

Dear DBS students and parents,

Boarding School – A Rewarding Experience

One great opportunity that DBS has over many other schools in Hong Kong is the chance to be a boarder.

Information Session: 7:30pm 10th June 2009, School Hall, Parents and prospective boarders welcome!
Please RSVP: dbsboarding@dbs.edu.hk / 27122702 with name & number attending.

Applications: Return attached application form to the school office **by 19th June, 2009**

Group interviews through June / July; Acceptance notification expected by 15th July 2009.

Fees: One-semester - \$25,000 (5 months, Sem 1: Sep '09 – Jan '10 OR Sem 2: Feb '10 – Jul '10)
Whole-year - \$50,000 (10.5 months Sep '09 – Jul '10)
Until public exam - \$40,000 (8 months Sep '09 – Apr '10, F5 and U6 students only)
Paid by monthly installment + deposit. Fees remission follows school fees remission scheme.

Why is being a boarder such a great opportunity?

1) Being Independent

When you move into the boarding house, you are taking the first steps to being independent. There may be many things that you may never have tried or done, and the boarding school is a perfect, safe environment for you to learn about them. There is a certain freedom that comes from being independent, and also a real responsibility that comes from that freedom. Are you ready to give it a try?

2) More Time = Learning More + Doing More + Playing More

Boarders travel less and are much closer to all things at school. This results in the average boarder having more time to do things that matter to them, including more time to study, more time to get involved in sports, music and other activities, and more time to play. Add to that the fact that you live with up to 100 friends that you can learn from and spend that extra time with.

3) Balancing Your Life

The boarding school is not in a classroom – it is real life. And at DBS Boarding School we are always learning in real time. While we do focus some time on study and school work, we also think that other things are important too, such as creative and cultural activities, exercise, service, personal goals and spiritual development. We all work at trying new things, improving the things we are good at and living a balanced, well-rounded lifestyle. After all – you've only got one life, so live it!

4) Your Support Network

From friends to room-mates to mentors to tutors, staff and the community, the boarding school offers support for all aspects of your life. There are staff and prefects always on hand to give you any help or guidance. We offer tutorials in Chinese, English and Maths, as well as homework support. The nursing assistant lives in the boarding house, as do many of the boarding staff. This means you can try new things, learn more and live your life knowing that you've got a lot of support behind you!

5) Being Better Prepared For Life

Living with other people is not always easy. At boarding school you get a first hand experience at problem solving and interacting with other people. You gain vital life skills, such as time management, conflict resolution and interpersonal communication. There are also ample opportunities for service, leadership and responsibility. It's no wonder that studies from the US and UK suggest that students from boarding schools feel more prepared for university and later life!

For more information, please feel free to visit our website at <http://www2.dbs.edu.hk/boarding>, or contact the boarding school at 2712 2702, dbsboarding@dbs.edu.hk.

Yours in boarding,