

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROFILE (2025-26)

Elsa High School Campus

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WHO WE ARE

Carmel School is an inclusive Jewish International School committed to academic excellence through fostering intellectual curiosity, self-directed learning and the individual development of each child. Our personalised approach, with emphasis on growing caring, compassionate, global citizens, produces students who are independent thinkers and effective communicators who will become leaders to drive positive change in the Jewish and wider world. Carmel School was founded by a group of American Jewish parents in 1991, and the Secondary (Middle and High School section) was established in 2009. **The Class of 2025 was the 13th graduating class of the Carmel through School.**

Carmel School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Continuum World School offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) for Nursery to Grade 5, Middle Years Programme (MYP) for Grade 6 to 10 and the IB Diploma Programme (DP) for Grades 11 and 12. Carmel School holds dual accreditation from WASC and the IB. The curriculum is structured such that all graduates receive the Carmel School Diploma, which is the school's WASC-accredited credential. The Carmel School Diploma is issued in addition to the official IB Diploma (for full DP candidates) or in addition to individual IB Certificates. Despite having a non-selective admissions policy, our graduating cohorts consistently attain impressive IB DP results and gain entrance to top universities worldwide.

English is the medium of instruction. Each subject is conducted in 45 minute periods on a rotating schedule through the academic year, which runs from August to June. Split into two terms, each academic year includes a comprehensive reporting schedule including two ATL Reports, two Consultation evenings, two Summative Reports and two 'Review & Reflect' sessions (student-led reflective sessions with the student, parents, and a member of the school leadership team).

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

QUICK FACTS (Grade 6-12)



167

Current Students



35

Teaching Faculty



14

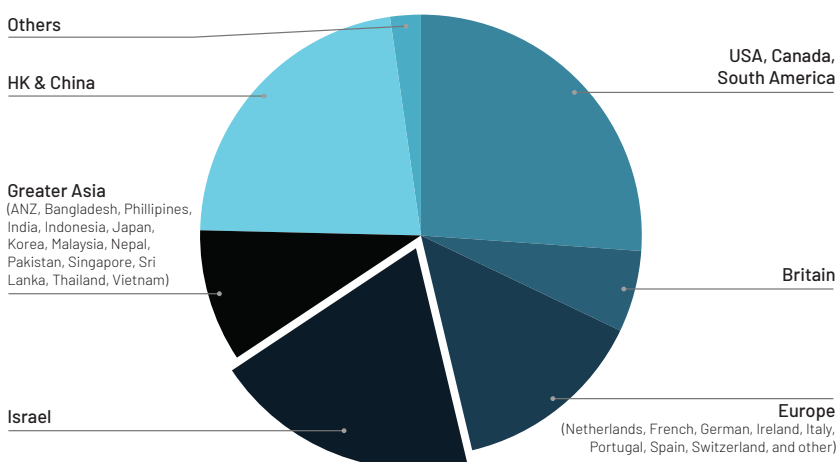
Faculty Nationalities



157

IB DP Graduates

High School (Grade 6-12) Student Nationalities



ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

EAST ASIA REGIONAL
COUNCIL OF SCHOOLS

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

The IB is an externally assessed programme that promotes student-centred, inquiry driven and collaborative learning. The framework is driven by Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills including communication, social, self-management, thinking and research skills and uses criterion-referenced assessment.

IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP)

Grades 6-10

Our Grade 6 to 10 curriculum follows the IB MYP. The MYP curriculum framework comprises eight subject groups, providing a broad and balanced education for early adolescents. In addition to this, the school offers Jewish Studies and International Studies curricula.

The MYP requires at least 50 hours of teaching time for each subject group, in each year of the programme. Each student is graded on a seven point scale, with higher levels indicating a greater mastery of the skills and concepts covered in the subject coursework.

The curriculum has been developed to provide each student with the prerequisite skills and knowledge to allow them a seamless entry into the DP.

Evaluation System

Each subject has a range of criteria against which summative tasks are marked, receiving a score of 1-8 in each criterion. To arrive at a criterion level total for each student, teachers add together the student's final achievement levels in all criteria of the subject group and Grade boundaries convert the criterion levels total into a grade based on a scale of 1-7.

MYP

(includes more than the minimum eight subjects)

- English A: Language and Literature
- Languages (Hebrew/French & Mandarin)
- Individuals and Societies
- Maths
- Integrated Sciences
- Design
- Art
- Drama
- Music
- Jewish/International Studies
- Physical and Health Education
- ICT

Jewish Stream students take Jewish Studies and Hebrew. International students may opt for International Studies and French.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP)

Grades 11-12

The IB DP is an externally assessed, prescriptive high-level curriculum, comprising six subject groups and the DP Core. DP students choose a subject from each of the first five subject groups, and an additional elective subject from Group 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6. This ensures breadth as well as depth of knowledge and provides students with high-level understanding in language, literature, math, science and the humanities.

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.

DP SUBJECT OPTIONS

Group 1 – Language A

(English, Hebrew, Chinese, French)

- Literature
- Language & Literature

Group 2 – Language Acquisition

(French, Hebrew, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Italian)

- Ab initio
- Language B

Group 3 – Individuals and Societies

- Economics
- History
- Psychology
- Environmental Systems and Societies (*Group 3&4 subject*)

Group 4 – Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Sports, Exercise and Health Science
- Design Technology
- Environmental Systems and Societies (*Group 3&4 subject*)
- Computer Science

Group 5 – Mathematics

- Analysis and Approaches HL
- Analysis and Approaches SL
- Applications and Interpretations SL

Group 6 – The Arts

- Visual Arts
- Theatre
- Music

The Core

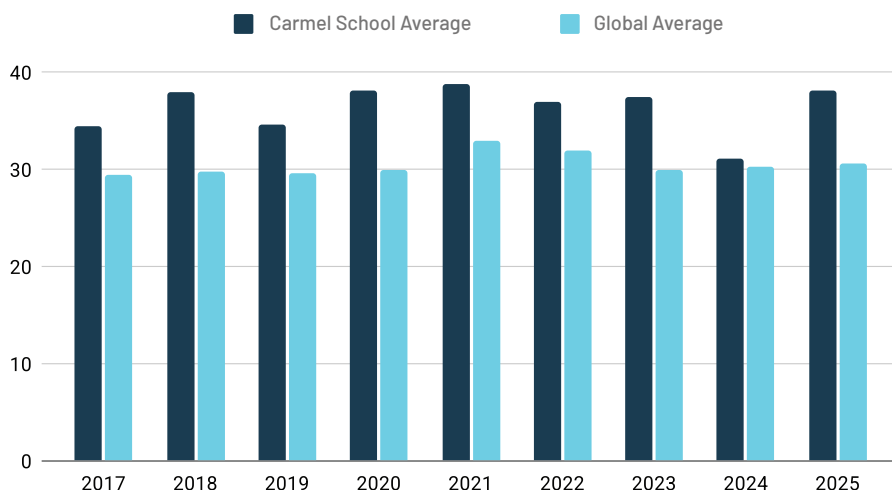
- Theory of Knowledge (TOK), Extended Essay (EE), and CAS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In our 13 graduating classes, a total of 150 students, **four of our students have achieved perfect scores (45/45)**. Annually out of the 150,000-160,000 IB candidates worldwide, only 150-180 achieve a perfect score.



Historical Comparison of Carmel School IB DP Average results against Global Average



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM: CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (CCA)

Each student is unique with different interests and aspirations: our mission is to provide a multitude of opportunities to empower each and every student to discover their passion - and to excel. Our CCA are designed to nurture individual talents while fostering teamwork, leadership skills, and personal growth.

Sports enthusiasts can join our various teams and compete at inter-school tournaments. We offer creative outlets, where students can unleash their talents in music, dance, drama, and visual arts. For those who want to make a difference in their community, our clubs provide platforms for social activism and volunteer work. From environmental clubs advocating for sustainability to charity organizations supporting local causes, students can actively contribute towards making the world a better place.

Students participate in academic and extra-curricular competitions both locally and internationally including but not limited to sport, robotics, entrepreneurship, language, math, art, and design.



20+
CCA Options



Football
4x ISSFHK Champions 2018-19
ISSFHK Champions 2023-24



Plastics Upcycling Programme
www.upcycledbycarmel.edu.hk

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Mathletics World Maths Day 2023

Grade 6 - 7th & 19th place

Grade 7 - 4th & 8th place

Grade 9-10 - 2nd & 13th place

CEMC Gauss Math Competition 2024

Grade 7 student in 7th percentile

Grade 8 student in 12th percentile

Grade 9 student in 36th percentile - Carmel School

International Ranking top 18th percentile

Grade 10 student top 8th percentile - Carmel School

International Ranking top 13th percentile

HK Young Writers Competition

2020 - Winner, Fiction Group 4

2023 - Two students Runners Up, Fiction Group 4

2023 - Winner, Poetry Group 4

2024 - Two students Runners-up, Fiction Group 4

FIRST Robotics Competition

In 2023 the Senior Robotics Team was awarded the **Rookie All Star Award** and competed in the **World Championships** in Houston, TX.



UNIVERSITY OFFERS AND DESTINATIONS

Our students have received offers from some of the top Universities and Tertiary Education Institutions from around the World. Our graduates attend Universities in the US and Canada, the UK, Israel, Hong Kong and Australia.

Accepted Offer

Received Offer

Babson College
Brandeis University
 Brighton College
Bournemouth University
Boston University
Cardiff University
Centre University
 Chapman University
Columbia University x2
 Columbia College Chicago
Colorado College
Colorado State University
CUNY Baruch College
CUNY Hunter College
CUHK
CUHK Medical
Duke University x2
Durham University
Drexel University
 Emory University
Emerson College
ESCP London/Paris/Italy
Fordham University
 George Washington University
 HKCU
HKU Space
HKU x2
 HKU Med
HKUST
IE Business School
Imperial College London
King's College London
Keele University
La Salle College of Arts, SG
Loughborough University x2
McGill University, CA x5
McMaster University, CA
Michigan State University
 The New School, New York
Nanyang Technological University, SG
 National University of Singapore
Monash University
Northeastern University
NYU - Tisch School of the Arts x2
NYU - Steinhardt
NYU - College of Arts and Sciences
NYU - Stern Business School
Northeastern University x2
OCAD University, CA
PACE University
 Pratt University - The Museum School
Polytechnic University, HK
Quest University, CA

Queen Mary, University of London

Queen's University, CA

Reichman University (IDC), Israel x2

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

Royal Holloway, University of London

Siena College

Skidmore College

St. Lawrence University

St. Mary's College of California

Stockholm University

Technion Israel Institute of Technology x3

Tel Aviv University x2

Trinity College

Tufts University

UAL, Central Saint Martins

UCLA

UCL, University College London x3

UMASS Amherst

University of California Irvine

University of Bath

University of British Columbia, CA

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of California Davis

University of California San Diego

University of Cambridge

University of Colorado, Boulder x2

University of Edinburgh x3

University of Exeter

University of Glasgow

University of Hawaii

University of Helsinki

University of Hull

University of Liverpool

University of Leeds

University of Nebraska

University of Nottingham x6

University of Manchester

University of Melbourne

University of Miami

University of Michigan x2

University of Oregon

University of Ottawa

University of Oxford x2

University of Rochester

University of St. Andrews x2

University of Southern California

University of Sheffield

University of Sydney x3

University of Toronto, CA x3

University of Vermont

University of Victoria, CA x2

University of Warwick

University of Waterloo

University of Windsor

University of Wisconsin

University of York

UNSW

Washington University (St. Louis)

Western University, CA

Wesleyan University

Whittier College

Yeshiva University

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

