



## ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA (TROPICANA PJ CAMPUS)

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

### **Congratulations – we are now an authorised IB World School**

Every school that intends to offer an IB programme is required to complete IB authorisation. Schools cannot just decide to offer an IB programme and simply go ahead with it. The IB provides a global process of quality assurance, which means that if a school is authorised, the IB has verified that the school is both ready and well prepared to deliver the programme. A verification team representing the IB visited the school in March and as a result, St Joseph's Institution International Malaysia is now a fully authorised IB World School.

This was an exciting challenge for the whole SJII Malaysia staff. Ms Pam Carter (IB Coordinator) did a wonderful job in leading and preparing the Founding SJII Malaysia team through this process. Ms Carter was ably supported by the new teachers and

the administrative staff in the preparation for the visit. The visiting IB team toured the school and held discussions with everyone involved. In particular, the teachers worked extremely hard preparing course outlines, putting together lists of resources and taking part in IB-recognised training. The school flew key teachers to Kuala Lumpur for the visit and others took part in discussions with the verification team by Skype. Both before and during the visit the teachers got to know each other and began the process of collaboration and building the relationships that will make SJII Malaysia a school of excellence.



### **What does it mean to be an authorised IB World School?**

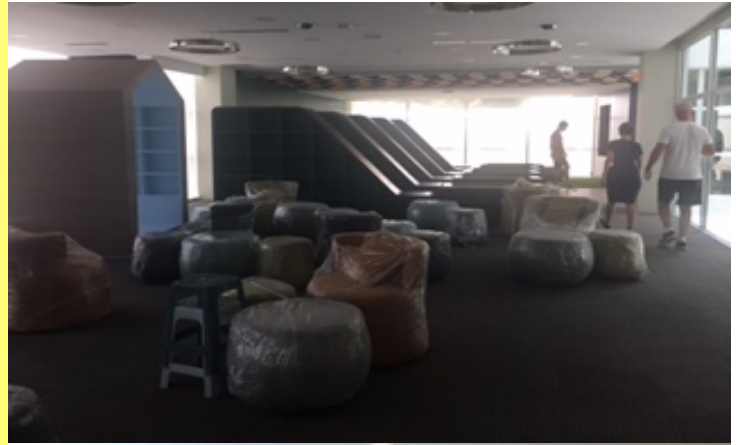
An IB World School is authorised, in accordance with the IB's Mission and with its global Standards and Practices, to deliver an IB programme. In the case of SJII Malaysia, this is the IB Diploma Programme. This is a holistic, academically challenging programme which allows entry into the best universities in the world. As well as academic excellence, students develop intercultural understanding, are internationally minded and care for their community. The Diploma Programme develops skills, not just the learning of information in order to pass exams. On the school's part, SJII Malaysia is committed to not only maintaining the highest academic standards but also to the training of its teachers and commitment in the long term to the ongoing development of the Programme. The school's students and their parents can be sure that the education the school provides will be meaningful, rigorous and recognized throughout the world.

### **Enrollment and Staffing**

We are delighted to announce that we will be opening two classes in most year groups in September 2016 as the number of enrollments has significantly increased this month. We have therefore employed additional staff, please check the website for their profiles.

## Premises Update

This month we had a number of tours of the new school campus. Many parents came along and were very impressed with the facilities. It was good to see that not only will the building be ready to move into soon, but will be completed to a very high standard. The libraries, parents' room and some classrooms were ready for viewing



### Do you have friends that are interested in learning about SJIM?

We will be holding a Information Day Sunday 29th May at the school for new parents interested in finding out more about SJII-Malaysia.

### School Tours

Within the next week we will announce dates and times of school tours- at last our students can see their lovely new school! We will be moving into the administrative block of the school very shortly. Please do check for an update on this and our contact details on the web site.



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