

Colegio del Salvador

Buenos Aires, Argentina



Tracing its Jesuit lineage to 1617, this Callao landmark ended 154 years of all-boys tradition by admitting girls in 2023.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	58/100
Academic outcomes	60/100
University placement	58/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	58/100
Transparency	45/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colegio del Salvador holds a rare place in Buenos Aires schooling: a Jesuit institution founded in **1868**, with roots the school traces back to **1617**, and a reputation built on continuity rather than reinvention. In a market crowded with bilingual private schools chasing global branding, this one trades on history, Catholic formation and institutional weight. The decisive recent shift came in **2023**, when the school ended **154 years** as an all-boys school and admitted girls. That matters. It marks a cultural change at the heart of a school long defined by tradition. For parents, the attraction lies in that combination of *historic gravitas*, *Catholic seriousness* and a school identity that has not been diluted for convenience.

The offer is clear. This is a private day school in Buenos Aires for ages 6–18, teaching the Argentinian curriculum in Spanish and English, under Jesuit Catholic leadership. Parents considering Colegio del Salvador are not buying progressive educational fashion or an international-school pastiche. They are choosing a school shaped by doctrine, structure and inherited expectations. That will suit families who want **moral discipline**, **strong adult authority** and a school culture with an explicit religious centre. It will not suit parents who want a loose, child-led ethos, nor those seeking the curricular flexibility or international portability of IB or A Levels. The school’s public profile rests far more on tradition and identity than on published academic metrics; exam data and comparative outcomes are not in the public domain, and that opacity is a real weakness in a competitive fee-paying market.

Why shortlist it? Because few schools in the city carry this level of institutional memory and social recognition. Colegio del Salvador offers **deep-rooted identity**, **ritual and belonging**, and the force of a long-established Jesuit education in the Argentine context. The right student for this school is one who thrives with structure, respects hierarchy, and wants to belong to something older and larger than the individual timetable: a pupil who values community, faith and continuity over novelty. Families who want a school with **a sense of inheritance** and the confidence to remain itself will find a serious contender here.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• Traces its lineage to the Jesuit Colegio de Loreto founded in 1617, making it one of the oldest continuous educational institutions in Buenos Aires, with the current Colegio del Salvador established in 1868. • Offers a bilingual programme from Nivel Inicial with international certifications and exchange programmes, alongside English and French language instruction. • Counts notable alumni such as football executive Julio Grondona, who served as AFA president and a senior FIFA vice-president, and economist Juan Jose Llach. • Occupies a heritage building on Avenida Callao with a French Baroque facade that also houses the Jesuit provincial offices for Argentina and Uruguay. • Structures its senior secondary years into distinct bachillerato tracks in Mathematics and Physics, Social Sciences and Humanities, and Economics and Administration.	• Was an all-boys school for more than 150 years; it only began admitting girls in 2023, and this mixed policy currently applies to the initial level only, meaning full coeducation across primary and secondary will take years to phase in. • Was named in 2023 public allegations, with ten former students denouncing sexual abuse at the school, to which the institution issued a formal response acknowledging the matter. • Sits at editorial rank 496 in the challenger_300 tier, indicating it is not positioned among the highest-ranked schools in this ranking system. • Admission gives explicit priority to siblings of current students and children of alumni, and all entry is subject to available vacancies, which can disadvantage families with no prior connection to the school.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points span Nivel Inicial (from 18 months to age 5), Primary (1st grade, requiring age six by 30 June), and Secondary (from 7th grade). Applications are submitted online via the school's admission form, followed by a parent interview with the level director and a group interview with the psycho-pedagogical team; a report from the applicant's previous school is required. Places are subject to available vacancies, with waitlists once these are filled, and siblings of current students and children of alumni receive admission priority. Since 2023, mixed-gender admission has been introduced but currently applies only at the initial level.

WTS RATING 

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