

The Grange School

Santiago, Chile



Near-century-old English public-school ethos at the foot of the Andes, pairing Fair Play tradition with bilingual IB and A-Level rigor.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	63/100
Academic outcomes	74/100
University placement	72/100
Prestige & heritage	73/100
Alumni network	0/100
Facilities	74/100
Transparency	67/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

At the foot of the Andes, The Grange School offers a very specific proposition: a non-religious Santiago day school, founded in 1928, that keeps an English public-school inheritance alive while teaching in both English and Spanish and running a British and IB academic mix. That combination is unusual in Chile and still narrower than many international-school labels imply. This is not a neutral, placeless international school. It has a **strong institutional identity**, and parents need to want that identity rather than merely tolerate it. The “Fair Play” tradition in the tagline points to a school culture shaped by old-school character language as much as by qualifications. For families who want a school with **clear cultural conviction** rather than a generic global brand, that matters.

The academic offer is the other reason it belongs on a shortlist. The school covers ages 3 to 18, giving it a full through-school run rather than a fragmented early-years or secondary-only model, and it combines British curriculum elements with the IB instead of forcing a choice between the two from the outset. Instruction in English and Spanish gives it real local and international traction: pupils can operate in Chile without losing access to an outward-facing academic route. The school also holds IBO accreditation, which gives the IB side of the offer formal weight. The average annual day fee is **\$22,000**, which places it in the *premium* bracket for Santiago day schooling. Parents are paying for continuity, bilingualism and a long-established school culture, not a bargain.

The Grange will suit students who thrive in *structured, tradition-minded* environments and who can handle academic seriousness without constant hand-holding. It fits families who want bilingual fluency, a day-school format and a school with roots, ritual and a settled sense of self. It will also appeal to children who enjoy belonging to an institution with history: **1928** is not a cosmetic founding date, and schools with that kind of longevity tend to carry expectations about conduct, participation and loyalty. Pupils looking for a loose, progressive, highly personalised culture may find that constraining. Pupils who want standards, continuity and a *distinctive Anglo-Chilean character* will find far more to work with here.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1928, The Grange School is one of the oldest and most prestigious British schools in Chile, giving it a long, continuous institutional history.
- The Senior School programme combines the Chilean curriculum with the Cambridge IGCSE and A-Level programmes, giving pupils a recognised route toward both Chilean and UK/international universities.
- The 92,000 m2 campus includes two gyms, a 25-metre pool, a large field divisible into three pitches with a 200-metre track, and an all-weather hockey pitch.
- The Guardian listed The Grange School as one of the best UK-curriculum international schools in the world, a 2006 recognition still cited by the school.
- The school states it has been recognised once again in The Spear's Schools Index 2025, ranking among the top 100 private schools in the world, though this is a self-reported claim.

TRADE-OFFS

- One expat guide notes that admission is only possible until the seventh grade, which limits options for families relocating with older teenagers.
- The same guide describes the school bluntly: The Grange School is an elitist English school. It is attended by children from well-off Chilean families and expatriates, signalling a socially narrow intake.
- Beyond annual tuition, families face a substantial one-off cost: Incorporation (cuota de incorporacion) fee: UF 200. This fee is a one-time charge and is not refundable.
- As a single-campus day school in La Reina with no boarding provision, it is not an option for families needing residential care for a child arriving alone.

ADMISSIONS

Applications are submitted online, and all applications are online. Entry is concentrated in the early years, since one source notes admission is only possible until the seventh grade. Applicants must meet age and, where relevant, attainment requirements: if applicants for a Year Group fail to meet the established percentages of attainment, the School reserves the right not to offer the vacancy. Parents also attend an interview to demonstrate alignment with the school's mission and four pillars (Academic, Sport, Arts, Service) before a place is confirmed. Fees are quoted in Chile's inflation-linked UF unit, with tuition, admin and a non-refundable incorporation charge billed separately.

WTS RATING 

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