



## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Above: Some of our younger students learning about the different parts of a computer. Below: The student band playing a great rendition of "Rolling in the Deep", by Adele.



Dear Parents

All our students were winners at our Annual Graduation and Concert Ceremony held last Thursday evening at Maxim's. The performances were of high quality, smoothly executed and provided welcome entertainment for those present. The dvd's will be available to all parents next term.

Congratulations to all our students who have persevered, committed to have excellent results and pass their final exams. Well done to everyone who did their best.

We have come to the end of 2013 – 2014 academic year. Much have been achieved and of course, there is more to come with the start of the new academic year. We are looking forward to expanding our programmes somewhat, looking at ways to improve student learning and also monitor student results very carefully among the many activities planned.

A kind reminder to all parents that the current promotion of 30% discount for enrolling your child(ren) in the Integrated programme is still valid. However, please note that the discounted rate may be discontinued shortly so I would urge parents to make use of the opportunity to inform their family and friends to hurry with their enrolling their children.

We would like to say farewell to Ms Sharon and Ms Dung who both will be leaving us to take up positions elsewhere. We thank them for their contributions and wish them the very best. Also thank you to Mr Zane, Ms Lucy and Ms Ruxy as well as Ms Thanh, Ms Thu and Mr Diem who have assisted us ably for the last few months. We wish you the best in your further endeavours.

Thank you again to our very supportive parents and wishing you all the best over the holidays.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder

Principal



Above: Mr Dudley and the students lighting the lanterns. Even the rain couldn't stop these lanterns soaring into the night sky



Above: The students enjoying roasting their marshmallows. It was a hot, gooey, tasty pile of awesomeness!



Above: The early morning exercise soon woke up the students. And one...and two...and three...and four.

## School Camp

This year's school camp was held within the safe environment of the school grounds and was attended by students from years 4 – 9. Starting Friday at 2.30pm, the students participated in a number of challenging and fun activities. Mr. Zeus' weird and wacky games called, "stick in and out" and "the sack race" were enjoyed by everyone. After dinner, the students performed some short plays and sang campfire songs. Under the supervision of Mr. Dudley, the students helped light lanterns which then floated away into the night sky. Then came the mandatory roasting of marshmallows, followed by the late night secret chats amongst the students.

The next day was packed with activities which included an obstacle race, a basketball shootout and some apple bobbing! The highlight of the day was the shelter building activity where the students were given some rope, plastic cover, bamboo and scissors. With these they had to design and make a shelter to fit one house member. The shelters were tested for their durability by the well-timed rain shower which soaked some team members, but not others. The weekend was nicely finished with pizza.

The overall house winners for the school camp was Phoenix House, they scored an almighty 395 points. Dragon came in second with 295 points and Unicorn third with 200 points. All the students, and some teachers, were well and truly exhausted by the end of camp. Well done to all that joined.

## Graduation

This year's graduation was held at Maxim's and what a great night of entertainment and laughter it was. The students were on top form throughout the performance and all the hard work preparing and rehearsing really paid off. The school band opened the evening with a pitch perfect rendition of, "My favourite things" from the musical "The Sound of Music". And from then on, the crowd was treated to some great performances from all year groups. Some of the highlights included a sweet Year 4 performance doing a song from "Peter Pan"; the Year 5 girls and boys did a song from "Annie" and "Westside Story" respectively; the year 9 students did a singing medley from classic Broadway shows like "The Phantom of the Opera"; the year 2 students did a great dance to "The Lonely Goat Herd" from the musical "The Sound of Music".





The School Council gave a great presentation on what they have been doing this year.



The Vietnamese Integrated students received certificates for excellent scores.



Here is Rosie receiving her certificate for very high grades. Well done, Rosie!

The graduation was a great success and we thank all the parents who helped and supported this happy occasion. Well done to all the teachers and students who helped and participated in the graduation.

### Review of the School Year

Now that the academic school year 2013/14 is coming to a close, here are just some of the highlights from this year:

**WASC accreditation:** SIS@Vung Tau has been given candidacy status from WASC which means we will be pursuing full accreditation status from next academic year. The staff has a lot of work to do before the next WASC visit which will be early 2015.

**Exam results:** Semester 2 exam results showed a marked improvement from Semester 1. Students achieved excellent scores in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Our most recent set of results in particular has shown a substantial achievement in each of these three subjects, with many students scoring in the 90% bracket. Year 5 International Maths had one student achieve 100% and another student achieved 98%.

**Performances:** Along with the aforementioned graduation performance, the students also did a great job with the TET and Christmas performance. Both occasions raised money for the school's local charity.

**WRAD:** The students enjoyed the SIS Vung Tau inaugural World Read Aloud Day event. This event reminded the students of the importance of being able to read and write. Students created movies, made posters and performed plays for this daylong event.

**Minecraft Edu and Tumblebooks:** These two additions act as great learning tools for our students. The former is being used as an after school activity and has shown great interest from the students. We will be having an information evening for parents on Minecraft Edu next academic year. The latter, Tumblebooks, is an online library which can be accessed at home at any time. We want all of our students to read for at least 20 minutes per night so this is very useful to achieve that goal.

**SIS Inter-School Sports Day:** All the schools from the Kinderworld group (south) competed against each other in Ho Chi Minh City. This was a great opportunity for the students to make new friends and socialize with people outside of their comfort zone. It was a fun day and all students



Winners! Well done to all the integrated students who received a certificate.



Winners! Well done to the students who received an award on graduation night. Above are the Future star winners.



Winners! Well done to the students who received an award on graduation night. Above are the Academic Award Winners.

## School Awards

The house system was launched last year and has continued successfully into this year. Students can gain points for their house by participating in team activities and by receiving points from their teachers for good work or good behavior. I am pleased to announce that the winner for 2013/2014 is the House of Dragons! For the second year running, they have proved unstoppable when it comes to team work and individual talent. The final scores are as follows: Dragons with 5037 points; Phoenix with 4333 points and Unicorn with 4251 points. Next year, as the student population grows, we will form another student house. The honour of top house point scorer went to Nikki (Yr 5). She scored an incredible 460 points for the Dragons! Well done, Nikki. The other prize winners for top scores were Kartini with 322 and Jin with 386 points.

Individual awards and recognitions went to all the students who had a student job in the school and to the student council for all their hard work this year. The student council members each received a gift voucher for Fahasa bookstore.

The awards ceremony at school was the senior students' time to shine. The school band performed two songs which they chose and practiced themselves. These were "Rolling in the deep" by Adele and "Loving You". Following the music, the student council gave a short presentation on what they had achieved this year. The six representatives from each year level explained to the school that they had organized a charity event to raise money for the Philippines; they had visited and presented gifts to the local orphanage; they had fixed the football nets continually throughout the school year; and they explained their proposals for next year. Next year we will have a new student council, with new representatives and new ideas. Well done to this year's council for all the great ideas and extra work.

## Holidays

It is now time for the students, teachers and staff at SIS@ Vung Tau to take a well-deserved break. It has been a busy, a challenging year for all involved at the school but the challenges have been met with smiles and laughter. Next term the school will see some new faces and new personalities, which will no doubt add to the great atmosphere we already have at the school.

Happy holidays from all at SIS Vung Tau!