia United Kingdom Taiwan

Vietnam Germany Ukraine Thailand Nigeria Morocco Serbia

Myanmar Lithuania Kenya Iran Cambodia Brazil

Russian

# **Elementary School**

The Elementary School (ES) was grounded in student-focused, Christ-centered learning opportunities despite the limitations on gatherings and typical school life activities. Our youngest Knights proved themselves more than up to the task of excelling, inside and outside of the classroom.





### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- The inaugural ES Christmas Showcase featured performances from students K4 G5
- ES Principal Town Halls held each semester fostered open communication between school leaders and families
- International Week Dress-Up celebrated the many diverse cultures represented at school and across Southeast Asia
- ES Spiritual Emphasis Week bolstered the ICS community's commitment to living out a biblical worldview

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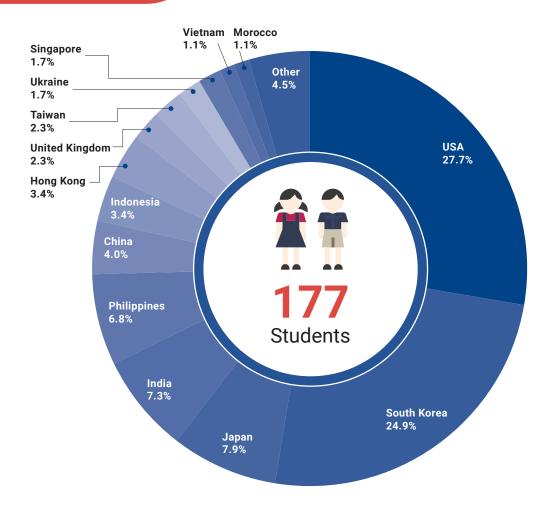
"I am so grateful to be a part of this caring and servant-hearted community. In just a short amount of time, the ES team has accomplished a tremendous amount thanks to the dedicated faculty and staff who have been called to serve here. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for ICS in the future."

Lance Kershner | ES Principal





### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



### 21 NATIONALITIES

USA Hong Kong Germany **United Kingdom** South Korea Serbia Japan Taiwan Russian India Ukraine Nigeria Philippines Singapore Myanmar China Viet Nam Malaysia Indonesia Lithuania Morocco



# Middle & High School

The Middle and High School (MS & HS) divisions showcased a continued resolve to face the pandemic head-on, with equal parts determination and creativity. Our older students led by example, exploring new ways of learning and growing as global citizens.





### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Semester Pep Rallies strengthened the bonds between students and faculty
- Senior Thesis Expo showcased Grade 12's capstone papers semester-long, academically rigorous research projects required of each graduating student
- · MS Shark Tank challenged students to become entrepreneurs, testing their business savvy and presentation skills alike
- The Week Without Walls program was tackled with enthusiasm by students eager to serve communities around the island, despite pandemic restrictions

"You cannot capture in a photograph nor in a summary of statistics the resilience of the Middle and High School community this year, and how they, through many challenges, were able to achieve holistic success."

Darryl Harding | MS/HS Principal

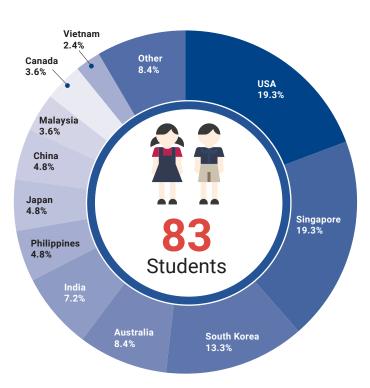




### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

### **United Kingdom** 1.4% China Other 8.1% USA Canada 25.7% **Hong Kong** 4.1% Malaysia 4.1% Indonesia 5.4% Japan 5.4% **Students** Philippines 6.8% South Korea 24.3% India 8.1%

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

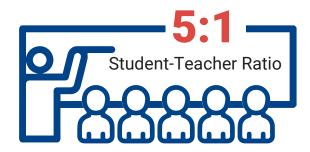


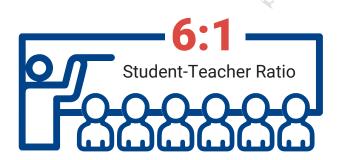
### 17 NATIONALITIES

USA China South Korea United Kingdom India Thailand **Philippines** Singapore Japan Nigeria Indonesia Kenya Malaysia Iran Hong Kong Cambodia Canada

### **16 NATIONALITIES**

USA Malaysia Canada Singapore South Korea Vietnam Australia Indonesia India Germany Thailand Philippines Japan Taiwan China Brazil



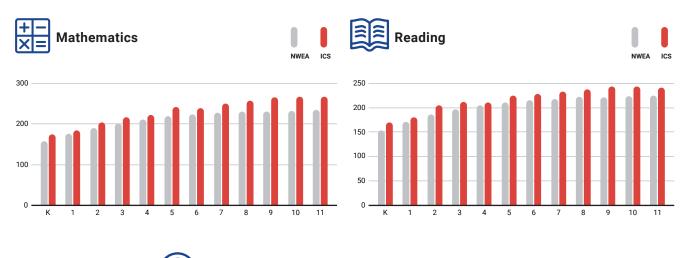


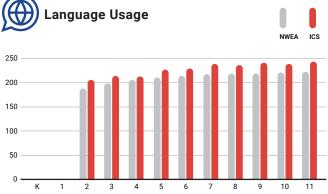
## **Academic Results**

At International Community School (Singapore), we believe that each student is unique and has an individual journey toward success. As such, we create personalized learning environments for each and every child who attends ICS. No student is defined solely by numbers or scores, and every student is encouraged to excel in both their academic and personal lives.

### MAP TEST RESULTS

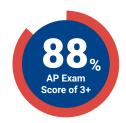
The Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test – from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) – tests students in mathematics, reading, and language. The test is prized for its flexibility, and enables teachers to accurately track their students' academic growth over time. Students from all divisions sit for these tests.





### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS**

High school students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) courses either on campus, or online through Northstar Academy. In 2021, 45 high school students took 63 AP exams. Students who scored a 3, 4, or 5 may be eligible for university course credit.









# **University Admissions & Matriculations**



The following is a list of universities and colleges to which ICS graduates have received offers of admission and/or matriculated. Matriculations are in bold. Class of 2021 matriculations are asterisked. As our graduating classes are small, this list reflects the classes of 2016-2021 to provide a more accurate overview.

### AUSTRALIA

Flinders University

James Cook University Monash University University of New South Wales University of Sydney University of Melbourne University of Tasmania University of Technology Sydney University of Western Australia

Carleton University Queen's University Seneca College Trinity Western University of Calgary University of Guelph University of Ottawa University of Toronto

### HONG KONG

City University of Hong Kong Hong Kong Polytechnic University Hong Kong Baptist University Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Vellore Institute of Technology

### JAPAN

Keio University International Christian University Tokyo International University

### KOREA

Handong University Korea University Sogang University Sungkyunkwan University SUNY Korea\* Underwood International College-Yonsei University University of Utah Asia Campus Yonsei University

De La Salle University

### **NETHERLANDS**

Erasmus University of Rotterdam Maastricht University University of Amsterdam Utrecht University
Windesheim University

### **NEW ZEALAND**

Bethlehem Tertiary Institute University of Otago

### SINGAPORE

LaSalle College of the Arts Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts National University of Singapore PSB Academy Singapore Management University Yale-NUS

Bolshoi Ballet Academy

### THAILAND

Assumption College

### UNITED KINGDOM

Goldsmith University of London King's College Queen Mary University of London St. Mary's University Suffolk University University of Sheffield University of Westminster

### UNITED STATES

Abilene Christian University Arisona State University Asbury University
Auburn University Azusa Pacific University
Ball State University **Baylor University** Beloit College Bentley University Berklee College of Music Biola University Boston University Brandeis University Cairn University California College of the Arts
Case Western Reserve University Cedarville University Colgate University
College of University College of Wooster Columbia College Chicago Corban University Covenant College Creighton University Dallas Baptist University Denison University Drexel University

Earlham College Emory University
Florida State University Fordham University George Fox University George Mason University Georgia State University Gordon College Grinnell College Hamilton College Hawaii Pacific University Hofstra University Hollins University Humboldt State University James Madison University John Brown University John Carroll University LeTourneau University Liberty University
Lipscomb University Louisiana State University Macomb Community College Marymount California University Michigan State University\* Michigan Tech University\* Missouri University of Science and Technology Mount Holyoke College New York University North Seattle College Northern Virginia Community College Northeastern University Obispo University Ohio University Ohio Wesleyan University Oral Roberts University Oregon State University Pace University Pacific Lutheran University Parsons School of Design Pennsylvania State University Pensacola Christian College Portland State University Pratt Institute **Purdue University** Quinnipiac University Rutaers University Samford University Santa Clara University San Francisco State University
San Jose State University Savannah College of Art and Seattle Pacific University Sewanee: The University of the South School of the Art Institute of Chicago School of Visual Art

Simpson University

Southern Methodist University St. Edwards University
St. Olaf College Steven's Institute of Technology Stony Brook University SUNY- Binghamton Syracuse University
Temple University Texas A&M University Texas Christian University Tomkins Courtland Community College\*
Union College
University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis University of California, Irvine University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego University of California, Santa Barbara University of California, Santa Cruz University of Colorado. Boulder University of Colorado, Denver University of Colorado, Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Hawaii University of Illinois, Chicago University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign University of Kansas University of La Verne University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Miami University of Minnesota
University of North Dakota University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania University of Richmond University of Southern California
University of the Pacific University of Texas at Austin University of Tennessee University of Utah
University of Virginia\*
University of Washington University of Westminster University of Wisconsin-Madison Virginia Tech University Washington and Lee University Washington State University Western Illinois University
Western Michigan University Westmont College Wheaton College Whitworth University York College of Pennsylvania

# **Service Learning**

At International Community School (Singapore), service is in our DNA. From the youngest elementary students who are taught to recognize the contributions of others and express appreciation through small acts of service; to the oldest high school students who are tasked with larger projects (like the yearly Week Without Walls program) and confront real world issues head-on - service learning is impact-in-action.





### A SERVANT'S HEART

The Elementary School stuck to its theme of "A Servant's Heart" with gusto. Service projects from sending Christmas cards to local elderly homes, to cleaning different parts of the campus accompanied each service learning chapel throughout the year, all of which were brought into sharper focus during the ES Spiritual Emphasis Week "Camp Abide" event.

The Camp acted as a microcosm of the division's year-long efforts to embody a servant's heart, with students learning to abide in Christ with specific mini-projects undertaken that week, including:

- Building a rock garden for the school's front entrance
- · Delivering potted plants to nearby households on neighboring Jubilee Road
- · Teaching English to migrant workers







# **Service Learning (cont.)**





### SIDE BY SIDE

The Middle and High Schools focused on the importance of serving others, and serving with others, in accordance with their theme of living in authentic community "Side By Side." For the first time in the program's history, students from Middle and High School were placed in mixed teams and encouraged to grow in their service and leadership skills throughout the year.

These combined teams were also active throughout Week Without Walls, tackling a wide range of projects, including:

- Construction and painting projects on campus
- · Cleaning up trash at beaches and parks around the island with Willing Hearts
- Serving alongside local organizations like Teen Challenge, Genesis School, and Youth For Christ
- · Leading Spiritual Emphasis Week for Elementary School



# **Parent-Teacher Fellowship**

The Parent-Teacher Fellowship is the heartbeat of our parent community life at International Community School (Singapore). As one of the primary drivers behind many of our campus events and activities, this platform is central for parents and quardians in actively supporting the ICS mission. Despite being put on pause or moved to virtual spaces due to COVID-19 restrictions, PTF pushed through and showed why they are so integral to helping our ICS spirit flourish.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Community Outreach/Ministries**

- Welcome Coffee events held each semester for new families
- Weekly Moms-in-Prayer meetings



### Staff Appreciation

- · Organized birthday, wedding, and baby gifts for staff
- · Provided food for: welcoming new staff in the fall; parent-teacher conferences; weekly Popcorn Fridays; appreciation lunches in the spring
- Staff Farewell Prayer Meeting where parent volunteers fellowshipped with and prayed for departing staff



### **Fundraisers**

- · Monthly Bake Sales
- Fall Raffle Baskets
- · Online Christmas Fair

Net funds raised went to the Senior Scholarship Program (\$1500) and Room Renovations for the Staff Lounge and Research Lab, as well as assisting in the hire of the MS/HS Social-Emotional Counselor (\$5000)









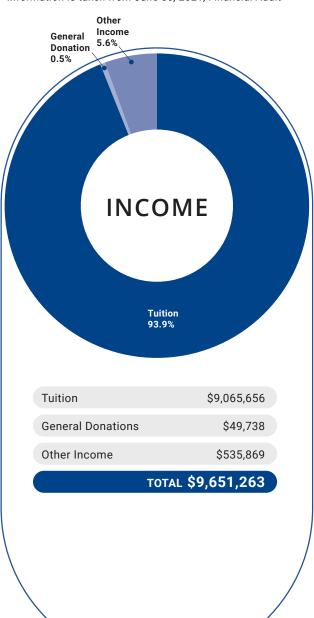
## **Financials**

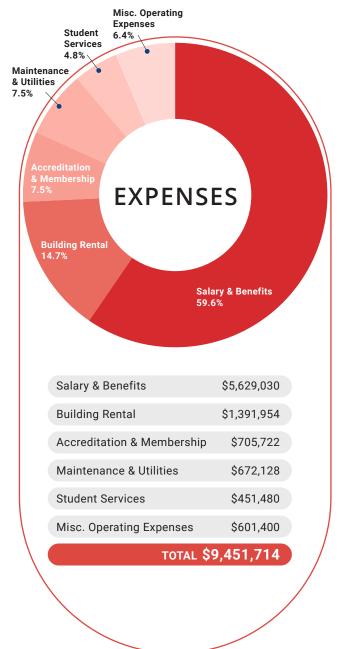
ICS has continued to thrive during the 2020-21 school year, in spite of ongoing pandemic restrictions impacting enrollment and attendance.

Our audited financial results were within the budgetary plan and we remain in a stable financial position. Because ICS believes in equipping our educators for success, teacher salary and benefits remain the largest components of expense. While there will continue to be a need for tuition increases annually, we are committed to operating at maximum efficiency to keep these increases as small as possible.

At ICS, our calling to be good financial stewards is a two-fold responsibility. We maintain financial reserves equal to approximately half of one year's operating expenses, which provide a buffer in case of unexpected circumstances. We are also blessed to continue offering substantial tuition assistance to the families of full-time missionaries, pastors, and vocational Christian workers.

\*Information is taken from June 30, 2021, Financial Audit





# Financials (cont.)



Capital Reserve Building \*Other Legacy Fund Legacy Funds Fund Reserves \$5,369,735 \$469,625 \$142,408

**Donations** to Operating **Budget** 

- International Baptist Church Mission Organization
  - SGD 10,870

ICS Faculty & Staff

SGD 27,000

ICS Parents

SGD 11,300

**Donations** to Reserve **Fund** 

ICS Faculty & Staff

SGD **5,500** 

- · Program Fund
- · Scholarship Fund
- · ICS Building Fund

**Donations** to Athletics **Program** 

ICS Parents

SGD **8,000** 



# Support Us

As a medium-sized, not-for-profit international school, we continue to maintain a strong value proposition for expat families in Singapore whether they seek an affordable school with an academically rigorous American curriculum; a program that is firmly rooted in Biblical teaching; or an intimate, family-feel environment that welcomes and nurtures each child.

ICS remains poised for its next stage of growth. We invite you to partner with and support us. Whether your ties to the school are as a former student, a staff member, or an investor for a bright future, help us prepare for the next generation of students.

This is impact-in-action. Your donation counts. Your support matters.



Before moving to Singapore, I remember looking up the ICS website and literally dreaming of the possibility of having our kids attend. We prayed about it and decided to apply for the Singapore

school system instead. Unfortunately, they were not admitted and we found ourselves stuck. So we took a leap of faith and applied to ICS.

If not for the vision of ICS and their kingdom mindset to provide families with scholarships, we would not be here today. We are so thankful to now have all five of our kids be part of the ICS family. Thank you, ICS!

Sam Kim | Pastor and Board Director

### **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?**

Visit our website on Giving.sg or contact us at advancement@ics.edu.sg for more information on how you can contribute.

### **Program Legacy Fund**



Contributions to the Program Legacy Fund will continue the school's expansion in the following areas:

- · Project-based learning
- Performing arts
- Entrepreneurship program
- Technology (AI, Robotics)
- · Early Elementary programs
- Advanced Placement programs
- Sports programs

### **Building Legacy Fund**



Your contribution to the Building Legacy Fund will allow us to develop the new campus in the following ways:

- More classroom space
- Specialized learning spaces: Science labs, technology labs
- Gymnasium
- Performing art centers
- · Physical education sports fields

### **Professional Legacy Fund**



Your contribution to the Professional Legacy Fund will help us to enhance the development of our teachers in the following areas:

- Conferences
- Advanced degrees
- · In-house professional training
- Opportunities to mentor other teachers

### Scholarship Legacy Fund



Your contributions to the Scholarship Legacy Fund will allow us to provide crucial scholarship funds in the following areas:

- Provide deeper educational discounts for students of full-time Christian workers
- Expand our support to include those with financial needs
- · Provide scholarships that support underprivileged children across Asia

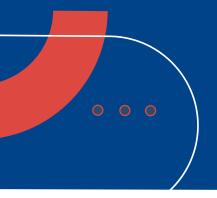


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