OUR MISSION
To make education a force for peace and sustainability in the middle east
Welcome to the Eastern Mediterranean International School

The Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS) is a unique international boarding high school in Israel that fosters intercultural understanding and promotes personal and social leadership. Through a shared two-year educational and living experience EMIS educates towards values of respect, diversity and glocal citizenship.

“EMIS brings together the ambitious dreams aims of people here which shape this place, creating a unique atmosphere and great activities.”
Benjamin Strzelecki | Poland

OUR STUDENTS

EMIS students are 10th to 12th graders, 16-18 years old, who come from over 40 different countries. Our student population includes 20% Israeli students (Jews and Arabs), 20% Arab and Muslim students, and 60% international students, making EMIS a truly international learning experience. Students are offered scholarships to assure a merit-based selection process.
LOCATION

EMIS is located in Hakfar Hayarok, just a few minutes bus ride from Tel Aviv, Israel in the Middle East, a region that has both much to offer and much to gain from such a school. EMIS is part of the Hakfar-Hayarok - educational campus (Hebrew for “Green Village”), a premier environmental leadership school and a youth village. At Hakfar-Hayarok students are offered a safe, secure and rich learning environment while allowing direct contact with outside Israeli and Palestinian communities. Students and staff have full access to the village’s extensive educational, athletic, music and arts facilities and leverage its broad activity offerings.

EMIS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Through a shared educational and living experience the EMIS program educates towards values of respect, diversity and global citizenship. Our students, whether local or international, have the choice between two prestigious international programmes: the two-year International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme or the 3 year Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A level programmes. All students participate in an extracurricular and community programs that add an enriching tapestry of individual, group and community activities. EMIS’ mission is enhanced by the innovative school-based Entrepreneurial leadership, Sustainability and Peace (ESP) program that promotes glocal citizenship (global yet local) through unique experiential workshops, key-note speakers and student-led projects, that offer our students and staff tools to become change makers.

“A learning process where the discovery of cultures and identities is the center of self-improvement and global awareness.”
Andree-Anne Milot | Canada

“Emis is a place which gave me a chance to do my best on what I wanted to do. Besides the school time EMIS is a place where you can have fun and wish you can stay at that moment forever.”
Tamrat Abebe | Ethiopia
THE IB PROGRAM

EMIS students choose one course from each of six academic groups. Two languages (first and acquired), Humanities, Sciences, Math and Arts. Three courses are taken at the Standard Level (150 hours) and three at the Higher Level (240 hours). Students study and take examinations in English. Additionally, all students complete a course in Theory of Knowledge and write an Extended Essay, a 4000 word dissertation on a subject and topic of their choice. The students are also required to participate in a “Creativity, Activity and Service” (CAS) program that enables all students to take part in areas of their interest such as arts, athletics and community service.

Some of the CAS programs that are offered at EMIS: Model United Nations, Glee Club, Journalism Club, EMIS Band, Ted X, Theatre, Robotics, Basketball, Football, Yoga, Hip Hop, Volleyball, Budo for Peace, Eco-Peace, and more.

CAMBRIDGE PROGRAM

The Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A Level programmes have international recognition and provide the ideal segway to international high school studies. This environment promotes tolerance, cross-cultural understanding and empathy which complements the academically challenging IGCSE courses offered at EMIS.

At EMIS, students in 10th grade study the IGCSE programme, comprised of six subjects and sit external examinations in May at the end of the academic year. The following year, students study four or five subjects at the AS level and finally, in their third year at EMIS, study from two to four subjects as A level subjects which are externally assessed examinations. For each examination passed, an internationally recognized certificate is awarded. During their third year of studies at EMIS, students apply with the assistance of our university counselor to universities worldwide in order to pursue their studies in tertiary education.

OUR FACULTY

At EMIS, our International faculty is passionate about education and is committed to the school’s mission and values. The EMIS faculty is composed of fully qualified, trained and experienced IB and IGCSE teachers in their respective fields.

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"We may all go our different ways, but we will always carry this experience with us. It's such a powerful feeling to know that you are a part of creating something hopeful and important."
Norra Ketner | Sweden

"For me EMIS is the place where leaders are born. I aim to become a leader and EMIS is a way I must go through in order to make myself a real leader."
Siwar | Israel
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