

Raffles Girls' School

Singapore, Singapore



Singapore's storied all-girls secondary school offering a seamless six-year Integrated Programme from Secondary 1 through to A-Levels.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	79/100
Academic outcomes	84/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	81/100
Alumni network	80/100
Facilities	77/100
Transparency	78/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Raffles Girls’ School occupies a narrow, powerful niche in Singapore: a historic, academically selective girls’ day school with a **clear sense of purpose** and a six-year route from Secondary 1 to A-Levels. Founded in ***1879***, it carries real institutional weight. The school’s stated mission is explicit: to nurture “the high ability girl” for leadership and service to nation and community. That focus matters. This is not a generalist school trying to be all things to all families; it is built for able students who want stretch, pace and a culture that treats ambition as normal. The student-teacher ratio of ***15:1*** and average class size of ***30*** point to scale rather than intimacy, but also to a mature, structured operation.

What sets it apart is the Integrated Programme logic. RGS, together with Raffles Institution, offers a seamless six-year Raffles Programme that bypasses the O-Level stage and runs through to A-Levels. For the right student, that is a serious advantage: less time spent teaching to an intermediate public exam, more room for depth, enrichment and intellectual range. The school leans hard into that wider formation. Its own framing centres on holistic education, character and leadership, service-learning and talent development. That can read like standard Singapore school language, but at RGS it sits within a school identity with **serious academic intent**, **high expectations** and a long-established leadership pipeline. Parents looking for a **disciplined, high-performance environment** will put that near the top of the list.

This school belongs on a shortlist for families who want an all-girls setting with academic rigour, institutional tradition and a direct runway to A-Levels in English. It will suit students who are bright, self-directed and comfortable in a competitive cohort; girls who thrive on challenge, enjoy being surrounded by other able pupils and want opportunities beyond the classroom in STEM, service, leadership and co-curricular life. It will appeal less to children who need a small, gently paced or highly pastoral environment. RGS offers **prestige without apology**, **a demanding culture** and a mission tied to public leadership. For the student who wants exactly that, it is one of Singapore's defining schools.

STRENGTHS

- Established in 1879, it is one of the oldest schools in Singapore, giving it a long institutional history and a large, well-networked alumnae base.
- RGS, together with its affiliated school Raffles Institution, offers a six-year Raffles Programme, which allows students to skip the Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level examinations and proceed to take the Singapore-Cambridge GCE Advanced Level examinations at the end of Year 6, streamlining the path to university entry.
- The school was recognised by the Ministry of Education in 2006 by being awarded the School Excellence Award (recognising schools with 'exemplary school processes and practices').
- RGS was one of the first schools in Singapore to offer the Gifted Education Programme in 1984, reflecting a long-standing focus on high-ability learners.
- In October 2019, RGS moved to a new campus at Braddell, giving the school purpose-built, relatively modern facilities compared with its former Anderson Road site.

TRADE-OFFS

- As a girls-only institution, students have no coeducational classroom experience at secondary level; girls from RGS join RI at Year 5 for their pre-university education, meaning mixed-gender schooling only begins at the pre-university stage.
- The six-year Integrated Programme means students skip the Singapore-Cambridge GCE Ordinary Level examinations, which narrows optionality for a family wanting to switch tracks or sit O-Levels partway through.
- Entry is overwhelmingly merit-based on PSLE results and primary-school affiliation, and a small number of international students may enter via the Admissions Exercise for International Students, though public data on broader demographic access is limited, leaving few places for lateral or overseas transfers.
- Independent-school status means fees sit above standard government secondary schools, but the school's website does not publish a clear, itemised current fee schedule for prospective families to compare against international schools.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is chiefly at Secondary 1 via the national PSLE aggregate score, supplemented by affiliated intake from Raffles Girls' Primary School and Direct School Admission (DSA) for demonstrated talent in sports, arts or STEM. Non-affiliated places are highly contested, drawing some of Singapore's highest-scoring PSLE candidates. Permanent-resident or international families can apply through MOE's international-student exercises, though places are limited and strong English proficiency is expected. MOE does not publish official cut-off points, so year-on-year competitiveness for outsiders is hard to predict precisely.

 ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

The next 1 milestone for Raffles Girls' School. Dates confirmed against the school's most recent published admissions calendar — check the official site to confirm before submitting.

Sep 20, 2026

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DECISION

SECONDARY 1

DSA results released

► 3 PAST DATES

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