Scholarship Programme Handbook

Information for Applicant



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION International School Malaysia (Tropicana PJ Campus)

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE.





SJII MALAYSIA

St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia (SJII Malaysia) opened its doors to students in August 2016 with 430 students and has now grown to over 800 students in its fifth academic year. Over the past 4 years, more than 100 scholarships have been awarded to deserving students to embark on the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme in our school. Our scholars come to us with the potential to become leaders in the fields they aim to pursue upon graduation, and they leave us having developed not only academically, but having the leadership qualities that will enable them to reach those goals. From our first graduated cohort, 3 students obtained 44 out of 45 points with over 30% of them scoring 40 points and above. In addition to this, 46% of our scholars have also gone on to receive scholarships from foreign universities. They are currently enrolled at universities such as New York University Abu Dhabi, Imperial College London, University of Pennsylvania, University of British Columbia, Tsinghua University, Nanyang Technological University, Yale-NUS and Osaka University, to name a few. We had equally good IBDP results in 2019 and 2020, with the top students scoring 44 points, while our school's overall IBDP results across the three cohorts thus far have been 36.8, amongst the highest in Malaysia.

SJII Malaysia was established by the alumni of SJI Singapore. The aim in setting up SJIIM was to remain true to the mission of the Founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, which is to provide a quality values-based, holistic education for the young. Instilling the core values of Faith, Service and Community is at the heart of this institution producing servant-leaders in the society. To teach minds, touch hearts and transform lives is the main goal of SJII Malaysia and we do hope that every member of our community, enters to learn and leaves to serve.

Vision

To be an international school of choice, recognised for values-centred education and learning driven by passion that nurtures persons who make a difference to society.

We are committed to developing our students to become thinking and caring global citizens who are at the same time securely rooted in their community, share common values and have genuine spiritual awareness.

Mission

Enabling students, within a Lasallian community, to learn how to learn and to learn how to live, empowering them to become people of integrity and people for others.



Lasallian Connection

Underpinning all we do is the ethos of the 330-year Catholic educational tradition of the De La Salle Brothers (named after St. John Baptist de La Salle, Founder and Patron Saint of Teachers) with its network of over 900 Lasallian educational institutions in 80 countries including 67 universities. In addition to our students being prepared to do well academically for their International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, students will have the opportunity to discover their interests and talents in a caring, respectful and inclusive community which strongly emphasises character, service and leadership development.



Students who leave SJII Malaysia will be:

Lifelong learners who are resilient, creative, problem solvers, adaptable and risk takers. **Equipped with life skills,** which will ensure they are respectful, thoughtful, caring and compassionate.

Internationally minded, with a sense of community and engagement; celebrating diversity; taking positive action and having global awareness.

WHAT WE OFFER



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

The IBDP is widely recognised as one of the world's most challenging educational programmes. It focuses on personal, social and academic development and is globally recognised by leading universities for the holistic and rigorous education it provides. Success in the IBDP offers students the opportunity to gain access to the best universities in the world.



Nurturing and Caring Teachers.

Teachers at SJII Malaysia are not only highly qualified but are also nurturing and caring. All teachers are committed to holistic education, have high expectations, are skilled practitioners and outstanding role models.

Strong Service Learning Dimension

As a Lasallian school, all students have many opportunities to participate in service learning locally and in the region so that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Our IBDP students initiate many of these service opportunities, and are supported in developing service projects, the aim of which is to help those less fortunate than themselves.

University Counselling Services

Our University Counsellor provides guidance on the selection of the subject choices that will lead our students to the tertiary institutions and university courses of their choice. The university counsellor assists students in their application to tertiary scholarships and meetings, conversations and discussions with SJII Malaysia alumni on their IBDP and tertiary experiences, as well as other sources of external support in these applications.

Lasallian Leadership Training in the Philippines

Unless travel restrictions continue, all SJII Malaysia scholars will undergo an established immersion programme in the Philippines where they will undergo Lasallian Formation, Lasallian Leadership Training and be involved in service activities among the less fortunate in society. They will return to be senior leaders of SJII Malaysia upon completion of the programme.

OUR SCHOLARS

I am extremely grateful to be a recipient of the SJIIM IB scholarship because it has given me the chance to challenge myself and study this rigorous programme, while giving me a platform to develop my character and be a part of this warm Lasallian family.

I was first welcomed into SJIIM as a founding student and have enjoyed my school years with helpful classmates and dedicated teachers from different backgrounds. As a new school, there are many opportunities to help the school develop and each year, the improvements are tremendous and we now have a wide variety of extra curricular activities ranging from sports to academic clubs and even field trips and camps.

However, it was being an IB scholar that has developed me as a person even further and really prepared me for studying the IBDP at SJIIM. This is because we attended a leadership camp in the Philippines which exposed us to the less privileged. We were given



the opportunity to sympathise with their struggles by staying with them in their homes and played local games with them such as Chinese Garter. This experience was eye-opening for me as I was amazed by their raw talent and also moved by their happy attitude in life and their willingness to welcome us. It was them who inspired me to give back to the community and in turn inspire other people as well.

This made me realise how small actions can spark a passion and I can really see this in SJIIM. With dedicated students who take on various leadership roles in school to organise events or movements to contribute back and make a difference, life in school is busy yet extremely fulfilling. Some of these leadership roles could be with the Student Representative Council, Lasallian Youth Movement, being the House Captains and more. Not only that, we also have volunteer programmes for the IBDP students and self-led activities for the high school such as Project Hello and the Eco-brick building sessions.

Although SJIIM is full of events and activities, I can testify to the fact that we are still an academic based school with quality teachers and constant support from the IBDP Coordinator and the University Counsellor. Resources is something that does not run out in SJIIM and I believe that since the aims of the IBDP is in line with the school's which is to grow holistically and be more internationally minded and caring, SJIIM is definitely tailored for the IBDP programme.

Finally, I would also like to say that anyone can be a potential scholar with SJIIM and we just have to take that leap of faith and apply for the scholarship. Just like me during the start of 2019 who had no idea that I would become a scholar and have the privilege to study the IBDP here. Without a doubt, this is one of the best choices I have made and I am thankful for all the students, teachers and staff of the school who have made my school life in SJIIM so memorably amazing.

Ng Siew Zhang (Emily) 2019/20 SJIIM IBDP Scholar

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I can proudly claim that the past few months have been one of the most enlightening times of my life and in just such a short span of time, I feel that I have grown and developed as a person. I am ever so grateful to have been awarded a scholarship to pursue the rigorous course that is the IBDP programme here in SJIIM. Yes, the IBDP is no doubt challenging but I, and every other IBDP student here at SJIIM can testify that the learning outcomes obtained from pursuing the IBDP heavily outweighs any possible downsides of the programme. SJIIM focuses not just on pure academics but also on extracurricular activities that promote a more holistic form of learning that will give birth to an all-round student. The school also incorporates Lasallian Values into the learning process which really helps to consolidate the academia part of the syllabus together with the character development of an individual student.

By joining SJIIM, I am blessed with the most rewarding gift of being able to practice and preach the Lasallian Values to people

around me who believe in the same values as I do. When I first met my cohort in August of 2019 during the Lasallian Leadership Camp in the Philippines, I was astonished by the sheer passion and ardour as well as the warm hospitality shown to us by the Lasallians in the Philippines. My batch mates and I bonded instantly during the camp and we knew that the friendships we fostered will be with us for life.

The best thing about my schooling life here at SJIIM is the fact that my cohort and I are always looking forward for the next day of school. The excellent, affable teachers here and state-of-the-art facilities create such a conducive learning environment for us students. I have never experienced a 'boring' day at school and I'm sure this is the case for all the students here as well. Isn't this the goal all schools want for their students - enjoyable learning?

As a student leader of the school, my batch mates and I have been offered so many opportunities to lead and organise events for the school. A great example would be the Character Camp held in October 2019. I was put with the Year 7s and we went to Janda Baik, Pahang. In that week itself, I learnt so much about service and what it means to serve- it truly made me grasp our school motto is 'Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve'. Helping the Rohingya refugees and witnessing the Year 7s put their heart into serving the refugees truly opened my eyes to the wonders that we Lasallians, are capable of achieving.

I've always wanted to pursue the IBDP programme and SJIIM granted me with the opportunity to do so with this scholarship. I know that my 2-year-journey here will definitely be an incredible one, thanks to my friends and my amazing teachers. My time here at SJIIM has been so fruitful and I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world.

Bryan Tan Chee Koon 2019/2020 SJHM IBDP Scholar



St Joseph's Institution International Malaysia offers scholarships to students entering Year 12 in August 2021.

Merit-based and means-tested Scholarships are awarded based on:

- · SJII Malaysia's scholarship assessment tests
- · an interview with the Scholarship Committee
- · a written personal statement
- · the student's current school academic records
- an endorsement from the Principal of the applicant's current school

These scholarships cover all or part of the application fee, enrolment fee, security deposit and tuition fees for 2 years according to the percentage of the award. The scholarships are normally within a range of 25% - 100%. The applicant's family financial background will be considered for the quantum of the final scholarship offered.



Applications close on Friday, 29 January 2021. SEP

Scholarship tests will take place on Friday, 19th February 2021.

Shortlisted applicants will be notified on Friday, 26th February 2021. [SEP]

Shortlisted applicants will attend a selection interview during the week of 1 March 2021.

Applicants can expect to know the results by Friday, 5th March 2021.

Participation in the Lasallian camp in August 2021.

To download the application form please visit our website at: https://www.sji-international.edu.my/ibdp-scholarship-programme/

Full applications should be emailed to **scholarships@sji-international.edu.my** and include:

- A completed Scholarship Application Form, signed by your parent or guardian
- Personal Statement
- Copies of official school transcripts for the past 3 years
- One recent passport sized photograph (digitally attached to the application form)
- Endorsement from the Principal of your current school
- Parent's Financial details (Income Tax Filing Receipt)
- A copy of your latest passport/IC

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