



Information from Australian International School Hong Kong

Background & History

Founded to fulfill the growing demand for a high quality Australian educational institution in Hong Kong, AISHK was incorporated on the 26th January 1995 and was established as a co-educational, non-denominational, English medium international school. The vision of the AISHK Foundation was to create a world class international school where students, through active participation, achieve their personal best and graduate as skilled healthy, influential and responsible international citizens.

Since then we have provided all students with high quality and comprehensive international school learning experiences, based on Australian cultural principles and values; namely an ethos of excellence, equity, care, personal achievement and intercultural understanding.

AISHK is unique to Hong Kong as it is the only school that runs on a Southern Hemisphere working calendar (from January to December).

The school is closely aligned to the objectives and curriculum of Australia, but additionally takes into consideration the location of the school in an Asian society. Senior students have the choice of sitting for the New South Wales Higher School Certificate or the International Baccalaureate Diploma. To date over 98% of our graduates have gone on to study at top universities in Australia, Hong Kong and throughout the world.

As non-profit school all revenues and profits generated by the School are reinvested into resources and funding the School's physical development project. The success of the School's development has been based on foundations of volunteerism and giving. If you are interested in hearing more about how you can be involved in the School's growth, please contact the School's Development Office at development@asihk.edu.hk.

Founding Organisations

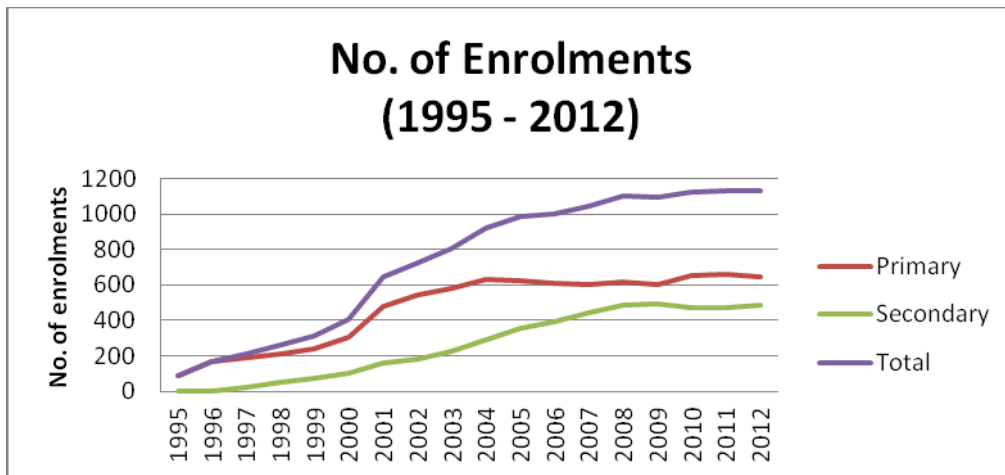
Australian Consulate Hong Kong, Australian Chamber of Commerce, Australian Association of Hong Kong, Australian Chinese Association of Hong Kong, Federation of Australian Alumni Associations of Hong Kong

Our Main Points of Discussion

- We have established ourselves as one of the leading schools in Hong Kong with a reputation for academic excellence. We educate 1,125 students from Reception to Grade 12 at our Kowloon Tong Campus. Over 98% of graduates going on to study at top universities throughout the world.
- We are unique to Hong Kong in that we are the only school to run on a Southern Hemisphere calendar, with our school year running from January to December. In addition, we are the only school in Hong Kong to offer an Australian Curriculum. As a result, we provide a seamless transition for many expatriate families who come to Hong Kong from Australia, New Zealand or even South Africa for a limited number of years.
- While these highly mobile families have meant the average stay at our school has been as low as 2.9 years, we have never had a problem with this model due to the fact that the transition for both these families and for our teachers and students has been so easy. As such we are the preferred school for many Australian and New Zealanders seeking places for the children in Hong Kong.
- The school has been hovering at capacity for a few years now. We have considerable waiting lists throughout Primary and in some years of Secondary. We prioritise our enrollments firstly on siblings of students in the school and secondly on those who are Australian or New Zealand Passport holders. Furthermore, we give greater priority to those Australian or New Zealand Passport holders that are new or relocating to Hong Kong, or are in Hong Kong and do not have anywhere to go to school.
- Over the past few years, we have reluctantly turned away students and families for whom we could not find a place. In 2009 we put in a bid for the green-field site at Kowloon Bay but we were unsuccessful with this bid. At the time we predicted that this site would allow us to expand by at least a further 600 students and our current demand for enrollments would suggest we were right in that estimation.

- We share in the frustration of those parents who cannot find school places for their children and we are keen to look at ways in which we can expand. Our Board and senior management at looking at various different models and options and are willing to be as flexible as possible with regards to what can be offered to the school in terms of an additional campus.
- We believe we have the demand to expand conservatively, we are in a strong financial position to do so and having grown from 25 students to 1,125 over the past 17 years, we believe we have a solid track record of success in doing so.
- Along with the support of our founding organizations, our corporate supporters and our affluent and generous community, we would welcome any assistance from the Government in helping us realise these plans – particularly through the allocation of land.

Growth in Enrolments



Current Demand

APPLICATIONS				
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011
No. of Applics Received	628	515	608	726

WAITING LISTS 2012

Reception	70
Prep	118
Year 1	82
Year 2	49
Year 3	28
Year 4	16
Year 5	44
Year 6	25
Year 7	19
Year 8	7
Year 9	7
Year 10	1
Year 11	5
Year 12	0
Total	471