

The International School Bangalore

Bengaluru, India



A 140-acre campus in Whitefield's NAFL Valley moves students from Cambridge IGCSE into the IB Diploma, with boarding open from Grade 5.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	64/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	48/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	58/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The International School Bangalore sits in the top tier of Bengaluru’s international schools because it combines scale, academic seriousness and a full boarding operation on one campus. The headline facts matter: a **140-acre** site in Whitefield’s NAFL Valley, a published student-teacher ratio of **1:6**, average classes of **20**, and boarding from Grade 5. This is not a compact urban school improvising international schooling in a tower block. It is a large, purpose-built campus school with room for sport, arts, after-school activities and the day-to-day logistics that make boarding workable. The academic route is clean and legible: Cambridge IGCSE in Grades 9–10, then the IB Diploma in Grades 11–12, with English as the language of instruction and CIS, Cambridge and IB credentials in place. For parents who want a

school that can carry a child from early years to university applications without a change of system, that continuity is *hard to dismiss*.

What sets TISB apart is its mix of Indian ambition and international-school structure. Many schools can offer IB or Cambridge; fewer run both within a settled all-through model and back it with a substantial residential community of *320+* boarders. That changes the culture. The school has the scale for fixtures, productions, leadership activities, Model UN, trips and a real co-curricular programme rather than a token list of clubs; it publishes *45* co-curricular activities and highlights college counselling and university destinations as a central part of senior school life. The market position is clear: expensive, high-expectation, operationally mature, and built for families who want *a serious academic runway* without sacrificing sport, arts or pastoral scaffolding. It belongs on a shortlist because it offers *genuine breadth* and because the campus model gives students more independence than most city schools can manage.

The right student for TISB is motivated, busy and comfortable in a school that expects participation beyond lessons. This suits children who will use the campus, not just pass through it: boarders, students with long commutes, ambitious sixth-formers targeting competitive universities, and internationally minded families who value a structured pathway into the IB Diploma. It also suits students who thrive in *a big-school atmosphere* with peers from *28* nationalities, organised routines and visible pastoral systems. Children who need a tiny, intimate setting or a low-pressure academic culture have stronger options elsewhere. TISB works best for students who want *room to stretch*, can handle clear expectations, and will take advantage of the school's scale rather than get lost in it.

STRENGTHS

- Offers a full international pathway - IB Primary Years Programme, Cambridge IGCSE in the middle years, and the IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11-12.
- Strong recent IB Diploma results: in the 2026 cohort three students scored a perfect 45/45 and forty students scored 40 points or above, with a class average of 37.
- Set on a 140-acre campus with boarding houses, two auditoria, a swimming pool, athletics track and dedicated music and art facilities.
- Ranked first in India's International Day-cum-Boarding School category by EducationWorld for 2024-25 and placed 38th globally (3rd in India) among IB schools for the 2024 cohort.
- Named 'International School of the Year' at the Boarding Schools' Association Awards 2024.

TRADE - OFFS

- Fees sit at the premium end of Bangalore's international-school market, with senior-year day fees reported around INR 10-12 lakh per year and boarding costing more on top.
- The school confirms it does not offer scholarship or bursary schemes, nor discounts for siblings, so costs are not means-adjusted.
- Campus is located well outside central Bangalore on the Whitefield-Sarjapur/Dommasandra corridor, meaning a long daily commute for day students based in the city centre.
- Boarding is only available from Grade 5 onward, so younger children must be day students regardless of family location.

ADMISSIONS

Admission requires an Entrance Assessment, conducted online or offline, followed by an interview via Microsoft Teams; decisions weigh assessment and interview performance alongside reports from the applicant's previous school. There is no fixed application closing date and the school accepts students through the year subject to grade-level availability, though most assessments run alongside scheduled Open Mornings. No scholarship, bursary or sibling-fee concessions are offered, and places in popular year groups can be limited.

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