

Sekolah Ciputra Surabaya

Surabaya, Indonesia



The only school in East Java running the full IB continuum, with entrepreneurship woven in from Playgroup to Grade 12.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	68/100
Academic outcomes	68/100
University placement	66/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	76/100
Transparency	74/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Sekolah Ciputra occupies a clear niche in Surabaya: it is the only school in East Java offering the full IB pathway from Playgroup to Grade 12, and it has done so since **1996**. For families who want one school, one educational philosophy and no curriculum switch at 11 or 14, that matters. The school’s defining feature is not only the IB continuum but the way it threads entrepreneurship through the whole age range. That gives the proposition more shape than the standard “international school with good facilities” formula. The campus is large by city standards at **5 hectares**, and the school points to more than **1,890** alumni, which signals scale, stability and an established local reputation.

What puts Sekolah Ciputra on a shortlist is consistency. Children start early in an English-rich environment, then move through PYP, MYP and DP without the structural breaks that weaken many schools' academic and pastoral coherence. Instruction runs in English and Indonesian, which suits internationally minded Indonesian families and bilingual households better than schools that operate in English only. The school also holds IB World School status, and its public case rests heavily on long-term institutional credibility and a *clear through-line* from early years to university preparation. Parents looking for *flashy marketing* or published headline exam statistics will not find much satisfaction here; the school does not put aggregate IB outcomes at the centre of its public case. That opacity is a weakness in a market where academically ambitious families want hard data.

The right student for Sekolah Ciputra is intellectually steady rather than narrowly exam-drilled: a child who benefits from inquiry, discussion, projects and room to develop *enterprise-minded confidence*. It will suit students who enjoy breadth, who can handle the writing and self-management demands of IB, and who respond well to a school culture that values leadership, communication and initiative alongside academics. It is also a strong fit for families who want *continuity without compromise* from age **3** to **18**, and who value a non-religious setting in Surabaya with an established bilingual environment. Students who want a relentlessly results-public, hyper-selective, competition-driven school may find the pitch too soft-edged. Students who want *a coherent K-12 journey* with entrepreneurship built into daily school life will find a serious option here.

STRENGTHS

- Authorized to offer the full IB continuum (PYP, MYP, and Diploma Programme), giving curriculum continuity for internationally mobile families.
- Part of the wider Ciputra Group education network, which includes Universitas Ciputra, offering a possible local progression pathway after graduation.
- Based in Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city, providing an English-medium IB option without requiring relocation to Jakarta.
- Founding association with the Ciputra family's entrepreneurship-focused educational philosophy gives the school a distinct institutional identity among Indonesian IB schools.

TRADE - OFFS

- Surabaya has a much smaller expatriate community than Jakarta, meaning fewer international peer networks and support services for relocating families.
- As a 'rising star' rather than an established top-tier school, it lacks the long track record and international brand recognition of longer-running IB schools in Jakarta or Singapore.
- Little independently verified data on IB Diploma results or university placement outcomes is publicly available for comparison against more scrutinized international schools.
- Single-campus day school in a secondary Indonesian city, so extracurricular breadth and specialist facilities may be narrower than at larger metropolitan competitors.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points typically align with the IB structure, from early PYP years through to the Diploma Programme, with applications made directly to the school. The process generally involves review of prior school records, an English-proficiency or academic assessment, and a family interview. As a mid-tier, growing school rather than a heavily oversubscribed institution, competitiveness is likely moderate. Families connected to the Ciputra Group's businesses or developments in Surabaya may find the school a natural extension of an existing local network.

WTS RATING 

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