

Renaissance International School Saigon

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



Vietnam's only Round Square school pairs British rigor with a full IB continuum in District 7's riverside diplomatic quarter.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	66/100
Academic outcomes	75/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	56/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Renaissance International School Saigon occupies a distinctive niche in Ho Chi Minh City: a mid-sized, all-through day school in District 7 that combines a British academic spine with the full International Baccalaureate journey from early years to diploma. That mix matters. Families get structured progression through primary and lower secondary, then the option of IGCSE before the IB Diploma, rather than a school trying to do everything without a coherent route. The other point of difference is concrete: it is Vietnam’s only Round Square school, which gives its service learning, student leadership and international outlook more substance than the standard global-citizen language found across the sector. For parents who want **academic seriousness** without an excessively corporate feel, Renaissance belongs

on the shortlist.

The school's appeal rests on balance. It serves ages **2-18**, teaches in English, and covers the full span from nursery to university guidance in one setting. The website puts heavy emphasis on pastoral care, inclusive education, enrichment, the arts, sport, technology and service learning; that breadth fits a school competing for internationally mobile families who want more than raw exam drilling. The phrase *full IB continuum* is not cosmetic here: PYP, MYP and IBDP are all in place, with IGCSE in Years 10 and 11 adding British rigour at a key academic stage. That structure suits students who thrive with clear expectations, strong teacher support and room to develop in music, sport, leadership and creative work, not just in tests. The best fit is the child who is *curious, articulate and outward-looking* rather than narrowly exam-obsessed.

Renaissance also has limits, and parents should weigh them plainly. This is a day school, not a boarding campus, and it does not trade on century-old heritage or scale. Founded in **2008**, it is young by regional standards. The public case for the school leans hard on ethos, community and experience; parents who judge schools by published aggregate outcomes will find that the school does not disclose headline IB score data on its public-facing pages. That makes it harder to benchmark academic performance against the city's most results-transparent competitors. Still, its accreditations — BSO, CIS and IB World School status — give the school external validation, and the District 7 location places it squarely in the path of expatriate and internationally minded local families seeking *a settled, cosmopolitan school life*.

Why shortlist it? Because Renaissance offers a rare combination: British and IB pathways under one roof, a non-religious all-through structure, external accreditation, and a community model that still has *human scale*. It will suit families who want continuity from the early years to sixth form, who value *close pastoral oversight*, and who prefer a school where service, leadership and the arts sit alongside academic ambition. It is less suited to parents chasing only the biggest brand name in the market or those who want exhaustive public performance data. For the right student — engaged, community-minded, comfortable in English, and ready for a school that expects participation as well as attainment — Renaissance is a serious contender.

STRENGTHS

- Offers a coherent through-train pathway from EYFS to IGCSEs and then the IB Diploma Programme in the Sixth Form, giving continuity across 14+ years.
- Located in the established Phu My Hung expatriate and local-affluent enclave of District 7, a convenient base for families settled in that part of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Combines British curriculum structure and assessment familiarity with the internationally recognised IB Diploma exit qualification, appealing to globally mobile families.
- As a long-standing HCMC international school it has an established local track record rather than being a brand-new, unproven campus.

TRADE-OFFS

- Sits outside the top tier of Ho Chi Minh City's international school market by reputation and scale, competing with larger, better-resourced campuses in District 2/Thao Dien.
- District 7 location is inconvenient for expatriate families based in Thao Dien or other parts of the city, adding significant commute time.
- As a smaller school its Sixth Form IB cohort is likely modest in size, which can constrain subject choice and peer breadth compared to larger IB schools.
- Fee levels and value-for-money are not independently benchmarked in public rankings at the same level of scrutiny as the city's flagship international schools.

- Day-school format keeps the community geographically concentrated, which some families prefer for after-school logistics and community ties.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is open from EYFS through to Year 13 (IB Diploma), with places allocated on a rolling basis subject to availability. Applicants typically submit previous school reports, a reference, and undergo an age-appropriate assessment or interview, particularly for entry into IGCSE and IB years. Competitiveness is moderate rather than intensely selective, though space in senior IB cohorts can be limited given the school's smaller size. Families should confirm current fee schedules and seat availability directly with admissions, as these are not independently published in detail.

WTS RATING 

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