

# Mont'Kiara International School

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



*A dual American-IB pathway in leafy Mont'Kiara, where 2025 graduates averaged an IB score of 34.4, well above the global mean.*

## RANKING DIMENSIONS

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| Overall              | 57/100 |
| Academic outcomes    | 60/100 |
| University placement | 58/100 |
| Prestige & heritage  | 56/100 |
| Alumni network       | 45/100 |
| Facilities           | 65/100 |
| Transparency         | 52/100 |

## EDITOR'S VERDICT

Mont’Kiara International School occupies a useful niche in Kuala Lumpur’s crowded international market: a long-established day school in a well-to-do residential district, with an American curriculum running into the IB and a published academic marker that carries weight. The headline fact is clear: its **\*\*2025\*\*** IB cohort averaged **\*\*34.4\*\*** points, comfortably above the global mean and strong enough to put M’KIS in the serious-consideration bracket for families who want results without the machinery of a vast exam factory. Founded in **\*\*1994\*\***, it has longevity that many newer entrants lack, and it pairs that with a genuinely international intake drawn from *\*close to 50 nationalities\**. For parents, that combination matters: *\*academic ambition\**, *\*international fluency\** and a settled school culture in one campus.

What sets M’KIS apart is not novelty but balance. This is a secular, English-medium school for ages 3–18 with WASC, IB and CIS accreditation, and that trio gives it a credible transnational profile. The school’s own history points to steady campus investment in athletics, playgrounds, technology, innovation, and creative and performing arts spaces. That matters because the American-IB route can become narrow in weaker schools, with too much branding around “whole child” and too little substance outside the classroom. M’KIS has the structure to avoid that trap. It also benefits from being a day school in leafy Mont’Kiara rather than a remote boarding compound: for many families, *\*a close-knit community\**, *\*pastoral steadiness\** and daily family life beat institutional intensity.

Parents should still read the school accurately. M’KIS is not the obvious choice for families chasing a hyper-selective, exam-drilled atmosphere or the social scale of a giant flagship campus. Its appeal lies elsewhere: a mature international community, a coherent pathway from early years to the IB Diploma, and a school size and tone that keep children visible. The student who thrives here is bright, sociable and adaptable; one who benefits from *\*room to grow\**, values breadth alongside grades, and wants strong academics without a brutal edge. For internationally mobile families in Kuala Lumpur, or local families who want an established English-medium school with a credible IB outcome, M’KIS belongs on the shortlist for one simple reason: it offers *\*serious schooling\** without turning childhood into a production line.

STRENGTHS

- Dual-accredited: authorized as a full IB World School (PYP, MYP, DP) and accredited by the US-based Western Association of Schools and Colleges, with graduates also awarded a US High School Diploma.
- In 2025 the school's IB Diploma cohort averaged 34.4 points, notably above the global IB average of 30.58 that year.
- One of Malaysia's longest-running IB institutions, having enrolled its first students in 1994 and graduated its first senior class in 2001.
- Genuinely international community, drawing students from over 45 nationalities on a single Mont'Kiara campus.
- Well-resourced campus facilities including a 25-metre pool, sports hall, climbing walls, dedicated dance and ceramics studios, and a theatre seating over 400.

TRADE - OFFS

- Learning support is limited to mild-to-moderate needs; the school is not equipped for children requiring complex or specialist educational support.
- The school does not offer tuition scholarships, so cost is a fixed barrier rather than something high-achieving families can offset.
- Annual tuition is substantial, running from roughly MYR 35,000 at Pre-K to over MYR 125,000 in the senior years, on top of non-refundable application and admission fees that reach MYR 28,000 per new student in Grades 1-12.
- From August 2026 the school is being absorbed into the Nord Anglia Education network, a structural change that may alter the school's historically small, community-style character.

## ADMISSIONS

MKIS admits from Pre-K3 through Grade 12 on a rolling basis. Applicants pay a non-refundable MYR1,700 application fee; assessments are informal for Pre-K3/Pre-K4 but include formal reading, writing and maths testing from Grade 1 upward, plus an optional English-language proficiency assessment. Decisions are typically issued within two business days. Some grade levels operate a waitlist once capacity is reached, and no tuition scholarships are available, so places are governed largely by space and ability to pay rather than academic selection.

WTS RATING 

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