

CDNIS

# ADMISSIONS
## INFORMATION GUIDE

# WELCOME



Thank you for your interest in joining our wonderful community here at Canadian International School of Hong Kong. Selecting a school for your child is one of the most important decisions that any parent can make, and we are delighted you are considering CDNIS.

Each year, CDNIS attracts enthusiastic students seeking to join our Nursery (age 2) to Grade 12 programmes. Our Admissions Department is committed to enrolling, retaining, and graduating a community of lifelong learners dedicated to becoming responsible global citizens and leaders.

Before you apply, we encourage all prospective families to learn more about CDNIS. Feel free to contact our Admissions Department with any questions you may have about our school. Our Department is here to help you make the right choice for your child. We look forward to receiving your child's application.

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Director of Admissions

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*Please note: The information in this brochure was accurate at the time of publication, August 1, 2026. As programmes, policies, fees, and other school information may change from time to time, we encourage families to visit the CDNIS website or contact the Admissions Office for the most current information. CDNIS reserves the right to make changes without prior notice.*

# APPLY ONLINE

Canadian International School of Hong Kong seeks to admit students who will benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and who will flourish in our inquiry-based conceptual programme in the Lower School and a rigorous university-preparatory programme in the Upper School.

Prospective families are encouraged to review our Admissions Policy and Procedures prior to applying to CDNIS. We also recommend attending a school tour to experience our learning environment firsthand. Main campus tours take place every Tuesday when school is in session, while Early Years Centre (EYC) tours are held on Saturdays from September to November 2026. In addition, families are welcome to watch our informative webinars to gain a deeper understanding of our programmes and school community.

If you are unable to join a scheduled tour or have further questions, please contact our Admissions Department.

## ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

OCT 2 2026 — **EARLY YEARS 1 TO GRADE 5**

NOV 30 2026 — **NURSERY**

Starts from November 1, 2026 to November 30, 2026

DEC 31 2026 — **GRADE 6 TO GRADE 11**

# APPLICATION

## SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

### 1. APPLY ONLINE

Potential parents should click "**New Application**" to begin the application process. Please allow 45 minutes to one hour to complete the application process. You may save your data and return to your child(ren)'s application(s) at a later stage, if necessary. Existing CDNIS parents and parents who have already created an account in our Admissions Portal should apply via the "**Admissions Portal**" using your existing Veracross Login.

NEW APPLICATION

ADMISSIONS PORTAL

### 2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please have the following documents/information ready for the online application:

**Nursery application**

- Scanned copy of birth certificate
- Scanned copy of valid passport
- Scanned copy of a valid Hong Kong visa (if applicable)
- Scanned copy of valid Hong Kong Identity Card (if applicable)
- One passport size photograph (2 x 3 inches or 150 pixels X 225 pixels in JPG format)
- Scanned copy of playgroup report(s)/school performance or attendance proof (if applicable)
- Credit Card information for application fee payment

### EY1 to Grade 11 application

- Scanned copy of birth certificate
- Scanned copy of valid passport
- Scanned copy of a valid Hong Kong visa (if applicable)
- Scanned copy of valid Hong Kong Identity Card (if applicable)
- One passport size photograph (2 x 3 inches or 150 pixels X 225 pixels in JPG format)
- Scanned copy of school report(s) for the previous and current school years.

  (Early Years 1 candidates can submit this when it becomes available)

  - Please scan multiple pages of school report(s) in chronological order into a single PDF file, or compress multiple reports into a single zip file for upload.
  - If reports are not issued in English, please also provide a translated copy in English.
- Scanned copy of transcript (for Grade 10 and above applications)
- Credit Card information for application fee payment

**Please note that your child's application will not be processed if the required information and/or required documents are incomplete.**

## 3. STUDENT REFERENCE FORM

This form must be completed and sent to us directly by your child's current teacher(s). For EY1 applicants, this form must be completed by parent(s) or your child's current teacher(s).

EARLY YEARS 1

EARLY YEARS 2

PREP TO GRADE 2

GRADE 3 TO GRADE 5

GRADE 6 TO GRADE 12

## 4. APPLICATION AND ASSESSMENT FEES

### Nursery application

The application and assessment fee of HK$1,800 will be collected for processing your child's application and assessment scheduling. It is important to note that it is non-refundable, non-transferable and non-deferrable. The fee must be submitted through our online Admissions Portal.

### EY1 to Grade 11 application

Please note the application fee of HK$2,350 and assessment fee of HK$1,650 (should your child be selected for an assessment/interview) are non-refundable, non-transferable and non-deferrable. Both fees are required to be submitted through our online application system.

### 5. CONFIRM RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

The Admissions Department will confirm receipt of the application and contact parents for additional information/document(s), if required. Handling time will be prioritized on the year of entry.

### 6. PARENTAL AGREEMENT

Upon successful submission of the application, it is confirmed that Parent(s)/Legal Guardian understand and agree to the following:

- CDNIS requires all students to live with and be supervised by a parent or legal guardian who is a full-time resident of Hong Kong.
- In accordance with regulations of the Hong Kong Education Bureau and Hong Kong Immigration Department, all students joining CDNIS must hold a valid Hong Kong ID card and/or a valid passport with authorized residency status to be eligible for a place at CDNIS. A visitor visa does not entitle the holder to attend any school in Hong Kong.
- It is the responsibility of the parent(s)/legal guardian to make appropriate visa arrangement for the student(s) prior to start of school.
- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian give CDNIS permission to obtain records from the applicant's current and previous schools.
- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian are providing true and accurate information for this application. CDNIS reserves the right to restrict entry into, or withdrawal of a place from, the school.
- CDNIS reserves the right to revoke an offer of admission if it is found that any relevant reports/documents have been withheld.
- Parent(s)/Legal Guardian understand data collected will be used for processing the admission application only. Take a moment to learn more by reading our Privacy Policy.
- Application Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable, non-deferrable and valid for the applied academic year only. Collection of the application fee constitutes no assurance that a school place or an admissions assessment/interview will be offered.

## ADMISSIONS ASSESSMENTS

### Admissions Assessments and Interviews for the 2027/2028 School Year

Applicants who complete their application and submit all required documentation, while also meeting our assessment selection criteria, will be scheduled for an admissions assessment. The assessment format - on site, online, or a hybrid interview - depends on the grade level applied for. Assessments for Early Years through Grade 2 typically occur in November and December, Nursery assessments in January and February, and assessments for Grade 3 and above from February to April.

Admissions assessment/interview formats are subject to change at the discretion of the School.

## SCHOOL TOURS

We welcome prospective families who are interested in joining CDNIS to register for a campus tour to learn more about our school.

# AGE REQUIREMENTS

| GRADE LEVEL (2027/2028) | AGE RANGE |
|---|---|
| Nursery (Early Childhood, Bilingual, AM/PM) | September 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025 |
| Early Years 1 (Early Childhood, PYP, Bilingual, AM/PM) | September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024 |
| Early Years 2 (Early Childhood, PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 |
| Preparatory (Early Childhood, PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022 |
| Grade 1 (PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021 |
| Grade 2 (PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020 |
| Grade 3 (PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019 |
| Grade 4 (PYP, Bilingual) | September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 |
| Grade 5 (PYP) | September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017 |
| Grade 6 (MYP) | September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016 |
| Grade 7 (MYP) | September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015 |
| Grade 8 (MYP) | September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014 |
| Grade 9 (OSSD, MYP) | September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013 |
| Grade 10 (OSSD, MYP) | September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012 |
| Grade 11 (OSSD, DP) | September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011 |
| Grade 12 (OSSD, DP) | Applications Closed** |

Placement in Nursery, Early Years 1, Early Years 2, and Preparatory is determined primarily by age, as outlined in the "Age Range" table. For Grade 1 and above, age remains the key factor, but exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director of Admissions and the respective Principals, taking into account the applicant's educational attainment.

***Given the two-year structure of the IB Diploma Programme, Grade 12 applications are typically only considered for students who are already enrolled in an IB Diploma Programme.*

# ASSESSMENT SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants who complete their application and submit all required documentation, while also meeting our assessment selection criteria, will be scheduled for an admissions assessment/interview. The Admissions Department will contact the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian to arrange a date and time. All assessments/interviews are conducted by our admissions and academic staff, and formats may change at the school's discretion.

## NURSERY & EARLY YEARS 1

While academic reports are not mandatory for Nursery and Early Years 1 applications, due to the high volume of submissions, priority for scheduling assessments and interviews will be based on the following criteria. Applicants who fulfil one or more of these conditions will be scheduled for an assessment interview, provided all required documentation is submitted before the deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

- Applicants who are nominees under the Capital Debenture Programme/potential debenture holder
- Siblings of students enrolled at CDNIS
- Applicants who hold Canadian citizenship/Canadian passport (please provide a copy of citizenship certificate or passport with application)
- Children of alumni and staff
- Applicants who passed the admissions assessment and were waitlisted for the preceding school year

## EARLY YEARS 2 TO GRADE 12**

Early Years 2 through Grade 12 applications received before the deadline will be reviewed and considered for an admissions assessment/interview. However, applications for Early Years 1 to Grade 5 received after the October 2 deadline will not be considered. For Grade 6 and above applications submitted after the December 31 deadline may not be considered, subject to enrollment availability.

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# ASSESSMENT FORMAT

Applicants who complete their application and submit all required documentation, while also meeting our assessment selection criteria, will be scheduled for an admissions assessment/interview. The Admissions Department will contact the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian to arrange a date and time. All assessments/interviews are conducted by our admissions and academic staff, and formats may change at the school's discretion.

### Nursery

Assessments are held in January/February and on site at the CDNIS Early Years Centre (residing in Hong Kong) or via video assessment (overseas candidates).

### EY1

Assessments are held in November/December and on site at the CDNIS Early Years Centre (residing in Hong Kong) or via video assessment (overseas candidates).

### EY2 - Grade 2

Assessments are held in November/December and on site at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus (residing in Hong Kong) or via video assessment/online interview (overseas candidates).

### Grades 3-5

Assessments are held from February to April on site at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus (residing in Hong Kong) or via online interview (overseas candidates).

### Grades 6-12**

Assessments are held from February to April on site at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus (residing in Hong Kong) or via online interview (overseas candidates).

***Regardless of the applicant's place of residence, Grade 10 and above candidates may only be scheduled for an online interview, at the school's discretion.*

## NURSERY & EARLY YEARS 1

The Nursery and Early Years 1 assessments will be conducted at the CDNIS Early Years Centre. The assessment format will consist of a play-based activity designed to observe the applicant's progress across various developmental areas, including cognitive and motor skills and interaction with parents. Applications received after the respective deadline will not be considered.

- Duration: 45 to 60 minutes
- Play-based interview, group activities and chance for beginner's English/Mandarin conversation opportunities
- Review of playgroup/kindergarten school report(s) and school reference (if applicable)

## EARLY YEARS 2 & PREPARATORY

Admissions assessments for Early Years 2 and Preparatory will begin in November/December at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus for applicants who applied on or before the October 2 deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

- Duration: 45 to 60 minutes
- Play-based interview, group activities and chance for basic English/Mandarin conversation opportunities
- Review of playgroup/kindergarten school report(s) and school reference (Student Reference Form)

## GRADES 1-2

Admissions assessments for Grade 1-2 will begin in November/December at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus for applicants who applied on or before the October 2 deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

- Duration: 60 minutes
- Interview designed for the grade level with individual and group work activities
- An in-house designed work paper, which includes vocabulary, writing, reading, comprehension in English/Mandarin, mathematics and conversation skills
- Review of school reports and school reference (Student Reference Form)

## GRADES 3-5

Admissions assessments for Grades 3 to Grade 5 are held from February to April onsite at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus for applicants who applied on or before the October 2 deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

### Onsite Assessment

- Duration: 60 minutes
- Group activities and/or;
- An in-house designed work paper, which includes vocabulary, writing, reading, comprehension in English and mathematics skills
- For Grade 3 and 4, an in-house designed work paper for basic Mandarin literacy skills
- One-on-one interview with admissions/academic staff
- Review of previous and current school year reports and school reference (Student Reference Form)

### Online Interview**

- Duration: 60 minutes
- One-on-one interview with admissions/academic staff
- Review of previous and current school year reports and school reference (Student Reference Form)

** An online interview will be held if an on site assessment cannot be scheduled for candidates not residing in Hong Kong.*

## GRADES 6-12**

Admissions assessments for Grades 6 to 12 are held from February to April at the CDNIS Nam Long Shan campus for applicants who applied on or before the December 31 deadline. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered, subject to enrollment availability.

### On site Assessment

- Duration 1 to 1.5 hours
- Group activities and/or;
- Literacy test to write a short piece about a prescribed topic and/or;
- One-on-one interview with admissions/academic staff
- Review of previous and current school year reports, Student Application Questionnaire, school reference (Student Reference Form) and official transcript (for grades 10 and above)

### Online Interview*

- Duration: 10 to 15 minutes
- One-on-one interview with admissions/academic staff
- Review of previous and current school year reports, Student Application Questionnaire, school reference (Student Reference Form) and official transcript (for grades 10 and above)

** An online interview will be held if an on site assessment cannot be scheduled for candidates not residing in Hong Kong.*

***Regardless of the applicant's place of residence, Grade 10 and above candidates may only be scheduled for an online interview, at the school's discretion.*

# ACCEPTANCE SCREENING PROCESS

The screening takes place in two stages. Applicants who do not meet the Stage 1 requirements will not undergo the Stage 2 process.

### Stage 1

The following criteria are considered, the weighting of which varies, depending on the applicant's age/entering grade:

- Admissions assessment/interview results
- Previous and current school results
- Student Reference Form (not applicable to Nursery admissions)

### Applicants will then be ranked as follows:

- Excellent: exceeds the school's expectations for the grade level to which the application is made
- Good: meets expectations
- Marginal: approaching expectations; only admitted in extenuating circumstances
- Not suitable: does not meet school expectations for the grade level to which the application is made

### Stage 2

Applicants ranked under Excellent and Good will proceed to Stage 2 of the screening process. Applications and priorities are weighted according to the following criteria:

- Debenture holder/potential debenture holder
- Sibling(s) attends CDNIS
- Applicant holds Canadian citizenship/Canadian Passport

The Director of Admissions and respective Principals of each of the Lower and Upper Schools make admissions decisions for their respective schools.

## ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

Once a student has been accepted, pending available seats, they will be offered placement through written notification to their parents or legal guardian. Applicants who pass the admissions assessment/interview will be placed in the waiting pool for the applied academic year when placements are full. There is no guarantee of placements. Applications and waitpool status do not carry over to subsequent school years. Waitlisted applicants must apply again if they wish to enroll in future years.

### Nursery Acceptance

Subject to available seats, successful applicants will receive a placement offer via email to their parent(s) or legal guardian. To secure the Nursery placement, a post-dated cheque for the first month's tuition and completion of the online enrollment process are required before the start of school. Please refer to the Tuition & Fees page for additional details.

It's important to note that there is no direct promotion from Nursery to Early Years 1 (EY1). All Nursery students must undergo an internal assessment to advance to EY1, for which a related assessment fee will be collected in due course.

### EY1 to Grade 12 Acceptance

Upon receipt of the letter of acceptance, your child's placement will be confirmed upon payment of the reservation deposit and completion of the online enrollment process. The reservation deposit will then be credited towards the first term's tuition fee and capital levy.

For students accepted for immediate enrollment, full payment of the prorated tuition fee is required prior to the start of classes. Please refer to our Tuition & Fees page for additional details.

# TUITION AND FEES

Canadian International School of Hong Kong is a not-for-profit school and its operating costs are met from school fees. Please read this section carefully as it details the fees charged in applying for a place at Canadian International School of Hong Kong and the CDNIS Early Years Centre and subsequent entry to the appropriate grade level including the following: application and assessment fees, school fees and debentures (as applicable). Fees are reviewed annually and set by the school's Board of Governors in late spring for the following year.

## NURSERY

### SCHOOL FEES (NURSERY)

## All amounts in HK$

### Annual Tuition Fees

| GRADE | TUITION FEE (2026/2027) |
|---|---|
| Nursery (Half Day) (Bilingual) | $142,780 (in 11 installments) |

The tuition fee for Nursery is paid in 11 installments. School places will only be reserved after the school receives **the first month tuition installment.**

Tuition fees are non-refundable in the event your child withdraws from the school.

Please email our Finance Department if you have any questions.

### Other Costs

Other education related costs on top of tuition may include but are not limited to: compulsory school uniforms, certain student activites for non-curricular programmes (optional), and some educational resources and materials (optional).

### APPLICATION FEE

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| **Application Fee** (The application fee collected is used for the admissions process for Nursery) | $1,800 |

### Note

1. All fees and costs (including application fee, tuition fee, and other costs) are in Hong Kong Dollars (HK$) non-refundable, non-transferable and non-deferrable.
2. The Nursery seat will only be secured by settling the first month tuition installment, and the application fee on or before the payment deadline. The child will not be allowed to attend classes if all relevant fees and costs are not settled.
3. Parents are fully responsible for the payment of all fees and costs, regardless of whether they are paid by their employers or other third parties.
4. When a student joins the school in Nursery at a time other than the beginning of a school term, the tuition fee of the first month will be charged on a pro-rata basis (based on an 11-month school year) according to the following arrangement:
   - Student joining between 1st and 15th day of a month: full month's tuition fee will be charged
   - Student joining between 16th and last day of a month: half a month's tuition fee will be charged.

# PAYMENT DEADLINES AND METHODS

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| **Application Fee** | Pay upon the online submission.<br>Payments must be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only). |
| **First Month Tuition Installment** | Per acceptance letter. |
| **Tuition Fee from 2nd Month Onwards** | Starting from the second enrollment month, the tuition fee must be paid by auto direct debit on the 2nd day of each month. It will be processed on the next business day if it falls on a weekend or public holiday. |

# DEBENTURES

Nursery students will not need to pay the capital levy or be a holder of a debenture. However, should you be interested in the debenture programme, please refer to debenture details under the EY1 - Grade 12 section below.

# EARLY YEARS 1 - GRADE 12

## SCHOOL FEES (EY1 - GR 12)

## All amounts in HK$

### Annual Tuition Fees

| GRADE | TUITION FEE (2026/2027) |
|---|---|
| Early Years 1 (Half Day) (Bilingual) | $161,000 |
| Early Years 2 (Whole Day) (Bilingual) | $209,200 |
| Preparatory to Grade 2 (Bilingual) | $217,200 |
| Grade 3 (Bilingual) | $200,000 |
| Grade 4 to Grade 5 | $200,000 |
| Grade 6 to Grade 8 | $223,100 |
| Grade 9 to Grade 10 | $244,800 |
| Grade 11 to Grade 12 | $261,500 |

The tuition fee for Grade 4 and above includes the technology fee ($1,500), the IBDP examination fee ($6,000), and IBDP text book fee in Grades 11-12 ($2,000). Annual tuition fees are invoiced in two installments. Full amounts of the annual capital levy (if applicable) and the entry fee (for new students) are invoiced together with the first term tuition fee.

Please email our Finance Department if you have any questions.

#### Entry Fee

The entry fee of $12,500 is a 'one time only' fee for new students in EY1 and above, is non-refundable and non-prorated. For students who leave the school and return within a two-year period, the entry fee will be waived.

#### Annual Capital Levy

Students admitted to CDNIS in EY1 and above must either pay an annual capital levy or be covered by a debenture. Nursery students will not need to pay the capital levy or be a holder of a debenture. The annual capital levy is a non-refundable fee of $43,000*. The capital levy is used to meet the capital needs of the school such as the costs for the development of the campus facilities and infrastructure. Please note that the annual capital levy may be reviewed and adjusted from time to time.

*pending EDB approval.

#### Reservation Deposit

A reservation deposit of $80,000 is required for students in EY1 and above enrolling in the school for the academic year 2026/2027. In order to secure a place, registration will only be completed after the school has received the reservation deposit and all outstanding tuition fee, other fees, and other costs are settled.

### Other Costs

Other education related costs on top of tuition may include but are not limited to:

Compulsory and available through vendors:

- School Uniforms
- 1-to-1 iPad purchase (Grade 1-3)
- Laptop purchase (Grade 4-12)

Optional but strongly encouraged as an integral part of the programme:

- Field Trips
- Milestone Celebrations (Grade 8)
- Experience Week Programmes (Grade 3-12) with costs ranging from $1,500 to $60,000.

Optional but strongly encouraged for logistical, safety and environmental sustainability purposes:

- School Bus

Optional and available through catering services at school cafeteria:

- School Lunch

## APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT FEES

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|---|---|
| **Application Fee for EY1 and above** (For online application processing, review and screening of application information and documents for students) | $2,350 |
| **Assessment Fee** (In-house assessment/interview materials based on the entry level. One-on-one or group admissions assessment and/or online interview) | $1,650 |

### Note

1. All fees are non-refundable, non-deferrable and non-transferable.
2. The school will not reserve a seat for a student in EY1 and above if all the relevant fees have not been paid in full before the payment deadline.
3. The students will not be allowed to attend classes if the annual tuition fee, annual capital levy and entry fee, relevant fees and costs are not settled.
4. Parents are fully responsible for the payment of all fees, regardless of whether the fees are paid by their employers or other third parties.
5. The school reserves the right to revise the above fees and policies at any time at its sole discretion.
6. There is no direct promotion from Nursery to Early Years 1 (EY1). All Nursery students are required to undergo an internal assessment to be promoted to EY1. A related internal assessment fee will be collected in due course.
7. When a student joins the school in EY1 and above at a time other than the beginning of a school term, the annual capital levy (if applicable) and entry fee will be payable in full, and tuition fees will be charged on a pro-rata basis (based on a 10-month school year) according to the following arrangement:

   - Student joining between 1st and 15th day of a month: full month's tuition fee will be charged

   - Student joining between 16th and last day of a month: half a month's tuition fee will be charged

# PAYMENT DEADLINES

## APPLICANTS/INCOMING STUDENTS (EY1 AND ABOVE)

| | PAYMENT DEADLINE |
|---|---|
| Application Fee | Upon the online submission |
| Assessment Fee | As indicated in notice |
| Reservation Deposit | Per acceptance letter |
| Tuition Fee, Annual Capital Levy and Entry Fee | As stated in the invoice |

# PAYMENT METHODS

Fees/capital levy must be settled in Hong Kong Dollars. The school does not accept cash, PayMe, cheque or cash cheque payments.

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| **Application Fee & Assessment Fee** | Payments must be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only) through our **online application process**. |
| **Reservation Deposit, Entry Fee & Other Fees** | Payments are to be made by bank transfer (see details below).<br>You must email an image of the transfer slip to Admissions Payment Proof.<br>Please quote your child's full name as payment reference in the email. |

## For Bank Transfer

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| **Beneficiary Bank** | The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited |
| **Account Name** | Canadian International School of Hong Kong Limited |
| **Bank Code** | 004 |
| **Account Number** | 499-106128-001 |
| **SWIFT Code** | HSBCHKHHHKH |
| **Bank Address** | HSBC Main Building, No.1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong |

# DEBENTURES

Students admitted to CDNIS in EY1 and above must either pay an annual capital levy or be covered by a debenture. It should be noted that one debenture can only nominate one student.

In order to meet the long-term financial commitments of the school, a debenture programme was introduced in 1993. The supplemental capital has been fully used to complete the campus and fund various long-term projects. Currently, CDNIS is not issuing any new debentures, and all debenture transactions are between existing debenture holders and existing CDNIS students (without debenture) or newly admitted students (without debenture). CDNIS will not facilitate any debenture transaction with respect to non-CDNIS students or non-newly admitted students.

It should be noted that debentures are matched to buyers in the order in which transfer forms were received. A transfer can only go ahead once the buyer's child has secured a firm place at the school. The number of transfers therefore depends on admissions and on how many places are available. Transfers are processed in batches that follow the school's admission cycles, so the list generally moves after each admissions cycle and the related approvals are completed. A position may also move up when other sellers withdraw their requests.

CDNIS has not issued new debentures for some years. All debenture transactions take place between existing debenture holders and either existing CDNIS students or newly admitted students (without a debenture). CDNIS is neither a buyer nor a seller in these transactions; and their role is to facilitate transfers between a willing seller and a willing buyer. The school has no policy or plan to buy back debentures.

## CDNIS Debenture Programme

- Although not an admission requirement, applicants who hold a CDNIS debenture or who have applied for a debenture will be given priority upon meeting the admission assessment requirements.
- To be an eligible debenture purchaser, the buyer must be for an existing CDNIS student or an accepted CDNIS student.
- CDNIS will process debenture transfers throughout the year, it should be noted that CDNIS will usually process debentures in batch correlated to the admission cycles of the school.
- The debenture holder will be exempted from paying the annual capital levy, which is payable by non-debenture holders.
- A debenture or application for a debenture does not guarantee the placement of an applicant. All candidates must be assessed and must meet the school's entry criteria.
- Terms and conditions of our Gold Corporate Debenture, Canadian Consulate Debenture and Capital Debenture.
- Please note there is a collection agreement between Canadian International School of Hong Kong and Canadian International School of Hong Kong Limited for the collection of other charges. For further information please contact the debenture programme manager.

Please note that at this time there are **NO** new debentures issued by CDNIS. Debentures are available for transfer on the second-hand market. The school is the sole authorized facilitator of all debenture transactions. Any private transitions conducted without the school's confirmation are not legitimate and will not be recognized by the school.

Indicative transfer prices on the second-hand market are (as of May 2026):

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|---|---|
| Capital Debenture Transfer | HK$2,800,000 |
| Gold Corporate Debenture | HK$10,000,000 |

For more information about debentures, please contact the Debenture Programme Manager by email debenture@cdnis.edu.hk.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

We are proud to offer a range of scholarships designed to recognize and support exceptional students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievements, leadership qualities, and a strong commitment to personal and community development. Through our various scholarship programmes, we aim to provide deserving students with opportunities to excel and reach their fullest potential. These scholarships not only offer financial assistance but also open doors to unique experiences, mentorship, and a supportive network. Discover more about our scholarship programmes, the incredible opportunities it provides for our students and the outstanding students who have been awarded these scholarships.

## CDNIS SCHOLARSHIP

CDNIS is committed to encouraging and rewarding excellence of our newly admitted Upper School students. The CDNIS Scholarship is by invitation and is awarded to deserving new Upper School students who have shown a consistent track record of high performance and achievement in their previous school(s).

### The awardee must meet the following criteria for the CDNIS Scholarship:

- Must be qualified for admission to CDNIS and meet all entrance requirements to the highest standards
- Excellent records from his/her current school in academic achievement along with achievement in the arts, sports or community service
- This scholarship may be renewed annually up to and including Grade 12 provided that the scholar achieves a continuous excellent academic record and demonstrates exemplary conduct

## JOCKEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Jockey Club Scholarship is an annual award donated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The scholarship is presented to three students at the end of their Grade 10 year who are returning to CDNIS in grades 11 and 12. The value of the scholarship is 50% of the annual Tuition Fee for each of the student's Grade 11 and 12 years. Criteria for the award includes academic achievement as well as leadership within the school and contribution to the CDNIS community.

### Awardees must meet the following criteria for the Jockey Club Scholarship:

- Be a current Grade 10 CDNIS student
- Be returning to CDNIS for Grades 11 and 12
- Demonstrate excellent academic ability
- Participate in a leadership role in extra-curricular activities
- Be involved in service activities inside and/or outside of school

# FAQ

**1. What are the main entry points to CDNIS?**

The main entry points to CDNIS are Nursery and Grade 6, although applications to other grade levels are considered based on availability.

**2. What curriculum does CDNIS offer?**

CDNIS is an accredited IB World School, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), Middle Years Programme (MYP), and Diploma Programme (DP).

In the Upper School, the MYP and DP are intentionally integrated with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), creating a coherent learning pathway that balances inquiry, academic rigour, and personalised support.

**3. What languages are taught at CDNIS?**

CDNIS offers a strong multilingual programme. From Nursery to Grade 3, and expanding one grade level at a time through Grade 5 by the 2028/2029 school year, students participate in our English/Mandarin bilingual programme.

In the Upper School, English, Mandarin and French are offered in the Transitions Years (Grades 6 to 8).

In the High School, English is the primary language of instruction. Students may choose to continue studying Mandarin or French, with Spanish offered in Grades 11 and 12.

**4. Is there automatic progression from Nursery to Early Years 1?**

No. Nursery students must undergo an internal assessment to be considered for entry into Early Years 1.

**5. How is grade placement determined?**

Placement in Nursery, Early Years 1, Early Years 2 and Preparatory is determined primarily by age, as outlined in the Age Range table.

For Grade 1 and above, age remains the primary factor; however, exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director of Admissions and the relevant Principal(s), taking into account the applicant's educational attainment.

**6. What learning support services are available?**

CDNIS offers learning support services to assist students where appropriate, subject to available resources.

**7. Are school buses available? Is a school lunch programme offered?**

Yes, at the main campus only. School bus services are available through an external provider and are strongly encouraged where possible to support campus safety, traffic flow and sustainability efforts. Optional lunch services are offered through our catering partner.

**8. Is admissions assessment guaranteed after the application has been successfully submitted?**

No. Admissions assessments are offered based on availability and applicant suitability. For details, please refer to the Assessment Selection Criteria section on the Apply Online page of our website.