

Colegio Sagrados Corazones Recoleta

Lima, Peru



Founded in 1893 by French Sacred Hearts missionaries, the school's early faculty went on to help found Peru's Catholic University.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	57/100
Academic outcomes	58/100
University placement	56/100
Prestige & heritage	58/100
Alumni network	57/100
Facilities	57/100
Transparency	45/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colegio Sagrados Corazones Recoleta occupies a distinct niche in Lima: a long-established Catholic day school in La Molina with a declared Peruvian National Curriculum, Spanish and English instruction, and an International Baccalaureate strand at the top end. The school's real point of difference is not novelty but continuity. Founded in **1848**, with the Sacred Hearts identity embedded in daily school life, it offers a version of education that is unapologetically values-led, structured and institutionally rooted. For families who want *moral seriousness*, *clear religious identity* and a school that treats pastoral formation as part of the core brief rather than an add-on, Recoleta earns a place on the shortlist.

What stands out is the breadth of support wrapped around that mission. The school highlights spiritual counselling for pupils and parents, a psychopedagogical department staffed by psychologists and inclusion specialists, three specialist libraries split by age phase, and **2** first-aid rooms with dedicated staff. That package matters. It tells parents that Recoleta puts weight on formation, welfare and family partnership, not only classroom delivery. The website also points to project-based learning in the early years, student agency in primary, and a more cumulative academic approach in secondary. The IB mention adds a layer of international aspiration, though the school does not publish the kind of outcome data that would let parents judge academic performance with precision. That opacity is a weakness in a competitive market.

The market position is clear: Recoleta suits families who want a Catholic school first, an academic school second, and an internationally aware school third. It is not the choice for parents chasing glossy branding or exhaustive public data; it is the choice for those drawn to *institutional depth*, *pastoral ballast* and a school culture shaped by faith. Children who thrive here will value structure, community and a strong ethical frame. Families who want a secular environment, a looser educational style or hard public metrics on results will find stronger fits elsewhere. For the right child, though, Recoleta offers something durable: *a settled culture*, *serious pastoral care* and a school identity that has held its line for well over **100** years.

STRENGTHS	TRADE-OFFS
• Run by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts (Padres de los Sagrados Corazones), giving it a long-established Catholic educational tradition in Lima. • Located in San Isidro, one of Lima's more central and accessible upper-income districts, simplifying daily commutes for many expat families. • Single-sex boys' schooling with an integrated religious and moral formation component alongside the national academic curriculum. • Part of a recognised network of Sagrados Corazones schools in Peru, suggesting institutional continuity and shared pedagogical standards. • Day-school structure allows full family life at home rather than boarding separation, a common preference for younger expat placements.	• Single-sex (boys only), which rules it out for families wanting co-education or who have daughters to place in the same school. • Delivers the Peruvian National Curriculum rather than an international programme (IB, A-Levels, etc.), which can complicate transfers back to non-Spanish-speaking systems. • Publicly available performance data, fee schedules and admissions statistics are limited, making outside verification of academic outcomes difficult. • Catholic religious instruction is embedded in school life, which may not suit strictly secular or non-Christian families.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is typically sought at early primary levels, with limited spaces opening in higher grades subject to availability. The process generally involves an application form, interview, and assessment of the family's alignment with the school's Catholic ethos, alongside academic screening for older applicants. As an established, long-running institution in San Isidro, demand from Lima's traditional and professional families is steady, making places at entry points moderately competitive. Families should contact the school directly via its website for current fee schedules, term dates and specific entry requirements, as these are not consistently published externally.

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