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OUTSTANDING SCHOOL
GERMAN INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

Literacy Corner

**HAVING A TOUGH TIME
WITH SENTENCE VARIETY?**

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EXAMINATION BLUES

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German International School Sydney



The German International School Sydney (GISS) based on Sydney's Northern Beaches provides a multilingual education in a multicultural environment. Students are afforded a complete education system from Preschool to Year 12 (International Baccalaureate IB Diploma Program).

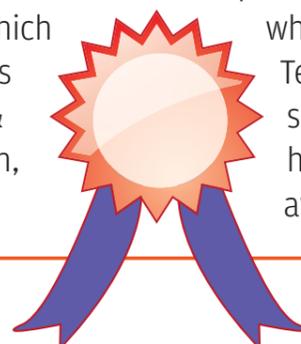
Students do not need to speak or have knowledge of the German language to attend the German International School Sydney. However, all students from preschool to Year 12 have the opportunity to learn German, while students from Years 6 to 12 have the added benefit of embracing additional languages including French and Spanish.

With manageable class sizes, our teachers are fully committed to helping students achieve the best results they can. It's this philosophy that has seen our students exceed on both academic and personal development levels.

IB - SENIOR SECONDARY

Years 11 & 12 at GISS undertake the comprehensive two year IB (International Baccalaureate diploma program) involving a curriculum model which is focused on six academic areas including Studies in Language & Literature, Language Acquisition, Individual and Societies,

Experimental Sciences, Mathematics and the Arts. The course encourages critical thinking and independent study, helping students prepare for university and life beyond their school years. Our Year 12 students obtained a 100 per cent pass rate for the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma for the 2013 academic year, compared to the worldwide average of 78.44 per cent for the same period. Boasting a remarkable 35.6 (out of a possible 45) average total points, which equates to an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) score of 94.30, and is significantly higher than the worldwide IB average of 29.81



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PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 4)

Language development begins even before birth and learning multiple languages has cognitive advantages on all areas of learning and should be initiated as early as possible. To this end, learning languages is a focal point in our Primary school with six English and five German lessons undertaken by students each week. Other classes include Maths, Social Studies, Art, Music, PE, Library as well as Supervised Homework Time. During the Primary years teachers usually accompany their class for a minimum of two years which allows our teachers the luxury of developing a close and trusting relationship with students and their parents.



PRESCHOOL

Our pre-schoolers are aged three to five and are provided with a creative and interactive curriculum that is embedded in the Early Years Framework for Australia "Being, Belonging and Becoming". Whether arriving to Sydney from abroad, coming from another preschool or starting preschool for the first time; the German International School Sydney Preschool is open to all children. Our preschool philosophy is to ensure each child's ideas take priority over planned programs and their needs considered of primary importance in forming their daily activities. Providing a positive educational environment is of utmost importance to enhancing a child's receptiveness to learn. The daily preschool program is relatively flexible, shaped around a combination of opportunities to play freely, to participate in guided activities including small group activities, circle times, mealtimes and quiet times. The overall preschool framework includes a strong focus on equipping children with the skills and dispositions that will assist with their transition to school and beyond. The GISS Preschool is one of the pilot schools for the "Little Scientists" program, shaping the inquiring and hands-on approach to learning in the sciences.

To organise a tour of the German International School Sydney please call: 02 9485 1900 to make an appointment or visit:
www.germanschoolsydney.com.au



JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (YEARS 5 TO 10)

At our international campus we offer a unique high school education with students enrolling in Year 7 without prior knowledge of German, joining the students coming through from our Primary School. Students are integrated

into many different cultures and form part of a truly international community. The Junior Secondary School's internationally recognised academic standards enable students from both streams to transfer smoothly to our IB Diploma Program or other international schools.