



ELC (PRE KG-KG)

PRIMARY

VISS SCHOOL PROFILE 2022

SECONDARY



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WELCOME TO THE VICTORIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (VISS)



VISS is a premium not-for-profit international school Group in the United Arab Emirates, providing a quality Australian education to a diverse international community for over 14 years. VISS has established itself as the preeminent school in the northern Emirates of the UAE and is well regarded as a leading school in the region.

The original VISS campus at Al Taawun was established in 2007 by The Ruler of Sharjah, HH Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al-Qasimi, in conjunction with the State of Victoria, in Australia with the intention of creating a world class school in the emirate of Sharjah. With the expansion of the VISS Group into five new campuses spread across the emirate of Sharjah, we are proud to be able to expand the mission of providing world class education to a wider area in the coming years.

Dean Pyrah

Executive Principal/CEO

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

By providing students with an holistic Australian curriculum and IB education, VISS is well regarded as a leader in education in the UAE. Our philosophy is based on a strong continuum of learning with a flexible and creative approach, that encourages children to think for themselves. VISS graduates attend some of the world's best universities and our results are consistently above world averages.

At VISS we don't just celebrate the academic excellence of our students, we are also very proud of our school's mission in forming the next generation of leaders into compassionate, caring and responsible global citizens providing an environment to inspire students to pursue their dreams.

At the heart of a VISS education is a focus on the social and emotional needs of all our children. Wellbeing and inclusion are central elements of our mission, and our programs are designed to maximize the development of the child and to enable them to become well-adjusted, happy children.

VISS schools are very well-resourced with outstanding educational and co-curricular facilities. We offer a varied and rigorous academic program delivering the Australian Curriculum, Victorian Early Years Framework, and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program in senior secondary. There is also a heavy focus on the co-curricular aspects of school life with a robust House system; Performing Arts and Music programs; Sports and Outdoor Education programs and a growing focus on STEM and innovation learning across our schools.



OUR TEACHERS

Our schools are designed with flexible, open teaching spaces that encourage collaborative practice between teachers and students. Whilst VISS teachers come from all over the world, a majority come from Australia and bring with them a deep understating of the curriculum and expertise in world class pedagogy. With a strong focus on professional development and Professional Learning Communities, we encourage and support our teachers to reflect and engage in their own professional improvement and to continue to be lifelong learners.

As the preeminent school in the Emirate of Sharjah, the school has a reputation for being a center of learning excellence. We steadfastly aim to produce students who are critical thinkers, confident, reflective and responsible global citizens, capable of facing the future with resilience and optimism.



Building on this success of 14 years of excellence, we are very proud to have been chosen by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi to expand the VISS name by establishing a group of world class schools under the VISS banner across the emirate of Sharjah.

Following a directive from His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi in November 2020, VISS has recently embarked on significant expansion across Sharjah, with the decree to build 4 new schools over the next 18 months and a further school in the following year.

To cater for this growth, a central administrative Group has been established to oversee and coordinate the establishment and operations of the schools in the VISS family. The new group will ensure consistency across schools in providing a world class provision, whilst at the same time collaborating and sharing as a community of learners. Whilst all of the VISS schools will have their own unique character, the central VISS Mission, Vision and Values will remain the same across the schools.

VISS will continue to teach the Victorian version of the Australian curriculum and the VEYDF across all campuses, with the possibility of augmenting this with IB PYP program in the future. The new VISS Group will leverage its expertise in pedagogy, school leadership and student wellbeing across all schools based on the best practices of the Australian schools' sector.

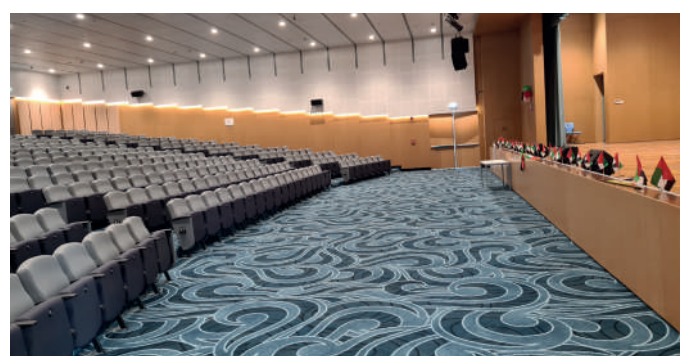


PREMIUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CAMPUSES

- VISS AL Taawun - ELC, Primary and Secondary sub schools - (opened 2007)
- VISS TILAL Primary campus - August 2022
- VISS TILAL Secondary campus - TBC

REGIONAL K-12 CAMPUSES:

- VISS Central Region phase 1 (opened August 2021)
- VISS Kalba - August 2022
- VISS Khor Fakkan - August 2022



VISS MISSION

- VISS will provide a welcoming and challenging environment.
- VISS will foster respectful and responsible global citizens capable of thriving in the future.
- VISS will develop students who are knowledgeable, critical thinkers, confident and reflective.
- VISS will be a centre of excellence committed to sharing the best practices in Sharjah, the UAE, Australia, and the rest of the world.

VISS VISION

The Victoria International School of Sharjah (VISS) is a learning community that supports the attainment of excellence. The school will produce students who are critical thinkers, confident, reflective and responsible global citizens, capable of facing the future with resilience and optimism.

VISS VALUES

Everything that the VISS community undertakes is underpinned by commitment to Excellence, Diversity, Learning, Integrity, and Community.



The school uses the Australian Early Years Framework, the Australian Curriculum (Victorian version) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program as its curriculum frameworks.

Subjects are taught in English, which is the official language of the school. VISS offers a wide array of subjects and programs across the school. Students undertake English; Mathematics; Science; units of Inquiry/ Humanities; Performing and Visual Art; HPE ;STEM and Arabic language. Islamic students also undertake Islamic studies. In the ELC we model the Victorian Early Years Framework. The curriculum is adapted as needed to suit the context and needs of an international school located in the Middle East.

VISS continues to work closely with the Victoria Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and the Department of Education in Victoria to establish a firm basis for K-10 curriculum development, improvement, and quality control as it has done since the opening of the school in 2007.

Pre-KG, KG, and Prep

VISS delivers the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF) curriculum in the Early Learning Centre. In addition, VISS delivers the Victorian Prep curriculum to its Prep year students.

Grades 1 to 10

VISS offers an Australian (Victorian) curriculum as approved by the Victoria Curriculum and Assessment Authority from Grades 1 to 10.

Grades 11 and 12

VISS is also an IB world School teaching the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Grades 11 and 12

