



聖保羅男女中學

ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

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SCHOOL St. Paul's Co-educational College (SPCC) was founded by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (the Hong Kong Anglican Church) in 1915. It provides secondary education from Grade 7 through to Grade 12. The total enrolment presently stands at 1235. Whole person education, laid down in its mission statement and reflected through the SPCC Student Profile, is at the core of the educational philosophy of SPCC. It has always championed academic excellence and lifelong learning and has historically been highly respected for musical excellence. The school has also been recognised for the valuable contributions its graduates, being leaders in their respective professions, have made to the Hong Kong community.

SPCC is a Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) school and has adopted a 'through-train' mode with its linked primary school since 2002. Being a DSS school, SPCC has been able to provide greater curriculum choices, a low student-teacher ratio and exceptional and challenging educational experiences through extra-curricular activities. These has enhanced our reputation as a leading institution in Hong Kong.

VISION In the spirit of faith, hope and love, our vision is to instil in our students a culture of excellence, high moral values, an altruistic spirit, a passion for lifelong learning and a global perspective.

INTAKE The 'through-train' mode allows SPCC to admit to its Grade 7 all Grade 6 graduates of its linked primary school. Therefore entry to SPCC Primary School is highly competitive. For example, it received more than 4900 applications for its 140 places in Grade 1 for the 2018-2019 academic year. Discretionary admission to the remaining 90 places in Grade 7 is based on merit and there are on average approximately 15 applications for each of these places.

STUDENTS' BACKGROUND SPCC is a local school with majority of its student population ethnic Chinese who were born and brought up in Hong Kong. Most of them have Cantonese as their mother tongue.

LANGUAGE POLICY English is the medium of instruction in all subjects except Chinese Language, Chinese Literature and Chinese History. Chinese Language is taught in Putonghua (Mandarin Chinese) from Grade 7 to Grade 9. All other Chinese-related subjects are taught in Cantonese.

CURRICULUM Grade 7 to Grade 9 students follow a common programme of study. This includes English Language, Chinese Language, Mathematics and Liberal studies, as well as a suite of humanities, sciences and cultural subjects. This comprehensive and well-balanced school-based programme prepares SPCC students to make an informed choice between following in Grade 10 the three-year Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and a preparatory year leading to the two-year IB Diploma Programme in Grade 11 and Grade 12. Both our DSE and IBDP students achieve admirable results that allow them to receive offers of admission and scholarship from top local and overseas universities.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN HKDSE

The percentage of students achieving the grade of 5** or 5* in the HKDSE examination 2017 (5** and 5* being highest achievable grades):

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>All Candidates in Hong Kong %</i> | <i>SPCC Students %</i> | <i>No of SPCC Students who sat the exam</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Chinese Language | 3.4 | 39.3 | 112 |
| English Language | 3.8 | 81.3 | 112 |
| Liberal Studies | 3.4 | 44.6 | 112 |
| Mathematics – Compulsory Part | 5.8 | 68.8 | 112 |
| Module I – Calculus & Statistics | 13.1 | 65.0 | 20 |
| Module II – Algebra & Calculus | 16.5 | 92.3 | 26 |
| Chemistry | 10.7 | 68.4 | 98 |
| Biology | 7.5 | 56.9 | 65 |
| Physics | 11.6 | 71.2 | 66 |
| Economics | 7.3 | 55.0 | 60 |
| Geography | 5.0 | 42.9 | 21 |
| History | 5.8 | 30.8 | 13 |
| Chinese Literature | 4.8 | 42.9 | 7 |

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN IBDP

Our students' average score in the IB diploma examination 2017 was 41.2 points (out of 45). The world average was 30.0 points. 97% of our students graduated with bilingual diplomas.

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>Average Grade Worldwide</i> | <i>Average Grade of SPCC Students</i> | <i>No of SPCC Students who sat the exam</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Chinese A: Lang and Literature HL | 5.84 | 6.80 | 5 |
| Chinese A: Lang and Literature SL | 5.77 | 6.12 | 52 |
| English A: Literature HL | 4.79 | 6.29 | 24 |
| English A: Literature SL | 5.03 | 5.70 | 10 |
| Chinese B – CANTONESE HL | 6.80 | 7.00 | 2 |
| English B HL | 5.72 | 6.44 | 25 |
| French AB. SL | 4.92 | 6.67 | 3 |
| Economics HL in ENGLISH | 5.15 | 6.56 | 27 |
| Economics SL in ENGLISH | 4.72 | 6.47 | 15 |
| Env. And Soc. SL in ENGLISH | 4.19 | 6.75 | 8 |
| Geography HL in ENGLISH | 5.20 | 6.14 | 7 |
| Geography SL in ENGLISH | 4.80 | 6.00 | 2 |
| History SL in ENGLISH | 4.60 | 7.00 | 1 |
| Hist. Asia/OCE HL in ENGLISH | 5.19 | 6.50 | 18 |
| Biology HL in ENGLISH | 4.32 | 6.21 | 24 |
| Biology SL in ENGLISH | 4.20 | 6.54 | 13 |
| Chemistry HL in ENGLISH | 4.48 | 6.61 | 23 |
| Chemistry SL in ENGLISH | 3.95 | 6.47 | 19 |
| Physics HL in ENGLISH | 4.65 | 6.22 | 9 |
| Physics SL in ENGLISH | 4.08 | 6.67 | 6 |
| Mathematics HL in ENGLISH | 4.72 | 6.38 | 21 |
| Mathematics SL in ENGLISH | 4.37 | 6.50 | 38 |
| Music HL in ENGLISH | 4.53 | 7.00 | 2 |

GRADUATING CLASSES The Grade 12 graduating classes usually have 100% entry to bachelor's degree courses in Hong Kong and around the world.

The majority of our students further their studies at local universities. In 2016-2017, of our 171 graduating students, 38 took up places in Medicine or Dentistry at the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, while 22 took up places in Law and its double degree courses.

A selection of overseas universities that offered SPCC students places in 2017 includes:

USA

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| Brown University | University of Chicago |
| Boston University | University of Pennsylvania |
| Cornell University | University of Southern California |
| Columbia University | University of California Berkeley |
| Carnegie Mellon University | University of California, Los Angeles |
| Duke University | University of Michigan |
| Georgetown University | |

Canada

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| McGill University | University of British Columbia |
| University of Toronto | |

UK

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| Durham University | Imperial College London |
| King's College London | London School of Economics |
| Royal Academy of Music | University College London |
| University of Bath | University of Bristol |
| University of Cambridge | University of Edinburgh |
| University of Exeter | University of Oxford |
| University of St. Andrews | University of Surrey |
| University of Warwick | University of York |

Others

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| National University of Singapore | Sciences-Po Columbia |
| Singapore University of Technology | USC–HKUST–Bocconi |
| Yale-NUS | |

TRANSCRIPT We do not rank the students or issue GPAs. Our transcript grading system is based on internal examinations. For all students in Grade 7 to Grade 9 and for HKDSE students D is a pass and F is a fail. Prep Year and IBDP students' transcripts are graded in accordance with IB grades, with 1 being the lowest score and 7 the highest.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPCC has since inception made the development of well-rounded young men and women a priority. Students attend international conferences and exchange programmes that span the world. 'Rites of Passage' is a four-week adventure-based experiential learning programme in Australia for all 9th grade students. Student Activities Week each November emphasises experiential learning in the local community, nationally and internationally.

SPCC has a long and accomplished musical heritage. On any given day of the school year, music can be heard around the campus, as members of the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, Orchestra, and Wind Band gather and make music together. In addition to the various music groups, we also offer a Chamber Music Programme, Instrumental Classes, and the Pianists' Chamber, as well as a Programme for the Musically Gifted.

Student exchange programmes have been established with our sister schools in Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and North America. The programmes vary in length from one to six weeks and are of both homestay and dormitory kinds. Exchange programmes are currently in place with:

- Presbyterian Ladies' College, Sydney, Australia
- St Andrew's Cathedral School, Sydney, Australia
- Beijing No 4 High School, Beijing, China
- High School Affiliated to Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- High School Attached to Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- Nankai High School, Tianjin, China
- Shanghai High School, Shanghai, China
- Lycée Saint-Vincent, Senlis, France
- Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, Singapore
- School of the Arts, Singapore
- Herschel Girls' School, Cape Town, South Africa
- Westville Boys' High School, Westville, South Africa
- CheongShim International Academy, Gyenggido, South Korea
- Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts, USA

SPCC also ensures that its students have the best of global exposure through international conferences organised jointly with local and overseas secondary and tertiary institutions and by international organisations such as the Round Square, of which SPCC is a global member.

Our students eagerly join all manner of competitions and particularly have a tradition of success in science and mathematics. Recent accolades included representing Hong Kong in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, championship in the HK screening of the International Junior Science Olympiad and first ranking in the HK Team in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship.

There is also a full roster of clubs, societies and sports teams through which students explore their potential in language arts, thespian pursuits, civic and moral development and athletic talents.