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# VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence combining Eastern values with the knowledge and skills to participate in a global society.

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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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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

Back to School is a special day in our society. Parents took their children to school. Students returned to school after the summer break. They were welcomed to the new school year with many new things ahead. All teachers and students are happy and excited to welcome the new school year 2020-2021.

The first grade students (Year 1) are all newcomers with pure innocence during their first school opening ceremony. Before the new school year starts, I hope our new pupils will try their best, strive to be worthy to the expectations of teachers and parents, and to contribute to SVIS' achievement. Let's maintain the tradition of being a high-quality school in the education field, a school that produces elite and useful citizens for the country.

I wish all of the teachers, students and staff of SVIS, good health, success and happiness.

Wish all students to be safe, good health and study well, be diligent and achieve your dreams in life.

The Principal,

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hanh

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# Congrats to our Year 12 (AY 2019 – 2020) students those all passed the National Graduation 2020

No.	Name of student
1	Nguyen Ngoc My Anh
2	Nguyen Thi Hai Ha
3	Phan Quang Hung
4	Nguyen Vinh Khanh
5	Nguyen Ngoc Huong Lan
6	Hoang Huy Minh
7	Nguyen Le Hai Nhu
8	Phan Tuong Vy

### Standardized Arrival and Dismissal Time and General Notes

- 1. School calendar for the AY 2020 2021: from 17/08/2020 to 18/06/2021
- Standardized Arrival and Dismissal Time from AY 2020 2021:
  - 08:20 : Form Class
  - 08:40 : 1<sup>st</sup> period
  - 16:00 : Dismissal
- All late cases (later than 8:40 and 12:40 after going home for lunch) or early dismissal cases (before dismissal time) will be filled in the Late Arrival or Early Dismissal Forms at the school office by parents.
- 4. Lunch hours: from 11:50 to 12:40
  - Those students who are going home for lunch need to be present at the school before 12:40 to get ready for the 5<sup>th</sup> period of lessons.
  - Those students who do not register for lunch at school will have parents prepare lunch boxes and sent to the school before lunch time for students. All lunch boxes must be labeled with proper student's name and class.
- Parents should fill in the Form of "Meal Service Request" and send back to school by the beginning of the school year.
- Students are not allowed to order outside food by themselves. All food for students must be prepared and brought to school by parents.
- 7. Students must bring their own drinking bottles to school and take them back home for cleaning daily.
- 8. Parents will drop-off and pick-up students by the school gate, using the "Pick-up Form" that has already provided to students by the beginning of the school year.
- Students must wear the school uniform when going to school with proper shoes. In cases of over-sized uniform (no ready-made uniform fit to students), students should contact the School office for further arrangement of proper measurement.

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# **IELTS for Year 12**

Year 12 is a year of high pressure for students across Vietnam and this includes our own talented final year students at SVIS. It also represents their final "formal" year of English studies and for this reason, the school has introduced an IELTS course, the ultimate test, in Year 12.

The IELTS measures the language proficiency of people who want to study or work where English is used as a language of communication. It uses a nine-band scale to clearly identify levels of proficiency, from non-user (band score 1) through to expert (band score 9).

Here are some tips for the IELTS Speaking test:

- 1. Be sure to speak loudly enough as you will be recorded while taking the test.
- 2. Smile and make eye contact with the examiner
- 3. Do not hesitate to ask the examiner to repeat his or her questions when you have problems understanding them.
- 4. Do not just give one-word answers, but include more information
- 5. Keep a steady pace and do not try to memorize answers to sample subjects.
- Stay on the topic given. Do not change the subject or the examiner will think you have misunderstood and may give you a lower mark.

Be polite and do not show off your knowledge since you are assessed on your ability to communicate and to take initiative in a conversation

Mr. Riccardi Bessard - English Teacher



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### Message from the Primary Teacher

Nowadays, teaching in the direction of developing competence is no longer a strange concept to most teachers. Our current teachers of Vietnam Singapore International School have been performing well in this task. In class, teachers have applied active teaching methods: group discussion, visual games and combined with information technology to bring fun, excitement, stimulate self-study and explore knowledge in lessons. Thereby, they learn many lessons about effective cooperation and group work skills.

Teaching is not only about knowledge but skills and attitudes to develop people to adapt to the current needs of society. Students at SVIS Nha Trang have been approaching and familiarizing with the active learning, and achieving the effects. Our teachers will do our best to fulfill their teaching duties. Therefore, I hope that you will accompany and support us to bring the best educational results. Thank you.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thuy Duong - Primary Teacher

### Message from the High School Teacher

The 2020-2021 school year has begun in the excitement and enthusiasm of teachers and students at Vietnam Singapore International School. We are living, working and studying in a complex period of Covid-19. However, the epidemic still does not slow down the determination of teachers and students to conquer knowledge.

With the goal of conveying a rich knowledge to students whether studying in class or from home, SVIS Nha Trang teachers have been investing in diversifying lesson plans and different modes of communication such as online teaching, self-training exercises, project presentation, essay writing..ect.. to be ready to adapt in the current complicated Covid-19 period.

In the academic year 2019 - 2020, the school has done a very good job of teaching, ensuring to meet the necessary amount of knowledge in accordance with the provisions of the curriculum. In this school year, if we continue to implement social distance, I hope students will cooperate better with teachers so that learning at home can be more effective.

Lastly, we wish you a good health, and wish our students to study and improve every day.

Mr. Nguyen Trung Tinh – High School Teacher

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### WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS – YEAR 1

A new school year is about to begin with interesting and rewarding things. This school year, SVIS @ Nha Trang School rejoices to welcome Year 1 students - the first class in each student's life.

In order to help our students to be able to well implement the regulations at school disciplines and learning, they have been trained with the following skills in class as follows:

#### 1. Sitting posture:

Straight back, eyes always looking up to the board, not bent down. When writing, the distance from eyes to notebook is 25 - 30cm. The legs are comfortable, not stretched.

### 2. How to hold the pen correctly:

Hold the pen with three finger heads on the right hand: index finger, thumb, middle finger and tilting at an angle of  $45^{\circ}$ 

### 3. How to raise your hand to speak:

When you want to speak, you have to raise your hands properly: the left hand is under, the right hand is above and the fingers are closed upwards.

#### 4. Line up:

Queue in line: small pupils first, higher ones follow. Self-adjust for alignment and know how to respond when listening the command from the class leader.

#### 5. Saying greetings politely

When arriving at the school, the children know how to say greetings to teachers, visitors, older students and the staff in the school.

With new experiences in the new school year, I do wish our students to have useful knowledge as well as great joys when studying at SVIS Nha Trang. At the same time, I also wish to receive the support and coordination of the parents in educating and training the children.

We wish our students and all parents a very good health and our SVIS Nha Trang a new successful school year in the career of growing people.

Ms. Duong Thi Thu Hanh – Primary Teacher