The Hong Kong Academy mission statement serves as a guidepost and foundation for all our efforts to provide exceptional educational opportunities to all learners.

**Hong Kong Academy** is a dynamic learning community that provides a rigorous international education characterized by mutual benefit and support. As an educational leader, HKA empowers learners to pursue pathways to individual excellence by fostering creativity, communication and problem-solving skills. HKA learners develop an evolving understanding of our changing world, leading them to engage in responsible action motivated by their interests, strengths and ongoing reflection. HKA is committed to maintaining a diverse, collaborative and captivating learning environment in which students become adaptable, confident and tolerant, equipping them for the future.
Overview
Hong Kong Academy is an independent, nonprofit, co-educational day school for students ages 3 – 18. Founded in 2000, HKA offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Programmes. The school’s globally-sourced curriculum is inquiry-based and concept-driven, providing a well-rounded, student-centred programme. Small class sizes and a low student:teacher ratio allow for individualised attention and the ability to meet the needs of accelerated learners as well as students requiring learner support.

Accreditations & Authorisations
- Council of International Schools (CIS)
- International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO)
- Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)

Memberships
- Association of China and Mongolia International Schools (ACAMIS)
- East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools (EARCOS)
- Next Frontier: Inclusion (NFI)

Welcome
Hong Kong Academy is a dynamic learning community that is energized by a spirit of inquiry. Learning at HKA is curiosity-driven and fosters creativity, communication and problem-solving skills. Learning at HKA is also collaborative. Students, teachers and parents all join together to make possible a rigorous and inclusive international education. Thank you for your interest in our school, and we welcome you to our campus where you can experience in person our captivating learning environment.

Stephen Dare
Head of School
**Rigorous and Inclusive International Education**

In educational circles today, you’ll hear a lot of talk about rigour. At HKA, rigour takes tangible form in students who are fully developing their individual capacities to understand and respond to complex and ambiguous dilemmas. At HKA, we challenge students to stretch beyond their comfort zones and take action that is based on what they find personally relevant.

Inclusion is an important aspect of rigour at HKA. At HKA, students with learning needs, language acquisition support needs and/or those receiving enriched offerings all learn in the same classroom. We believe that all students learn more effectively when they learn together in an environment that reflects the world at large. Approximately 15% of the student population receives some form of Learner or English Language Support.

**Captivating Learning Environment**

HKA’s 600+ students, from ages 3 to 18, all learn on one campus. Located in the seaside town of Sai Kung, easily accessible from Hong Kong Island either by school bus or public transport, the school’s 23,700 meter square building has earned a provisional BEAM+ platinum rating for its environmentally sustainable design and features. Floor to ceiling windows provide abundant natural light, and outdoor spaces include a landscaped courtyard, sports pitch, multi-use court and green roof. Plans for a “blue roof” native habitat garden are in process.

In addition, HKA’s 358 seat theatre features state of the art theatre technology, and the Studio Theatre allows for black box style productions. Music, dance and rehearsal rooms support instruction in the performing arts. The school’s gymnasium seats over 600, and HKA frequently hosts tournaments, local debate competitions, and other events.

**Pathways to Individual Excellence**

All parents and guardians know that no two children are alike, and at HKA, we believe that diversity, grounded in mutual respect, enhances learning for all. With this in mind, HKA supports every student in his or her own pathway to individual excellence through differentiated instruction.
Small class sizes and low student:teacher ratios facilitate individualised attention. In the Primary School, each grade has two classes of 22 students each (44 per grade level) with a minimum of two teachers in each classroom. In the Secondary School, the capacity rises to 66 students per grade level.

**Dynamic Community of Learners**

Students, faculty, staff and parents alike comprise HKA’s dynamic community of learners. Our families come from all over the world, with no one single nationality representing a majority.

Like HKA’s students, the school’s faculty represent more than 30 nationalities and cultures. Teachers are recruited principally from Australasia, North America, Europe and China. They are selected for their enthusiasm for HKA’s mission, professional qualifications, creativity and skill in the classroom, teaching experience and international-mindedness. At HKA, teachers are learners, too, and the school places strong emphasis on professional development. Weekly on-campus opportunities allow for faculty to expand their knowledge, and HKA faculty frequently attend and present at professional conferences around the world.

Parents are also active members of the campus community, giving generously of their time, talent and treasure. Parent volunteers serve in many capacities, enriching the life of the school on many levels and are vital partners in the educational process. A friendly and social community, HKA parents also plan and participate in outings and events for themselves and for families.

**Educational Leadership**

Just as HKA is a community of learners, the school is also a member of the broader independent education community. HKA’s faculty and staff present at and attend conferences, both to learn and to share knowledge with others. A high percentage hold advanced degrees and/or are pursuing further education. The school’s faculty and administration also routinely collaborate and converse with leading educational institutions and organisations, engage thought leaders in education and mentor other educational professionals.
HKA was one of the first schools in Hong Kong to adopt the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. The school chose the PYP intentionally because of its curriculum and its focus on personal development. The PYP’s transdisciplinary approach to learning promotes creative questioning and meaningful exploration of themes. Using “Units of Inquiry”, students develop core competencies in mathematics and language arts within and across themes in a context that promotes learning for understanding.

A typical week in the Primary School includes learning related to the current Unit of Inquiry, instruction in Mandarin, and special classes in physical education, music, art, library, and technology. In the Early Childhood classes, co-teachers are Mandarin speakers and Mandarin is incorporated into daily routines. In Kindergarten through Grade 5, students receive Mandarin instruction four times a week for a total of 200 minutes per week. HKA’s Mandarin curriculum uses simplified characters.

The Primary School leadership team includes a Principal, an Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator, and a Counsellor. For students receiving learner support, the Learner Support Team works closely with teachers and with the Primary School leadership to meet the needs of the whole child.
Primary Afterschool Activities (ASAs)

Afterschool activities (ASAs) are an important part of life at HKA, and students in the Primary School have access to a wide range of offerings, including:

- Acting
- Athletics/Track and Field
- Basketball
- Chess
- Choral Music
- Computer Coding
- Dance
- Fine and Visual Arts
- Gymnastics
- Lego™
- Martial Arts
- Music - Instrumental
- Netball
- Parkour
- Roller-Blading
- Sailing
- Science
- Soccer
- Theatre
- Tennis
- Yoga
Secondary School at Hong Kong Academy encompasses Grades 6-12. Students in Grades 6-10 follow the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme. In Grades 11 and 12, many students pursue the full IB Diploma Programme, and other options are available for students who prefer a different pathway to graduation.

While the curriculum is geared to Grades 6-10 and 11-12, HKA is mindful of the social-emotional development of adolescents and often defines student activities for Grades 6-8 separately from Grades 9-12. A Secondary School Principal, two Assistant Secondary School Principals, one for Grades 6-8 and one for Grades 9-12, work directly with those groups of students. The Secondary School Leadership Team also includes curriculum coordinators and socio-emotional and university counsellors. The Secondary School leadership also work closely with the Learner Support Team to ensure inclusive education.
## Diploma Options at HKA

HKA’s Secondary School prides itself on mentoring students to reach their full potential through individualised instruction tailored to their skills, interests and aspirations. Faculty members are dedicated to students’ well-being and academic success and take the time to guide and support them as they make key decisions that impact their futures. Wherever their individual pathways to success may take them, HKA endeavours to help students identify, develop and realise their goals.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AT HKA MAY SELECT ONE OF 3 DIPLOMA PATHWAYS:**

**Pathway 1: HKA Diploma (U.S. High School based Diploma)**
- Reflective Project, Work Experience and Creativity, Action & Service (CAS) **required for graduation**

**Pathway 2: HKA Diploma with up to six IB Certificates**
- Reflective Project, Work Experience and Creativity, Action & Service (CAS) **required for graduation**

**Pathway 3: HKA Diploma with Full IB Diploma**
- Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Action & Service (CAS) **required for graduation**

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High School level courses compliment the IB Programme courses to fulfil the HKA Diploma graduation requirements. In addition to all of HKA’s course offerings, students also have the opportunity to participate in specialised internships on campus.
Athletics

Secondary School Students at HKA participate in a wide variety of sports and co-curricular activities. At HKA, we believe that learning outside the classroom is as important as learning in class, and students are encouraged to participate in activities that are meaningful to them.

HKA athletes participate in two local leagues and two travel team leagues:

**ISSHKF - G6-12**
- Athletics/Track and Field
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Soccer
- Swimming

**SCISAC - travel team, G6-8**
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer

**ACAMIS - travel team, G9-12**
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer

**Hong Kong Junior Netball League - G6-8**
- Netball

Secondary School Co-curricular Activities

- Battle of the Books
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Choral Music
- Coffeehouse
- Computer Coding
- Dance
- Debate & Public Speaking
- Dragonfly Council
- Drama/Theatre
- Events Team
- Games Club
- Global Issues Network
- Golf
- Instrumental Music
- Mathematics
- Parkour
- PR and Media Team
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Student - Teacher Jam
- Sustainability Council
- Yearbook
Alumni

Hong Kong Academy will graduate its 5th class in 2016. The school’s alumni have gone around the world to pursue their tertiary educational experiences. To see a list of offers of admission, matriculations and more detailed HKA student IB exam results, check out our Academic Profile on our website at www.hkacademy.edu.hk/hkaprofiles.

Former Family Network

As with all international schools, families frequently move on from HKA before students graduate. HKA has an active network of former families around the world who gather for events and serve as ambassadors for incoming, relocating and repatriating HKA families.

Diversity of Students and Faculty

We celebrate the diversity of cultures and nationalities that comprise our community of learners and educators and value the differences that they bring to HKA.

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  - New Zealand

FACULTY FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

At HKA, faculty come from all around the world, with many holding advanced degrees. All faculty continue to engage in professional development, either attending or presenting at global conferences each year.
Hong Kong Academy invites you to learn more about our programmes and offerings. Please visit our website, hkacademy.edu.hk, or schedule a tour of our campus.

Our Admissions Office would be more than happy to speak with you. To arrange a visit, email admissions@hkacademy.edu.hk.

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