



# Carmel School

## Elsa High School

### Academic Profile (2021-22)

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#### Our Mission

Carmel School is a Jewish International School committed to academic excellence through fostering intellectual curiosity, self-directed learning and the individual development of each child.

Carmel is committed to teaching students about, and fostering a love for, Jewish values and traditions, and the Land and State of Israel, its language and culture.

Our personalised approach, with emphasis on growing caring, compassionate, global citizens, produces students who are independent thinkers and communicators and who will become leaders and contribute to the Jewish and wider world.

#### Ethos of the School

Carmel School is an independent Jewish Day School which follows Modern Orthodox principles and has a strong commitment to Zionism. Carmel places emphasis on adherence to traditional Judaism, as set out in the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law). In Jewish Studies, Carmel teaches Judaism as a way of life, encourages each child to take pride in his or her Jewish identity and seeks to develop individuals who are knowledgeable and committed to the Jewish tradition.

As an academic institution, Carmel is an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) School offering the IB Diploma, Middle Years and Primary Years Programmes. We are fully committed to achieving the highest international educational standards as measured against other leading international schools in Hong Kong and top private schools abroad. Students are taught by experienced, qualified teachers who empower each student to realise his or her own potential.

Carmel is an independent organization, unaffiliated with any synagogue. The School was established to encourage the participation of all Jewish families in the Hong Kong Jewish Community. Each student is respected for his or her individuality and Jewish affiliation and Carmel strives to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation, embracing all students.

Carmel School prides itself on its highly qualified and high-calibre faculty, led by a visionary and inspirational Senior Leadership Team. Through a generous teacher/student ratio and curriculum delivery that caters for a range of learning styles, the School provides a supportive, caring environment that develops students' confidence, imagination and skills, across all academic and extracurricular areas.

#### Class Ranks

The School does not rank students nor take GPA into account.



#### The International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB is a widely recognised school graduating programme. It is externally examined and assessed. It prioritizes personal research skills, philosophy and community service thereby ensuring depth as well as breadth of study. Math, language, humanities and science are compulsory components of the curriculum. We also promote the IB DP Bilingual Diploma, a unique qualification whereby students study two Language As.

#### The IB Diploma Programme (IB DP) Curriculum (Grades 11-12)

The *IB Diploma Programme (IB DP)* is made up of six subject groups and the *DP core*. IBDP students must choose one subject from Groups 1-5 and an elective from Groups 1-6. This ensures breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding in mathematics, their best language, additional language(s), social and experimental sciences.

The Core comprises of Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) and the Extended Essay, a 4,000 word research paper. Through the core, students reflect on the nature of knowledge, complete independent research and undertake a project that often involves community service.

## Our DP Course Offerings

### Group 1 - Language and Literature

A1 Languages  
 Literature (English, Hebrew, Chinese, French, Spanish)  
 A2 Languages  
 Language & Literature (English, Hebrew, Chinese, French, Spanish)

### Group 2 - Language Acquisition

B Languages (English, Hebrew, Chinese, French, Spanish)  
 Ab initio Languages (Hebrew, French, Spanish)

### Group 3 - Individuals and Societies

Economics  
 History  
 Psychology  
 Sports, Exercise and Health Science  
 Environmental Systems and Societies (Group 3 and 4 subject)

### Group 4 - Sciences

Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Computer Science  
 Physics  
 Sports, Exercise and Health Science  
 Environmental Systems and Societies (Group 3 and 4 subject)

### Group 5 - Maths

Analysis and Approaches (SL and HL)  
 Applications and Interpretation (SL and HL)

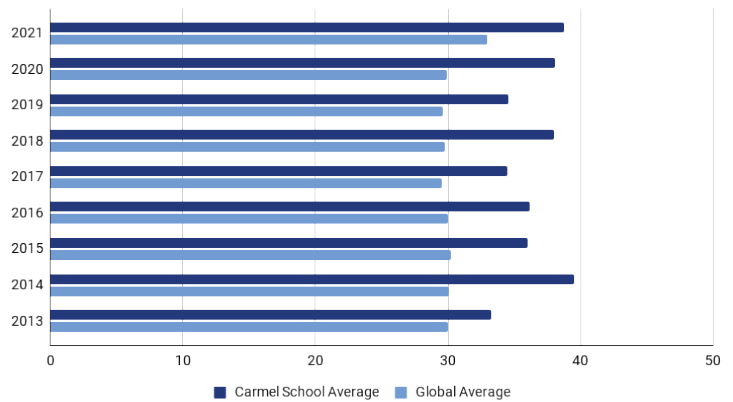
### Group 6 - The Arts

Theatre Arts  
 Visual Arts

## Academic Excellence

In the nine years of graduating classes from Elsa High School, four of our students have achieved perfect scores. Out of 150,000-160,000 candidates worldwide annually, only 150-180 achieve a perfect score.

Our graduating class of 2021 achieved an outstanding average score of 38.8, far exceeding the global average.



## Graduate Destinations and Matriculation

The IB Diploma is recognised worldwide. Our students have received offers from some of the top Universities and Tertiary Education Institutions from around the World. Our graduates opt to attend Universities in the US and Canada, the UK, Israel, Hong Kong and Australia.

### Greater Asia and Australia

HKU  
 HKUST  
 University of Melbourne  
 Monash University  
 The University of Sydney

### Israel

IDC, Herzliya  
 Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

### USA/Canada

Baruch College  
 Boston University  
 Emory University  
 John Brown University  
 McGill University  
 Michigan State University  
 The New School, NY  
 NYU - College of Arts and Sciences

### UK

Birmingham University  
 Bristol University  
 Cambridge University  
 Cardiff University  
 Durham University  
 Liverpool University  
 Oxford University  
 Royal Holloway University of London  
 The University of Hull  
 University of Arts London (Central Saint Martins)  
 University of Bath  
 University of Edinburgh  
 University of Leeds  
 University of Nottingham  
 University of St. Andrews  
 University of Warwick  
 University of York

### NYU - Tisch School of Arts

OCAD University, Toronto  
 Quest University, Canada  
 Skidmore College  
 Suffolk University Boston  
 UCLA  
 University of Colorado, Boulder  
 University of Hawaii  
 Yeshiva University