

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which curriculum does Hout Bay International School follow?

We are an International Baccalaureate World School, currently offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) AND Diploma Programme (DP). We are a Middle Years Programme (MYP) Candidate School and hope to be fully accredited by the end of the year.

Ages and Stages?

HBIS is a through school – we start with our Nursery (aged two) all the way through our Primary School to High School culminating in the Diploma Programme (aged 18). We are co-educational.

Will my child need to take an assessment prior to entry?

Entry assessments may be waived at the Principal's discretion based on the child's reports

Do you have a bursary programme?

Yes. The CHELO bursary programme facilitates the inclusion of students from previously disadvantaged communities of Hout Bay into HBIS. There are currently 11 students, from PYP1 through to MYP 5, enrolled at the school, who are supported by the CHELO programme. One child is enrolled each year into PYP 1.

How many children students per class?

Our class sizes vary per grade level, however we take a maximum of 18 children per class in the Early Years, 22 children per class in PYP 1 – PYP 6 and 24 per class in the High School.

Do you offer Sibling Discounts?

Yes. We offer 10% discount for 2nd, 3rd child, and 30% for 4th child

Do students in the Primary School write exams?

No, our students are continually assessed throughout the academic year: there are three types of assessment in the Primary Years Programme (PYP), each of which has a specific function. **Pre-assessment, Formative and Summative assessment.** To learn more about this please visit our website [here](#).

What languages do you offer?

Our language of instruction is English. We offer, Afrikaans, French and Spanish as second additional Languages. Students start learning their 2nd additional language from PYP 1.

Do you have a Canteen?

Yes we do. Our canteen has been fully operational since April 2019, offering a variety of balanced and nutritious meals to our students and staff.

What is the Notice Period: One full term's notice is required in writing should you wish to withdraw your child from HBIS. Failing which the following term's fees will become due.

Are there additional costs for stationery, text books, work books etc.?

Yes. Stationery is an additional cost for the parent's account – stationery lists are released during Term 4 of each year.

Primary School workbooks and High School Textbooks are also additional -the cost will vary per grade level/subject.

Do all students wear school Uniform:

Yes, children from Early Years 1 through to MYP 5 all wear school uniform purchased online through our uniform supplier, Hatrick (uniforms are tried on for sizing at school). Diploma students (DP 1 & DP 2) are permitted to wear smart business attire.

How does the Diploma Programme compare to the SA National Senior Certificate (NSC)?

Students who attain the full International Baccalaureate Diploma (with at least 24 total points) OR two Higher Level pass marks, as well as three Standard Level pass marks (including English) have achieved the equivalent to the NSC with a Bachelor's pass. The IB Diploma is highly regarded by universities throughout the world, with students often given credit for their 1st year of university study.

Do universities both in SA and across the globe accept the DP?

The Diploma Programme and courses are accepted by Universities South Africa (see http://mb.usaf.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/sc_regulations_gazetted_2008.pdf p62) and widely worldwide (see <https://www.ibo.org/university-admission/recognition-of-the-ib-diploma-by-countries-and-universities/>)