



## VISION

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

## 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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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

In the school year 2021-2022, the school has a dual goal of ensuring safety in the COVID-19 prevention and completing the school year's mission; This plan is within the target approved by the government and the Ministry of Education and Training.

From August 9, 2021 to October 22, 2021 SVIS Nha Trang International School conducted online teaching and learning at all levels from Primary to High School.

On October 25, 2021, Middle School and High School students returned to schools.

Online learning has shortcomings such as students being not familiar with learning methods, unstable internet, a lot of time spent on sitting in front of computers or phones which made students somewhat tired.

On the other hand, online learning still has many advantages. Parents approve and support the school in online learning. The school is very grateful to receive appreciation from parents for these aspects:

- Teachers are responsible, dedicated and well-invested lectures
- The timely attention and direction of KinderWorld's Board of Directors in teaching and learning

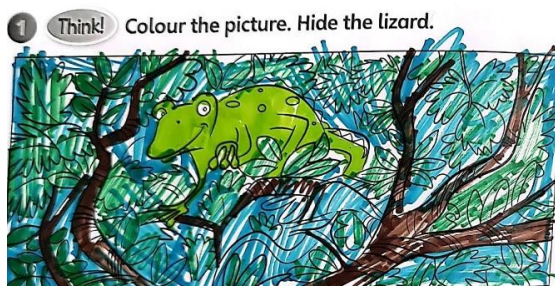
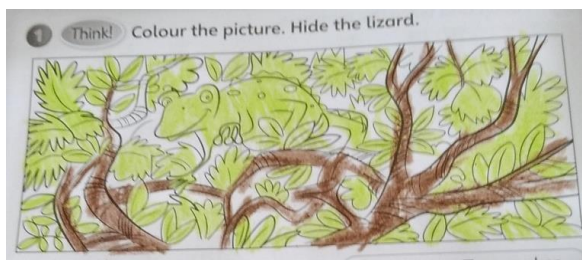
Besides the teaching work, the school actively implement epidemic prevention and control measures, clean and disinfect classrooms, separate classroom tables and chairs, and get ready to welcome students back to school.



**Memorable events in October 2021:**

- On October 24, 2021, the Community Health Center cooperated with the school to organize a Covid-19 screening test for 100% for secondary and high school students (Grade 6 - Grade 12) and school staff.
- On October 25, 2021, middle and high school students (Grades 6 – 12) returned to school.
- On October 31, 2021, the Community Health Center coordinated with the school to organize a Covid-19 screening test for 100% for primary school students (Grade 1 - Grade 5) and school staff to prepare for Primary students to go back to school from November 1, 2021.
- The school made a list of students between the ages of 12 and 17 and sent it to Khanh Hoa Department of Education to register for students to be vaccinated against Covid-19 according to regulations. October has passed and welcomes the coming November, I wish you health and peace and hope you will continue to accompany the school in this school year 2021-2022.

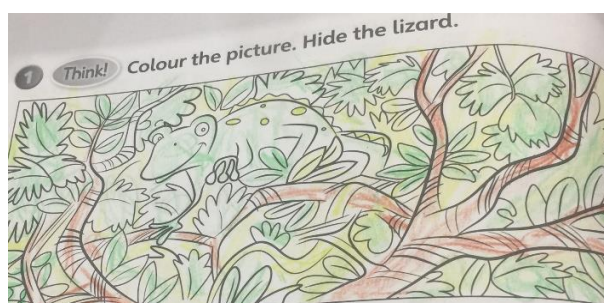
Mdm. Nguyen Thi Hanh – Principal

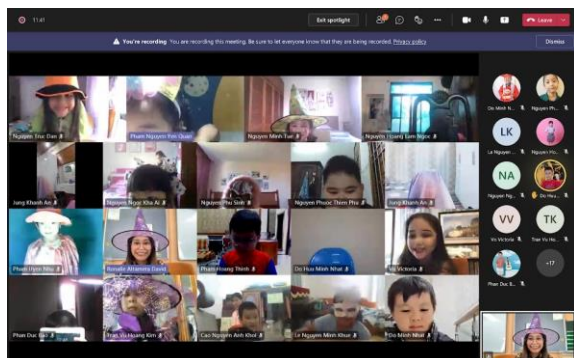


**Camouflage**

The Grade 2 class and I have been learning about camouflage. Where we've learnt how animals can hide themselves in nature. Their colours are specific to their habitats so they can easily disguise themselves from predators. We have learnt that animals live in different places and why it's difficult to see them when they are in their natural environment. The students were then asked to colour a picture, and using their imagination they needed to camouflage the lizard in the picture to show their knowledge of what we had been learning about. Their understanding was very impressive which inspired me to write about this section we are covering in our books and to share their brilliance.

Ms. Tammy Leigh Lawless – EFL Teacher





**The benefits of role playing in learning English**

The importance of role playing can be highlighted as an effective way for non-native English speaking students to develop communication and language skills. It allows students to act out and make sense of real-life situations and allows students to explore, investigate and experiment different roles. Role playing also develops social skills as students collaborate with others.

Students learn to empathize with others; taking part in a role play activity would usually mean that students are taking on the role of character which will teach them about the empathy and understanding of different perspectives and learn about different cultures. It encourages students to express their ideas and feelings in a relaxed environment, develops awareness of themselves and others and gets students learning more as learning is disguised as play. Last but not least, role playing sparks creativity and build confidence as the students act in the play.

Mr. Hong Sein Muy – EFL Teacher

**What students need to notice when studying online**

**1. Prepare equipment in advance**

- Internet speed: More and more people working online put great pressure on the Internet. Therefore, before starting class, you should test your Internet speed.
- Webcam: Webcam testing is necessary so that you can make sure your images appear in a clear and proper way.
- Microphone and headset: You need to make sure that the microphone and headset are working properly and at the right volume.

**2. Turn off the microphone when not needed**

This is one of the requirements while learning online because if you turn on microphone in the learning process, it will cause noise from the surrounding to enter and affect the lecture.

**3. Choose a suitable learning space**

Select a peaceful environment so that you can stay mentally focused and achieve the best learning result.

**4. Do not do unrelated things when studying online**

Doing multiple things at the same time will distract you and ultimately reduce your learning performance.

**5. Set a learning schedule**

To be an effective learner, you need to promote self-discipline, make a specific, clear study plan and strictly follow it. Only then can you ensure progress and learning results.

Mr. Nguyen Trung Tinh – Physics Teacher



### 3 ways to improve grade 12 English writing skills for IELTS

Many students struggle with the IELTS exam preparation, it's well-known for being tough, and will test anyone's language abilities to the limit. For a lot of learners, the writing part of the assessment can be nerve-wracking, but don't worry, I have some top tips for anyone who might be finding it challenging. Take a look at some of my insights and advice, and you're sure to ace the IELTS writing test.

1. **Understand the prompt:** If you are writing an opinion essay, make sure you can identify both sides of the issue. Once you wrap your mind around the task, you can begin the outline for your paper.
2. **Always make an outline:** An outline will save you time by keeping you focused as you write, so you don't deviate from the topic. An outline will also help you organize your ideas and put them in the best order before you start writing.
3. **Focus on language, not length:** Rather than worrying about the length of your essay, take the time to include interesting vocabulary and avoid repeating words.

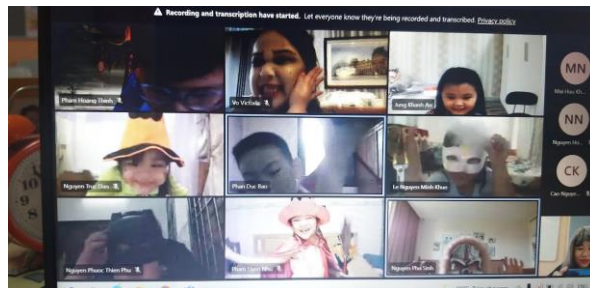
#### Remember

It is important to remember that the IELTS writing tasks are not testing how well you know the subject, or how smart you are. They assess your ability to present ideas clearly and cohesively in English.

Mr. Riccardi Bessard – EFL Teacher

### NOTES WHEN STUDENTS COME BACK TO SCHOOL

1. Take temperature measurement every day. Students with a temperature of 37.5°C or higher will not be able to attend school.
2. Always wear a mask, except when eating.
3. Wash your hands with soap or sanitizer.
4. Sitting distantly at the classroom and canteen.
5. Always carry a personal drinking water bottle, washing your water bottle every day.
6. Do not share meals or food with other friends.
7. Lunch box needs to be labeled with the student's name and grade before being sent to school.
8. Covid-19 antigen rapid test is required for all students before returning to direct learning at school and periodical Covid-19 test as required



**NOTES WHEN STUDYING ONLINE FOR YEAR 1**

**1. Studying posture**

Straight back, eyes looking up at the projection screen, or combining with looking at Textbooks to avoid eye pain and eye strain; do not bow your head. When writing, the distance from the eyes to the notebook is 25-30cm. The legs are comfortable, do not stretch.

**2. How to hold the pen correctly when writing**

Hold the pen with three fingertips in your right hand: index finger, thumb, middle finger, and tilt at 45°.

**3. How to speak out**

When you want to speak, you must press the yellow hand up symbol on the computer screen, do not turn on the Microphone function because it will make noise. Students can only open the microphone when the teacher call.

**4. Some other regulations**

Students need to keep the camera on during class.

Do not run around and leave the position.

Dress neatly, seriously, with collars and sleeves.

A new school year with new experiences, I really hope that students will have useful knowledge as well as great joy when studying at SVIS Nha Trang. At the same time, I also hope to receive the support and cooperation of parents in the education and training of their children.

Wishing you and students good health.

Ms. Duong Thi Thu Hanh – Primary Teacher



**10 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO TO PREVENT COVID-19**

Improve your immune system:

1. Get enough sleep.
2. Eat nutritious food and drink warm water.
3. Maintain physical activities.
4. Avoid excessive stress and panic.

Do the followings to limit the spread of disease:

5. Always wear a mask.
6. Take measure temperature, make medical declaration.
7. Wash your hands often with soap and scrub for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
8. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your mouth when coughing and sneezing.
9. Do not share personal items or food.



School Perspective

Construction Progress Update – October 2021



	<p><b><u>Location:</u></b> Vinh Diem Trung Residential Area, Vinh Hiep commune, Nha Trang city, Khanh Hoa province</p>
	<p><b><u>Total land area:</u></b> 1.76 ha</p>
	<p><b><u>NOS (full phase):</u></b> Appx. 1,130 students</p>
	<p><b><u>Phase 2 components:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Block 2 for Primary School students (GFA: 5,330 sqm)</li><li>- Football field, playground, organic garden</li><li>- Other supporting facilities</li></ul>
	<p><b><u>Phase 2 timeline:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- July 2021: Started construction</li></ul>

