

French International School of Hong Kong

Jardine's Lookout, Hong Kong



Hong Kong's first IB World School, running dual French Baccalaureat and Diploma tracks from a hillside campus above Causeway Bay.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	61/100
Academic outcomes	63/100
University placement	61/100
Prestige & heritage	62/100
Alumni network	61/100
Facilities	62/100
Transparency	51/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

French International School of Hong Kong has a structure few schools in the city can match: two distinct academic routes under one roof, with the French Baccalauréat on one side and the IB Diploma on the other. That matters. Parents are not buying a vague “international” promise here; they are choosing between a French stream and an international stream, both anchored in a school founded in 1963 and carrying the distinction of Hong Kong’s first IB World School. The Jardine’s Lookout setting, above Causeway Bay, adds a practical advantage too: this is a substantial institution with a long foothold in the market, not a newcomer trading on branding. It is expensive at an average annual day fee of ****HK\$179,201****, but that price buys entry into a school with a clear academic identity and a rare

bilingual proposition.

What is special about FIS is not just that it teaches French and English, but that it does so with a **genuinely dual-track model**. Families who want access to the French system without giving up Hong Kong's international-school pathways have very few credible options; this is the obvious one. The school's ***11:1*** student-teacher ratio and average class size of ***22*** indicate a scale that is large enough to sustain breadth, while still keeping classroom teaching within sensible limits. It also carries a distinctive cultural offer: even the international stream sits in a French environment, with continuous exposure to French language and culture rather than a token foreign-language add-on. For the right child, that is **a serious advantage**, not a decorative extra.

This school belongs on a shortlist for internationally minded families who want academic structure, linguistic stretch and a route that keeps Europe firmly in view. It suits children who can thrive in a school with **clear expectations** and a curriculum choice that starts early and has consequences later. It is less compelling for families who want a loose, progressive atmosphere or a single integrated curriculum all the way through; FIS is **more defined than that**. For Francophone families, bilingual households and ambitious non-French families willing to commit to a strong cultural framework, it is **a sharp, high-value proposition** in a Hong Kong market full of schools that offer less clarity.

STRENGTHS

- French Baccalauréat and IB Diploma both offered.
- English instruction with French cultural exposure.
- 11:1 student-teacher ratio allows closer attention.
- Established in 1963; long-standing Hong Kong presence.

TRADE-OFFS

- Day school only; no boarding option.
- Jardine's Lookout location may not suit all commutes.
- Average class size 22 may feel busy.

ADMISSIONS

French International School of Hong Kong is a day school for ages 5–18, so the obvious entry points are primary, lower secondary and sixth form-equivalent stages, with admissions likely handled across its different campuses. The school offers both the French Baccalauréat and the IB Diploma, and primary sources also note dual English- and French-medium streams; parents should be clear which route they are applying for. Publicly available material here does not set out a detailed admissions timetable, so families should expect rolling or staged admissions rather than assume a single annual deadline.

The school does not publish, in the material provided, a full breakdown of assessment format, interview process or any distinctive selection hurdles. Equally, there is no confirmed information here on bursaries or means-tested financial aid, so it would be unwise to assume fee support is available without checking directly. What is distinctive, and relevant in admissions terms, is the school's scale: more than 2,770 students across four campuses, making placement dependent not just on year group but on stream and site availability.

WTS RATING 

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