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OUR VISION - *To be the pre-eminent educational community of globally minded learners and leaders.*



About Branksome Hall Asia

Branksome Hall Asia is the overseas sister campus of Branksome Hall, Canada's most renowned girls' independent school, established in 1903. It is consistently ranked as one of the world's best boarding schools. Boston Consulting identified Branksome Hall among the 8 top boarding schools in the world. Branksome Hall Canada is known for a holistic education, which enhances the emotional and physical health of girls with academic rigor.

Branksome Hall Asia enriches and develops girls in a completed learning community. Branksome Hall Asia endeavors to encourage girls to be global leaders in the world community by providing students with rigorous academic and co-curricular program. Students are challenged through various experiences and opportunities. Branksome Hall Asia presents students' possibilities and makes an effort to grow their potential by encouraging strong characteristic traits. The superior education environment of Branksome Hall Asia provides students with learning opportunities that encourages girls to respect one another.

Consisting of 95,000 m² of land area, the students will live and learn in state-of-the-art facilities that include STEM-V center, Wellness center, Olympic Aquatic center, as well as the residence that accommodates about 450 students. Branksome Hall Asia will offer the same curriculum as Branksome Hall providing an International Baccalaureate Program and an opportunity for all students to live and learn at Branksome Hall in Toronto through an exchange program. The school is co-ed from Junior Kindergarten Prep through Grade 5 and girls only from Grades 6 to 12.

IB Program

IB Diploma program is considered as a primary standard for admission to about 3,000 colleges and universities from 75 countries around the world. The IB Organization officially authorized Branksome Hall Asia as an IB World School and provides students with a continuum of study from JK Prep through Grade 12. Branksome Hall Asia encourages critical thinking through the students' experiences and develops a diversified view toward the world. The students of Branksome Hall Asia will share a learning experience, which encourages critical thinking and promotes cultural diversity.

Branksome Hall Asia provides students with opportunities and values of respecting others and making wise choices in a global community based on reasonable judgment. Not only are IB students equipped to better face their future, studies have shown that students studying in the IB program have an increased chance for scholarships and acceptance at universities.



OUR MISSION - *Each day, we challenge and inspire girls to love learning and to shape a better world.*

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What is the Admissions Assessment Criteria?

A: Entrance Assessment is completed in age appropriate groupings. Kindergarten students will be assessed in small groups to their school readiness. Grade 1 - 5 students will take the Branksome Hall Asia Admission Test (Speaking, listening, reading and writing for both English and mother tongue and Math). Grade 6 and above must attend an assessment and individual interview. Students applying for Grade 4 and above must also submit two most recent end-of-year report cards, a completed Student Profile in handwriting, and a confidential Teacher Recommendations form (English and Math).

Q: Can International students apply?

A: Approximately 15% of students at Branksome Hall Asia are international students from China, Canada, Australia, USA, Philippines, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia, and Japan. It is our intent to have more international students joining us.

Q: Is there Financial Aid or Scholarships available?

A: We offer entrance merit scholarships only for new students. Scholarships are awarded in recognition of student's academic success and covers partial or full tuition fees. Scholarship students will be selected by application, essay writing, and a presentation. (Only new students starting in August are applicable).

Q: When is the school year?

A: The first semester starts in August. Normally, summer break is two months, which starts in mid-June and winter break is 3 weeks, which starts in mid-December.

Q: What are the class sizes?

A: JK Prep: 15, JK and SK: 18
Grade 1 - 5: 20
Grade 6 - 12: 22
Sections per grade are 1 to 4

Q: What are the class times?

A: Junior School (JK Prep - SK)
8:15am - 3:00pm (co-curriculum included)
Junior School (Grade1 - Grade5)
8:15am - 4:00pm (co-curricular included)

Middle/Senior School (Grade6-12)
8:15am - 8:25am: Advisory Class
8:35am - 2:55pm: Regular classes
3:00pm - 3:30pm: Flex
3:30pm - 5:30pm: Co-curricular (C.A.S.E.)

Q: Is there a school bus?

A: The school bus is available upon request. Three routes are operated to Raon, Jeju and Seogwipo. The morning departure time is 6:50 - 7:15am and arrives at school at 8:05am (not available for JK Prep - SK).

Q: What curriculum do you study?

A: Branksome Hall Asia offers IB programs from Kindergarten to Senior School. Branksome Hall Asia is authorized to deliver PYP, MYP and IB Diploma programs and as such is an IB World School. To be an IB world school, the school needs to prove that it has the qualified faculty, secures a certain amount of budget for the professional development for faculty, has certain ranges of books at the library, and runs the learning program properly.

Q: How do you recruit teachers?

A: Teachers at an IB school need to understand and teach the IB curriculum. The school's senior leadership team and principal recruit teachers at the international teacher recruitment job fairs. Qualifications such as teaching experiences at International schools, whether IB trained or not, and whether the candidate meets the IBO standard are considered when the teacher is hired.

Q: What second languages are offered?

A: Branksome Hall Asia is an English medium school. Students can choose to learn Chinese as a club activity. Students can learn not only the languages but also the other cultures. They are taught to understand and respect other cultures.

Q: What textbooks are used?

A: Not one specific textbook is used in an IB curriculum. We have Coordinators who do the research and develop the curriculum for each of Junior School, Middle School and Senior School. Also, IT devices are used for educational applications. The teaching materials and IT software programs are provided at school at no charge.

Q: Is there a co-curricular program?

A: C.A.S.E (C: Creativity, A: Action, S: Service, E: Enrichment) is a part of the IB curriculum. Students are exposed to language, culture, arts, music and sports activities, as well as community service activities.

Q: Are there additional fees for C.A.S.E Programs?

A: Not like an after school program, C.A.S.E. program is a part of regular curriculum. Therefore, there is no additional charge unless there is necessity to prepare outfits and/or to hire the facility and lecturer from outside of the school.

Q: What is STEM-V?

A: STEM-V stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Visual Arts and is placed in the hub of the campus so that the students can easily access from either Junior School Pod or Middle & Senior School Pod. It provides the girls the opportunity to better experience and get involved in science experiments.

Q: Why do IB DP graduates have higher acceptance rate into world's top universities?

A: According to a recent report the IB DP is considered the best preparation for university life. It is the qualification considered best at developing a wide range of skills, not just self management or independent inquiry, which is so vital for university success, but many others ranging from intercultural skills, to creativity and to an ability to cope with pressure, which are all so important to our life-long social and personal development. There is evidence from the UK, Canadian and US universities that the IB DP is considered best for developing key qualities needed to lead work and study groups, to contribute to the research life of the university, and even to complete their degree.

Q: Is it possible to apply to Korean universities?

A: As we officially offer Korean language and Korean history to Korean students, Korean students do not need to take the GED (general equivalency diploma) and can apply to Korean local universities.

Application Information

Academic Year 2018 - 2019

Age chart

YEAR OF BIRTH	GRADE	YEAR OF BIRTH	GRADE OF BIRTH
2014.09.01 ~ 2015.08.31	JK Prep	2007.01.01 ~ 2007.12.31	G5
2013.09.01 ~ 2014.08.31	JK	2006.01.01 ~ 2006.12.31	G6
2012.09.01 ~ 2013.08.31	SK	2005.01.01 ~ 2005.12.31	G7
2011.01.01 ~ 2012.08.31	G1	2004.01.01 ~ 2004.12.31	G8
2010.01.01 ~ 2010.12.31	G2	2003.01.01 ~ 2003.12.31	G9
2009.01.01 ~ 2009.12.31	G3	2002.01.01 ~ 2002.12.31	G10
2008.01.01 ~ 2008.12.31	G4	2001.01.01 ~ 2001.12.31	G11*

***NOTE:** For Grade 11 and 12, only students who have previously attended an IB School may make an application at any point throughout the school year.

- The age chart is only applicable for Korean local students. Students recruited abroad will be placed according to their school history and their admissions assessment results.

Required Documentation

For all grades JK Prep-Grade 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Application Form (Please attach a recent photo of the applicant) Copy of main page of passport of the applicant Proof of Payment of application fee (KRW250,000: Non-refundable)
Additional Required Documentation Grade 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two most recent end of year report cards in English *The report card will not be required for students applying for Grade 1
Additional Required Documentation Grade 4 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two most recent end of year report cards in English *The Report card in other languages is required to be translated into English and notarized. Completed Student Profile in handwriting Confidential Teacher Recommendations (English/Math)

Admissios Process

JK Prep-SK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Application Attend Admissions Assessment Attend Parents' Interview Review Assessment Result
Grade 1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Application Attend Admissions Assessment Attend Parents' Interview Review Assessment Result & Documentation
Grade 6 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Application Attend Admissions Assessment (English and Math written test) Attend Students' Interview (1:1) Attend Parents' Interview Review Assessment Result & Documentation

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Tuition Fees

GRADE	ANNUAL PAYMENT
PYP JK Prep - Grade 5	KRW17,575,000 Plus USD11,430
MYP Grade 6 - 10	KRW19,786,000 Plus USD12,700
DP Grade 11	KRW20,259,000 Plus USD13,970
DP Grade 12	KRW21,519,000 Plus USD13,970
Entrance fee Non-refundable	KRW3,000,000
Residence Optional, Grade 6 and above	KRW21,886,000
Residence Registration fee Non-refundable	KRW500,000
School Bus Optional	KRW2,800,000

*2017 - 2018 Academic Year data, Tuition and Fees may increase for 2018 - 2019 Academic Year.

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The Application Procedure

