



# Diocesan Boys' School

## School Profile 2022 - 2023

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**CEEB Code:** 670470  
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### Centre for Further Studies and Careers (CFC)

The CFC supports, equips and prepares students throughout their secondary education for their local and overseas further studies or careers.

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#### Responsible Regions

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## DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL

Diocesan Boys' School (DBS) was founded in 1869 and provides a liberal education based on Christian principles, offering a well-balanced curriculum for the development of the whole person. DBS has a reputation for academic excellence, with students achieving outstanding results in both the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). The school is also well known for its celebrated sports and music programmes, and for providing students with valuable opportunities to join and lead numerous clubs and societies.

#### Accreditation:

Registered member of the Hong Kong Education Bureau | Authorised IB World School and AFEC-Accredited Athlete-Friendly School.

#### Enrolment:

Grade 7 – 12: Total of around 1,400 students

#### Average Class Size and Structure:

Grade 7 to 9: 27 students per class; 6 classes | Grade 10 to 12: (NSS) 28 students per class; 6 classes | (IB) 30 students per class; 2 classes

## SCHOOL DISRUPTION SINCE 2019

Our students have faced many challenges in the past few years. Academic disruptions started as early as November 2019 due to the pro-democratic protests. As our school is located where active protests took place, and we were suspended for a week in November as required by the Education Bureau (EDB). Unfortunately, schools were forced to close for an extended period (from February to late May 2020) due to COVID-19 and teaching shifted online. In 2020-21 academic year, instructions were completely online for 21% of the school year. Extensive school closures, reduced teaching time, exam cancellation and prohibition of all ECA and external activities such as competitions, internships, summer courses, and CAS activities have caused a huge disruption to the normal teaching and learning of our students. Having reached sufficient vaccination rate, DBS has finally resumed full-day face-to-face instruction in mid-September 2022. However, strict quarantine and isolation orders, compulsory testing and travel bans imposed by the Government continues to disrupt the students' schooling. Despite these challenging circumstances, we are proud of our teachers and students who have done their best to uphold the academic rigor and standard of excellence.



# ACADEMICS

**Medium of instruction:** Lessons are conducted in English, with the exception of Chinese and French subjects.

**Curriculum:** From Grade 7 to Grade 9, students follow a general DBS Curriculum. From Grade 10 to 12, Students can choose either the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP). IB enrolment is capped by the government at 60 students per grade to maintain the "Direct-Subsidy School" status.

**Grading System and Ranking Policy:** GPA is not calculated and students are not ranked.

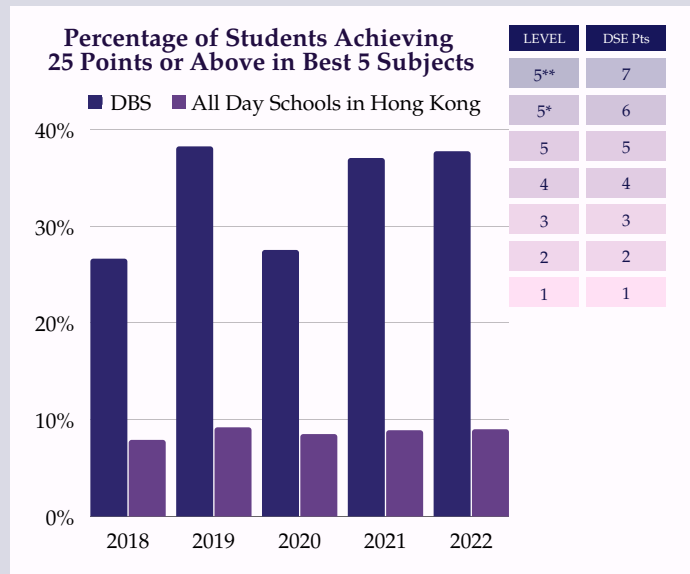
**Rigorous Academic Culture:** Unlike grading systems commonly used in North American schools, a C at DBS is considered to be a good performance in a class of academically competitive and competent students. Teachers would often set the Grade 11 exams at the standard expected of them in the actual public examination. Therefore, it is common for our students to have lower Grade 11 grades than their Grade 12 predicted grades, which are a more accurate indicator of what teachers believe they would achieve in the actual HKDSE/IB exams. Grade 11 is also a challenging year for our students as they are thrown in the deep end, while juggling a lot of extra-curricular responsibilities, which our students have a lot of.

## HONG KONG DIPLOMA FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (HKDSE)

Our HKDSE Section offers extensive subject combinations to develop students' versatile talents. Students can choose to take Design & Applied Technology, Ethics & Religious Studies, and other courses with equal emphasis on practice and theory linked to professional and vocational fields under Applied Learning apart from traditional subjects.

More info can be found at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/) and [www.sites.google.com/db.s.edu.hk/nss](http://www.sites.google.com/db.s.edu.hk/nss) respectively.

Most students in our HKDSE section take 6 or more subjects. The following shows the achievements of our students in the last five years:



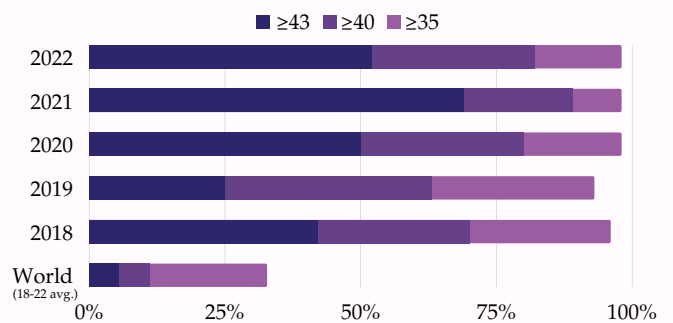
## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (IBDP)

Our IB Section has consistently ranked Top 3 in the Global Top IB Schools in the past 5 years. Since 2009, DBS has started offering the IBDP as an alternative pathway into tertiary education. Students start with our Grade 10 Bridging Program, which builds on the skills necessary to succeed in the IBDP in Grades 11 and 12. For more details about the DBS IBDP Curriculum, you may visit: [www.ib.dbs.edu.hk](http://www.ib.dbs.edu.hk).

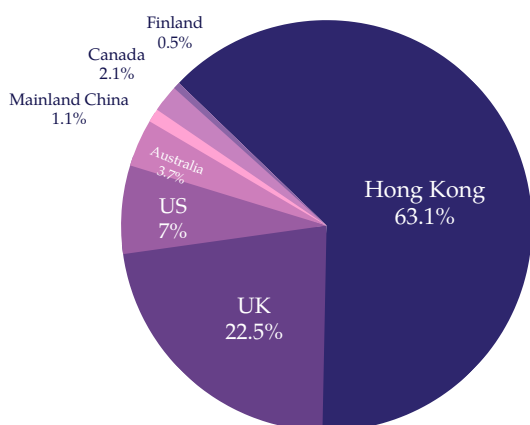
Mean Total Points Attained by DBS IB Diploma Graduates out of 45

COHORT	DBS	WORLD
2022	42	32
2021	43	33
2020	42	31.3
2019	40.3	29.7
2018	41	29.8

Proportion of Cohort Attainment at Key Tiers in Total Score Achieved



## MATRICULATION BY COUNTRY 2021 - 2022



COUNTRY / REGION	NO. OF GRADUATES
Hong Kong	118
United Kingdom	42
United States	13
Australia	7
Mainland China	2
Canada	4
Finland	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities are at the heart of DBS students' life. We have over 140 clubs and societies, majority of which are student run. Afterschool activities were suspended due to the pandemic and EDB policies, and have just resumed in September 2022.



### MUSIC

DBS's renowned music programmes often earn international recognition. DBS has four orchestras specializing in Western and Chinese music, six choirs, and numerous ensembles. From 2019 to 2021, the pandemic led to the cancellation of Hong Kong's most prestigious inter-school music competition. Members of the instrumental and vocal teams had to move their rehearsals online, launching a hybrid online and onsite event "DBS Music Medley 2021" broadcasted locally and overseas. The choral teams are also preparing for the upcoming World Choir Games in Gangneung, South Korea.



### S.T.E.M

DBS is also well-known for its academic excellence, achieving outstanding results in national and international science competitions. Despite the pandemic, our students won gold medals in the International Mathematics, Informatics, Physics and Psychology Olympiads (IMO, IOI, IPhO, IPsyO) 2021, the International Biology Olympiad 2019, as well as the Overall Championship in the Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics 2020-21, and the Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad 2022. Our robotics team has also achieved 3rd Place in the FIRST Into Orbit FLL competition held in Flagstaff, Arizona in 2019 and is now focusing on more challenging competitions such as the FIRST Tech Challenge.



### SPORTS

The school has 23 inter-school sports teams and 8 inter-house sports teams. In the 2021-22 academic year, sports trainings were affected due to closure of public facilities and shortened school hours from the pandemic. Despite the restrictions, our sports teams managed to capture a total of 8 Overall Champion Titles in Athletics, Swimming, Lifesaving, Badminton, Fencing, Table Tennis, Tennis and Squash recently with the resumption of most inter-school sports competitions. We also came second in Archery, Basketball and Water Polo. Interschool competitions for football and volleyball will resume in this academic year, which our sports teams are working hard to prepare for.



### DEBATE, MOCK TRIAL & PUBLIC SPEAKING

As a prominent public speaking school in Hong Kong, our students have joined the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championship (WIDPSC) on 11 occasions since 2018, three even serving as team captains. At the International Public Speaking Contest (IPSC) hosted by the ESU, a student advanced to the Grand Finals in April 2022, ranking sixth in a competition with over 1 million contestants. Our students' skills also extend to debating and mooting. The debating team has brought home the champion in over 10 regional and international competitions, including the Bar Association Debating Championships, the city's most prestigious debating competition on legal issues; in addition, the team also emerged victorious from the Hong Kong preliminaries and advanced to the Finals round of Oxford Schools 2022.



### ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

The Green School Action Group (GSAG) was founded in 2014 to promote environmental awareness amongst students in DBS. It has then expanded to form four divisions, each focusing on an aspect of the environment, including biodiversity, climate change, waste generation and sustainable cultivation practices. Last year, members joined numerous external programmes and competitions and went on to win numerous awards, such as the Outstanding Conservation Award from the University of Hong Kong, Gold Award on UN Sustainable Development Goals Promotion from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Champion in the Cyberport Co-Create Smart Park Challenge.



### BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Economics Olympiad Team was founded in 2022 to stimulate creative problem-solving skills to those interested in economics, business, and finance. Members took part in various online global competitions organized by the International Economics Olympiad (IEO), such as the IEO Winter Challenge in February and the IEO Open Track in August, where our students have won three awards. Additionally, four members advanced to the South and East Asia Regional Finals of the Tiger Global Case Competition in 2021, winning 3rd runner-up at the final stage.

## Australia

Monash University  
 Queensland University of Technology  
 RMIT University  
 University of Adelaide  
 University of Melbourne  
 University of New South Wales  
 University of Queensland  
 University of South Australia  
 University of Sydney  
 University of Technology Sydney

## Belgium

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

## Canada

McGill University  
 McMaster University  
 Queen's University  
 Ryerson University  
 Simon Fraser University  
 University of Alberta  
 University of British Columbia  
 University of Guelph  
 University of Manitoba  
 University of Ottawa  
 University of Prince Edward Island  
 University of Toronto  
 University of Waterloo  
 Western University  
 York University

## France

The Paris Institute of Political Studies

## Finland

University of the Arts Helsinki

## Germany

Jacobs University Bremen

## Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong  
 Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts  
 Hong Kong Baptist University  
 Hong Kong Metropolitan University  
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
 Lingnan University  
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
 The Education University of Hong Kong  
 The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong  
 The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
 The University of Hong Kong

## Japan

International Christian University  
 Keio University  
 Wasada University

## Mainland China

Beijing University of Chinese Medicine  
 Central Conservatory of Music  
 Fudan University  
 Guangzhou University  
 Guangzhou University of Chinese Medicine  
 Huaqiao University  
 Nanjing University  
 Peking University  
 Tsinghua University

## Netherlands

The Hague University of Applied Science

## Singapore

Nanyang Technological University  
 National University of Singapore

## Switzerland

Swiss Hotel Management School

## United Kingdom/Ireland

Bournemouth University  
 Cardiff University  
 Coventry University  
 Durham University  
 Guildhall School of Music and Drama  
 Imperial College London  
 Keele University  
 Lancaster University  
 Loughborough University  
 Oxford Brookes University  
 Queen's University Belfast  
 Royal Academy of Music  
 Royal College of Music  
 Swansea University  
 University of Aberdeen  
 University of Bath  
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 University of Surrey  
 University of Warwick  
 University of York

## United States

Boston College  
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 Brown University  
 Carnegie Mellon University  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Columbia University  
 Cornell University  
 Dartmouth College  
 Duke University  
 Emory University  
 Fordham University  
 Georgetown University  
 Harvard University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Manhattan School of Music  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
 New York University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Oberlin College  
 Occidental College  
 Pomona College  
 Princeton University  
 Purdue University  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rice University  
 Rutgers University  
 SUNY Stony Brook University  
 The Juilliard School  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of Chicago  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
 University of Massachusetts Amherst  
 University of Michigan  
 University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Washington  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Washington University in St. Louis  
 Wesleyan University  
 Wheaton College