The Overseas School of Colombo: Truly International IB World School

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Multicultural teaching staff at OSC

The Overseas School of Colombo (OSC) provides an outstanding education for students, taking a holistic approach that develops the social and academic skills and knowledge that they will need as adults entering the world of tomorrow. OSC expects everyone to strive for personal excellence, and provide the truly multi-cultural environment and perspective that will ensure our students understand and appreciate the complexities of our world.

Established in 1957 as a non-profit organisation, The Overseas School of Colombo has a proud history over many years as the only internationally accredited school in Sri Lanka. OSC is a multinational English medium international school catering to the needs of the internationally mobile expatriate community and Sri Lankan students. OSC is proud to be the only fully authorized IB World School in Sri Lanka offering the International Baccalaureate Programme from Pre-school to Grade 12. OSC is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools, UK, and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in the United States. OSC is a member of South Asia Inter-School Association (SAISA) and Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA).

The International Baccalaureate (IB), established in 1968 in Switzerland by a group of international educators, aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The IB organisation – a non-profit

educational foundation – works with schools, governments and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right. The IB Programme helps to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalising world.

Part of being an all round student is to not only to excel in academics but also in arts, sports and community service. The South Asian Inter-Scholastic Association (better known as SAISA) brings together 10 top international schools from across the South Asian region to compete against one another in sports, music, drama and other non-core curricular activities. OSC is the only school in Sri Lanka to be a part of the SAISA. Community service programmes have been an imperative part of the school curriculum for all OSC students
(Pre School to Grade 12). The various community service projects enable the students become more socially aware and give something back to the country in which they live.

OSC provides an educational setting that is focused on developing each student to achieve their full potential. That degree of personal excellence can only come with highly qualified teachers committed to the needs of all students on a campus which balances nature with state of the art technology, facilities and resources. In a multicultural environment, OSC instills values of respect and tolerance among the students. OSC provides a scholastic atmosphere that enables all students to excel academically while discovering their own gifts and talents to help them grow into socially responsible and culturally aware adults.

“OSC develops the whole person as a responsible learner striving for personal excellence within a culturally diverse school.”

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