

SMAK 1 BPK PENABUR Jakarta

Jakarta, Indonesia



West Jakarta's Christian science campus still holds an unbroken 1956 national physics-chemistry exam record.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	51/100
Academic outcomes	58/100
University placement	55/100
Prestige & heritage	58/100
Alumni network	38/100
Facilities	52/100
Transparency	40/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

SMAK 1 BPK PENABUR Jakarta occupies a narrow, serious niche: a Christian Indonesian senior secondary school with a long institutional memory and a hard academic identity in science. Founded in ****1950****, it trades on substance, not novelty. The line that matters is the school’s 1956 national physics-chemistry exam distinction, which still gives it a **rare academic mythology** in Jakarta’s crowded private-school market. That record does not, on its own, tell parents what current teaching looks like; it does tell them what this school has prized for decades. In West Jakarta, where many schools sell breadth, branding and facilities, SMAK 1 BPK PENABUR Jakarta stands out for **old-school intellectual seriousness**, a Christian frame and a campus culture built around disciplined study rather than lifestyle.

Its market position is clear. This is not an all-things-to-all-families school, and that is its strength. It serves ages **15–18** in the Indonesian curriculum, with instruction in Indonesian and English, so it fits families who want national academic grounding without giving up English exposure. Parents should shortlist it for *exam-minded stability*, a track record of continuity and a school identity that has not drifted with fashion. The Christian setting adds moral and pastoral structure, which matters to families who want explicit values alongside academic pressure. The school’s appeal rests less on cosmopolitan packaging and more on *institutional discipline*, subject rigour and a reputation built over **70+** years.

The right student for SMAK 1 BPK PENABUR Jakarta is focused, resilient and comfortable in a competitive academic environment. This suits teenagers who enjoy mathematics and the sciences, respond well to structure and do not need a progressive, highly personalised model to thrive. It will also suit families who want a school with *clear moral framing* and a defined sense of purpose. Students seeking a broad international curriculum, a loose classroom culture or a heavily arts-led identity will find a tighter fit elsewhere. Students who want *serious academic traction*, daily order and a school name with weight in Jakarta’s Christian education landscape will understand its value quickly.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
- Achieved the highest median score in the 2021 UTBK national university entrance exam among schools in Jakarta province, according to Wikipedia. - Regularly sends students to international science competitions, with recent medals and honourable mentions at the International Physics, Chemistry and Mathematical Olympiads (2024-2025). - One of the oldest Christian secondary schools in Jakarta, tracing its roots to a 1947 Dutch-era MULO school before its 1950 reorganisation under the BPK PENABUR foundation. - Purpose-built campus facilities include science and language laboratories, a library, an auditorium seating up to 1,000, a running track and dedicated music and dance rooms. - Holds an 'A' (highest) national school accreditation rating, per the school's own directory listing.	- Instruction is delivered solely in Indonesian, following the national Merdeka curriculum, so it does not offer an international bilingual or IB/IGCSE track at this campus. - As an explicitly Christian institution under the BPK PENABUR foundation, its ethos and religious programming may not suit families seeking a secular or multi-faith environment. - Admission runs through a competitive online PPDB process with entrance testing, and priority/discount schemes favour students and siblings already inside the BPK PENABUR network, which can disadvantage newcomer applicants. - Located in Tanjung Duren, West Jakarta, a specific catchment that may mean a long commute for expat families based in South or Central Jakarta.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is via BPK PENABUR's centralised online PSB (Penerimaan Siswa Baru) portal, typically opening in stages ahead of the academic year. Applicants pay a registration fee, sit an entrance test, and submit prior report cards and identity documents. Students already enrolled in a BPK PENABUR school, or with siblings in the network, receive priority handling and fee discounts, which makes places for outside applicants comparatively more competitive. Given the school's strong local exam results, demand from Jakarta's Chinese-Indonesian Christian community is high.

WTS RATING 

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