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# **Vision and Mission**

### **VISION**

Concordia International School will be a leading community of learning where both students and staff interact positively in the pursuit of knowledge and the development of life skills.

### MISSION

Concordia International School aims to passionately and purposefully drive student learning, to provide a balanced education for all and to transform lives.

# **Message from the Principal**

Concordia International School was founded by the Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod.

just over two decades ago. We are situated in the peaceful, small neighborhood of Yau Yat Chuen in Kowloon, where the ambient surrounding environment is conducive for concentration and positivity – essential traits when it comes to nurturing and developing young minds.

Our school may be small but our hearts are big; creating a caring and trusting relationship between the teachers and students. This not only ensures that we can pay extra care to each of our students but also creates a better student-teacher relationship where each and every student's individual needs are met.

English is the medium of instruction and conversation at our school. Students develop greater confidence through using English in small class sizes as well as a rigorous academic program, which not only challenges, but also inspires all students to excel beyond their expectations.

### **Message from the Principal**

**Our Motto:** 

### "Transforming Minds Together"

is the ethos that we strive by on a daily basis.

Our passionate teachers, supporting staff and parents work hand-in-hand in order to inspire and transform the developing minds of our students - a young bud; that with enough water and care will eventually blossom into a beautiful flower.

In their transformation we hope to inspire educational excellence; as well as instill the values of respect, responsibility and self-discipline. Our students will go forth respecting others around them, be responsible for their own actions and consequences; and have the self-discipline to make the right decisions in every opportunity and challenge that they will face in life in the 21st Century.

Our North American curriculum is based on best educational practices and the Common Core State Standards, which focusses on the four core academic disciplines as well as offering a range of elective subjects.

In addition to the school diploma, students also write the College Board SATs, AP and TOEFL as exit qualifications. These tests provide our students with globally recognized test scores for admission to universities around the world. The academic edge provided by teaching and learning an internationally accredited system not only gives our teachers and pupils an opportunity to benchmark against the best in the world; it also has a significant effect on teaching methods and practice throughout the school.

With this in mind you can be assured that all of us are committed to provide your child a valuable learning experience. We want our graduates to be confident, adaptable, and independent learners; able to excel in an increasingly globalized competitive world.

Sincerely,

Tom Du Principal

# **About Concordia**

Concordia International School is a small well-established international school managed by the

#### Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod.

and is located in a peaceful neighborhood in Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon; distanced from the noise and intensity of city life in Hong Kong.

The school was founded in 1990 by the President of the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod.

We follow the Common Core State Standards, Content Standards and Curricular Frameworks adopted and developed by the California State Board of Education. We institute PSAT testing for all grade 10 and 11 students, the TOEFL testing for grade 11 and 12 students, and many also take AP subject-specific exams.

These consistent measures of achievement provide students with internationally recognized scores that are required for admissions to North American universities and many other universities around the world. Many local universities also offer admission to our graduates based on their high test scores.

The vast acceptability of these standardized exams ensures that successful students at Concordia have an abundance of post-secondary opportunities in international education including universities/colleges in Canada, the United States, Japan, Australia, Korea, England and Hong Kong.

# **Lutheran schools**

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2613 Lutheran schools all over the world providing excellent education



### **Global Concordia Education system**



Concordia's Educational System spans over six continents with a history of over **100 years**.

Currently there are over **2600 schools** around the globe flying the Concordia banner; with the main focus in North America containing **2,300+ schools** located in various cities in the United States and Canada.

Concordia International School Hong Kong (CISHK), Hong Kong International School (HKIS), Buena Vista Concordia International School (BCIS), Concordia International School Hanoi (CISH), Concordia International School Shanghai (CISS) and Concordia International School Chengdu (CISC) are just a few of the Southeast Asian schools belonging to the Concordia Education Group.

It has more than a century of quality, comprehensive education and enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the world.

# Global Concordia Education System



### **North American Curriculum**



The curriculum at Concordia International School is based on North America's best educational practices with a focus on the "Four Core" academic disciplines:
English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

Our high school program's foundation is based upon the College Board's AP curriculum specifications.

Courses offered at Concordia are:

#### **Grade 7-8:**

English Literature
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Computer Literacy
Visual Arts
Chinese Studies
Sports & Recreation
Global Leadership

#### Grade 9-10:

English Literature
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Computer Programming
Graphic Design
Performing Arts
Chinese Studies
Sports & Recreation
Global Leadership
PSAT

### **North American Curriculum**

# Math

MP1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them

MP2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively

MP6. Attend to precision

MP7. Look for and make use of structure

MP8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

> Use technology and digital media strategically and capably

MP5. Use appropriate tools strategically

# Science

SP2. Develop and use models

SP4. Model with mathematics

SP5. Use mathematics and computational thinking SP1. Ask questions and define problems

> SP3. Plan and carry out investigations

> > SP4. Analyze and interpret data

SP6. Construct explanations and design solutions

EP1. Support analysis of range of gradelevel complex texts and evidence

MP3 and EP3. Construct viable and valid arguments from evidence and critique reasoning of others

SP7. Engage in argument from evidence SP8.
Obtain
evaluate, and
communicate
information

EP2. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience

EP4. Build and present knowledge through research by integrating, comparing, and synthesizing ideas from text

EP5. Build upon the ideas of others and articulate their own clearly when working collaboratively

EP6. Use English structures to communicate context specific messages

### ELA

#### Grade 11-12:

English Literature AP English AP Calculus AB/BC AP World History AP Microeconomics AP Art AP Chinese AP Biology or AP Physics 1 AP Chemistry TOEFL Sports & Recreation

# **Subject Introductions - English**



English at CISHK is aimed to improve the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Students will be exposed to an array of new vocabulary, which will be presented through numerous different topics, aimed to increase the interest of the student and create a more conducive relaxed atmosphere within the classroom. In addition to novels, newspapers, books and the internet; other resources will be used to enhance learning opportunities.

An important objective of the program is for students to gradually take a more proactive role in the learning process. As their grade progresses, they will be exposed to and be expected to demonstrate increasingly engaging language in the form of creativity, critical thinking and analysis; and eventually develop advanced vocabulary where their Enalish production is fluent.

#### In the end,

the students will develop the skills of analyzing, deciphering and composing abilities required for use in their own writing to help prepare them for the AP English Language and Composition exam.

### **Subject Introductions - ESL**

The ESL program is predominantly for English Second Language learners and it aims to improve students English in the four key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. The goal of the program is to allow students to develop their basic English skills so that they can apply them in their core subjects.

The program is usually conducted in smaller classes to allow more personal attention for each student by the teacher, this allows students to quickly adapt and develop their English. Within the program students have the chance to not only build their grammar, reading and vocabulary skills but also bolster their confidence in English.

The program allows for more time for in class discussion where students can use the English they have learnt more freely and develop communication skills for different settings. Students can then take these skills they have learnt and apply them to the WIDA test wherein they are assessed on the four key areas of the course.



### **Subject Introductions - Mathematics**



Mathematics at CISHK is divided into two main areas:
Integrated Mathematics for junior students; and AP Calculus for senior students.
Junior students explore real life applications of algebra, trigonometry, probability and geometry and analyze different methods of solving them.

Emphasis is placed on gaining proficiency through practice and relevant application.

This prepares students for the PSAT Examination and paves a strong foundation for SAT and Advanced Placement Exams at the senior level.

The second part aims to improve the senior student's understanding of the concepts of Limits, Continuity as well as Differentiation and Integration. They will review basic concepts first, then the program will continue with a more in-depth understanding of these concepts. Students will be introduced to numerous differentiation techniques and rules, and also to Implicit Differentiation. The program will also focus on Integration, Logarithmic and Exponential functions, Differential Equations and Applications of Integration.

Students will study the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus as well as several other important theorems. Upon completing this part of the program, students are prepared to write the CollegeBoard AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC exams

### **Subject Introductions - Science**

The Science program is aimed to help students grasp the fundamental concepts of physics, chemistry and biological sciences. Applications to real-life situations will be stressed through demonstrations and guided inquiry.



Students understand physical concepts of motion, gravity & Newton's Laws, electricity, light and atomic theory.

Chemistry exposes them to structure of an atom, arrangement of elements on the periodic table, bonding, energy changes in chemical reactions, and moles.

Biological science covers the study of the cell as the unit of life, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, cellular reproduction, classification of living organisms and evolution.

This program paves a strong foundation and builds interest in students for further study of Advanced Placement Examinations in science.



### **Subject Introductions - Social Studies**



Social Studies at CISHK is aimed at providing students the fundamental knowledge and understanding of the world around them by answering the basic questions of life:

where they came from and how the modern world we live in today got established.

It teaches them how to interpret global issues and critically analyze the information to be able to provide a good, educated opinion or viewpoint on key issues our world faces today. Junior students will focus on World History and Geography by learning, understanding and analyzing past events in History and geographical research respectively.

#### The senior students focus on Psychology and Economics.

In Psychology the students with an overview of the historical background and current psychological theories and practices by exposing them to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology.

In Economics, the students gain a comprehensive understanding of the principles of economics and how it applies to individual decision makers, both consumers and producers, within the economic system.

# The School-wide Learner Outcomes



#### Students of Concordia International School will:

#### (1). Be Independent Learners to prepare for Life-Long Learning

- a. Master effective study skills, academic knowledge and technological expertise.
- b. Develop problem solving and research skills.
- c. Think critically to sensitively analyse information and ideas.

#### (2). Be Global Citizens

- a. Develop knowledge of international affairs in an interdependent world.
- b. Provide service to others in our local and/or global communities.
- c. Recognize diversity in values and demonstrate respect for cultures of the world.

#### (3). Communicate Effectively

- a. Express themselves clearly through forms of speech, writing, media and non-verbal behaviors.
- b. Listen, read and observe to gain understanding and respond appropriately in a variety of settings.
- c. Work collaboratively in group settings to achieve common goals.

#### (4). Be Responsible and Ethical People

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of right and wrong.
- b. Demonstrate responsibility towards others and their property.
- c. Demonstrate a responsible approach towards the environment.

# **After School Activities**





We also offer other sports as part of after school activities:

Basketball Soccer Table tennis Badminton Cross-Country Dance Club

At Concordia, our athletics program plays an important role in offering a holistic, well rounded approach to student development outside of the classroom. The program also contributes to our school's sense of community, where everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate in order to pursue their athletic interest and ambitions. Participation in our sports and teams allows beginners to learn new skills while those with more experience are given the opportunity for further advancement and leadership





# **Global Leadership**

The Global Leadership program aims to extend our academic curriculum to include moral and social context.

The program includes after school meetings, weekly volunteering, charity events, outdoor camps and overseas service work.

It is in partnership with Lutheran Social Service, Crossroad, JUMP Foundation, A-Team Ltd., Outward Bound, Indier Outdoor Education and Service Learning and other local non-government organizations.

The curriculum within the program encourages students to become better communicators and leaders within the local community.



# **Technology Integration**



Our School campus is equipped with the latest high-speed wireless connection and our students work with state-of-the-art technology with our
1:1 MacBook Laptop Program and enjoy courses such as Computer Literacy and Computer Programming.

Most of our class texts, resources and library materials are available to our students via eBooks and digital platforms to allow for greater convenience and accessibility at school and home.

# **Graduate Placement Chosen Paths**

























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Preparation for University at Concordia relies upon the success-driven foundational studies and a heightened awareness of the various University opportunities there are available througout the world.

Here at Concordia International School we endeavor to provide the best possible leverage for obtaining the University of Choice for our students. Ample practice in College prep and TOEFL allows students to perform optimally at examination time.

AP courses give our students additional edge in obtaining placements and being successful in their first year of undergraduate study. Additionally, we implement the Career Cruising program from grade 7 to encourage students early in their high school career to think about tertiary education and the requirements needed.

This allows the students to start building their university portfolio early to ensure that they are adequately prepared to get into the University of their Choice.

### Concordia International School



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