

Kolese Kanisius

Jakarta, Indonesia



Nearly a century of Jesuit formation in Menteng, an all-boys campus built on competence, conscience and compassion.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	58/100
Academic outcomes	68/100
University placement	65/100
Prestige & heritage	78/100
Alumni network	0/100
Facilities	60/100
Transparency	48/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Kolese Kanisius occupies a distinct niche in Jakarta: a ****1927**** Jesuit boys’ school in Menteng with a long institutional memory and a clear moral framework. That matters. In a market crowded with newer international brands, Kanisius offers something harder to manufacture: **tradition with discipline**, **a serious sense of purpose** and an education built on the Jesuit triad of competence, conscience and compassion. It is not a broad church for every family. It is a Catholic school, for boys aged ****12-18****, and that identity sits at the centre of the proposition rather than at the decorative edges.

What puts it on a shortlist is the coherence of the offer. Parents choosing Kanisius are not buying novelty,

resort-style facilities or a polished international-school script. They are choosing *an old-established academic culture*, *moral seriousness* and the social confidence that comes from a well-known Jakarta institution. The all-boys setting will suit families who want a focused environment shaped around adolescent boys, with clear expectations on conduct, responsibility and service. The school's Jesuit character also gives it a sharper educational philosophy than many local competitors: intellectual formation is tied to character, not treated as an extracurricular add-on.

The right student for Kanisius is academically capable, responds well to structure and does not need a soft environment. Boys who thrive here will value *high expectations*, *clear identity* and a community with roots in Central Jakarta. It will also suit families who want Indonesian schooling with English in the mix, rather than a fully imported foreign curriculum. For parents who want a secular setting, co-education, or the cachet of an international diploma, this is the wrong school. For parents who want *prestige without gimmicks* and *nearly a century of institutional backbone*, Kolese Kanisius earns its place on the list.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1927 by the Indonesian Province of the Society of Jesus, making it one of Jakarta's oldest continuously operating secondary schools.
- Occupies a large, green, centrally located campus with its own football field, badminton courts and chapel, unusual for an inner-city Jakarta school.
- Operates a sliding-scale fee policy tied to family financial capacity, with a cross-subsidy system so wealthier families help cover costs for less well-off students.
- Has an active alumni association (PAKKJ) that assists graduates with scholarships and job placement, and organises regular cross-generation solidarity events.
- Accepts students of other faiths despite its Catholic Jesuit identity, with accommodations such as time off campus for Friday prayers.

TRADE-OFFS

- Has only accepted male students since its founding in 1927, so it is not an option for families wanting coeducation or schooling for daughters.
- Delivers the Indonesian national curriculum only, with no IB, Cambridge or other internationally benchmarked track, which may complicate re-entry into Western school systems.
- The original school dormitory was converted into classrooms in 1967, so there is no boarding option for out-of-town or expatriate families.
- Entry involves a competitive academic test plus interview and administrative screening, and published fee ranges (where reported) run into the low hundreds of millions of rupiah, so costs and admission are not straightforward or fixed.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points are Grade 7 (SMP) and Grade 10 (SMA), with SMA places often prioritised for internal SMP Kanisius graduates. Applicants register online, submitting report cards, birth certificate, family card and a doctor's health clearance, then sit a computer-based academic test and an interview; fitness or swimming checks have also been used in past cycles. Fees are not fixed but follow a sliding scale linked to family financial capacity, with cross-subsidy for lower-income admits, so quoted costs vary case by case. The school is boys-only and Catholic-run, though non-Catholic applicants are accepted.

WTS RATING 

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