

Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin

Osaka, Japan



Japan's first full IB continuum, taught alongside a Japanese sister school on one shared Minoh campus

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	69/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

What distinguishes Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin is not branding or scale but structure: it runs the full IB continuum from ages 3 to 18 and does so on a shared Minoh campus with its Japanese sister school, Senri International School of Kwansei Gakuin. That arrangement gives OIS a sharper local footing than many expatriate schools in Japan. This is an English-medium day school, founded in ****1991****, with Christian affiliation, and it holds the accreditations serious international parents expect: IB World School, CIS and WASC. The average annual day fee across the full ladder is ****JPY 2,602,000****, which places it in the expensive bracket for Osaka, but not without substance behind the bill.

The school’s real strength is clarity. OIS offers the IB Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme and Diploma Programme straight through, with no curriculum switch at 16 and no mixed model to decipher. For families who want an education that is **coherent**, **internationally portable** and academically disciplined, that matters. The shared campus with SIS also adds a dimension that many international schools cannot match: daily proximity to a Japanese diploma school approved by the national ministry. That does not turn OIS into a bilingual school — the language of instruction is English — but it does root the school in Japanese educational life rather than insulating it from it. Japan’s first full IB continuum remains a **serious distinction**, not a marketing footnote.

Parents should shortlist OIS if they want a school that is **deliberate rather than flashy**: established, accredited, and built for families who value continuity from kindergarten to Grade 12. Its published recent destinations include ****1**** place each at Cambridge, Oxford and Princeton, which tells you that top-end outcomes exist, even if the school does not publish broader university placement data here. The best fit is the student who thrives in a **structured**, concept-driven programme, wants the IB all the way through, and can cope with a school that is **more purposeful than performative**. This is not the obvious choice for families hunting vast facilities, multiple curricular exits or a softer, less demanding academic frame. It is the right choice for families who want an internationally recognised education with a stronger Japanese context than the standard expat bubble.

STRENGTHS

- Full IB pathway: PYP, MYP and Diploma Programme.
- K-12 international school on one campus.
- Shared campus with Japanese-curriculum sister school.
- WASC accreditation noted in source.

TRADE-OFFS

- Two-school shared campus may blur identities.
- Japanese diploma belongs to sister school, not OIS.
- Minoh location, not central Osaka.

ADMISSIONS

Osaka International School of Kwansei Gakuin is a co-educational international school in Minoh, Osaka Prefecture, serving pupils from kindergarten through Grade 12. Its main entry points are therefore likely to be the start of kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school, though the school presents itself as a K-12/ kindergarten-to-Grade-12 school rather than publishing a formal admissions calendar in the material provided. The academic route is fully IB: PYP in elementary, MYP in middle school and the Diploma Programme in high school.

Publicly available material here does not set out the admissions mechanics in much detail. The school does not, in the sources provided, publish assessment format, interview structure, application deadlines or any distinctive selection stages, so families will need to enquire directly. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid provision is mentioned in the supplied sources, and it would be unsafe to assume that support is available. One point worth noting is the shared campus with Senri International School of Kwansei Gakuin, a separate sister school following the Japanese national curriculum.

WTS RATING 

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