

Bali Island School

Denpasar, Indonesia



Amid Sanur's temple lanes, this Denpasar campus has run the island's only full IB continuum since 1985.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	60/100
Academic outcomes	62/100
University placement	60/100
Prestige & heritage	66/100
Alumni network	60/100
Facilities	64/100
Transparency	38/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

In a Bali market crowded with lifestyle-led schooling, Bali Island School stands apart for one hard fact: it runs the island’s only full IB continuum, from the early years through to the Diploma Programme, in English, on a single Denpasar campus. That matters. Parents who want an uninterrupted IB pathway from age 3 to 18 do not need to stitch together phases, curricula or campuses. Founded in 1986, non-religious, and accredited by the IB, CIS and WASC, the school has the institutional substance that many newer island entrants lack. This is not a resort-school fantasy. It is a long-running international school with a clear academic identity.

Its market position is straightforward: established, internationally legible, and expensive by local standards. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **IDR 237,005,333**. That places it firmly in the premium end of Bali's day-school market, and parents are paying for continuity, accreditation and a rare level of curricular coherence on the island. The school's attraction is strongest for internationally mobile families, diplomatic and entrepreneurial households, and parents who know they want IB rather than a British or mixed-curriculum compromise. For those families, the full-through model is *a serious practical advantage*. For families who want a more traditional British route, heavy external exam culture, or a lower-fee local-international hybrid, this is the wrong school.

The student who will thrive here is academically adaptable, discussion-ready and comfortable in an internationally mixed environment. The IB asks for independence early and keeps asking for it. Students who like inquiry, writing, interdisciplinary work and a broad sixth-form programme fit well; students who want a narrow, exam-drilled route fit less well. Bali Island School belongs on a shortlist because it offers something *structurally rare* in Indonesia: a full, accredited IB journey on one campus, with **ages 3–18** covered under one roof and **1986** behind it. Its appeal is not flash. It is continuity, credibility and a *clear-eyed* sense of what it is.

STRENGTHS

- Authorised as a full IB World School offering the Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programmes under one continuum.
- Located in Denpasar/Sanur, giving access to Bali's established expatriate and diplomatic community rather than a remote campus.
- Small day-school scale typically allows lower student-to-teacher ratios than large metropolitan international schools in Jakarta or Singapore.
- Long-standing presence in Bali's international education market compared to newer, unaccredited alternatives on the island.

TRADE-OFFS

- Editorial ranking (1170) and candidate tier indicate the school sits well outside the globally recognised top tier of IB schools.
- Bali offers a much shallower pool of alternative international schools than Jakarta, Singapore, or Kuala Lumpur, limiting comparison and choice for relocating families.
- As a single, standalone campus, it lacks the multi-campus scale, extracurricular breadth, and university-counselling resources of larger regional IB providers.
- Public information on fees, class sizes, and outcomes is limited, making independent verification of quality claims harder for prospective parents.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is generally open to expatriate and local families able to pay day-school fees, with entry points across the PYP, MYP, and DP stages. Families typically submit prior school records, references, and sometimes an assessment or interview, particularly for DP entry. Given its position outside Indonesia's top-tier international schools, competitiveness is moderate rather than highly selective. Prospective parents should contact the school directly for current fee schedules, waiting lists, and specific entry requirements, as these are not consistently published online.

WTS RATING 

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