

## **ISC At-A-Glance: Media Information - by 15th March 2016**

### **School Governance**

International School Carinthia (ISC) is a public-private partnership recognized under Austrian law with oversight provided by the ISC Verein and ISC Board. Founding members of ISC elect members to the Verein and Board from the following organizations:

- The Carinthian International Club (CIC)
- Chamber of Commerce Carinthia, Wirtschaftskammer Kaernten(WKK)
- Federation of Industry Carinthia, Industriellenvereinigung Kaernten (IV)
- Catholic Diocese of Gurk
- the State of Carinthia

### **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition: €4.200 (ab 2016-17: €4.700)

One-Time Enrollment Fee: €350 (ab 2016-17: €400)

Lunch: €100 per month

Excursion Fees: €150 per year

After-School Activities: €50-€100 per activity, per season (optional)

Annual Stipendia Awarded: ~ €20.000

### **Community and School Information**

ISC students hail from Carinthia and the world and will be united by their desire to pursue an international education informed by Christian values with English as the primary language of instruction. To balance the school's population and provide educational opportunities for students whose native language is not German, a certain number of spaces may be reserved in each class for international students each year. In 2013-14, ISC offers grades 1-4, and 12 different nationalities are represented among our 55 students. In 2014-15, ISC expanded to grades 1-5 and currently enrolls 94 students representing 17 nationalities. In 2015-16, ISC hosts 130 students in 6 grades and in 2016-17, ISC will expand to app. 180 students in 7 grades/8 classes.

ISC has official status under Austrian law and is seeking International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme accreditation in school year 2016-17. ISC will seek authorization in the future for the IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme and recognition from other international accrediting agencies.

## **Curriculum**

As a state-sponsored, Catholic international school, ISC will offer the Austrian national curriculum combined with the International Baccalaureate (IB) pedagogical approach, and English is the primary language of instruction. Students in grades 1-5 will experience the IB Primary Years Program and Volksschule curriculum; in grades 6-10, the IB Middle Years Program and Neue Mittelschule and Oberstufenrealgymnasium curriculum; and in grades 11-12, the IB Diploma Program curriculum.

At the end of their high school career, students will have the opportunity to receive a diploma that is recognized internationally as well as nationally (IB Diploma / Matura). IB programs complement the Austrian curriculum by providing a holistic, student-centered learning approach. ISC students will be challenged to meet the rigorous standards of the Austrian curriculum through inquiry-based pedagogy that challenges students to learn how to learn. Throughout their educational experience at ISC, students will be encouraged to live up to the core values of the IB Learner Profile in their pursuit of knowledge and understanding. They will engage in thought-provoking units of inquiry with meaningful learning activities leading to authentic formative and summative assessments to measure their learning along the way.

## **Assessment Reporting**

ISC students receive IB report cards with the possibility of receiving Austrian report cards as required by law or upon request.

## **Faculty and Staff**

ISC faculty come from around the world. All teachers are university trained, licensed in Austria or their home country, and ideally bring IB experience to the team. In 2013-14, ISC faculty consisted of 5 full-time teachers, 2 part-time teachers, and 5 part-time teaching assistants representing 7 nationalities. In 2014-15, ISC faculty will consist of 9 full-time teachers, 5 part-time teachers, and 4 teaching assistants representing 11 nationalities. In 2015-16 ISC is counting 25 staff members and some external teachers. For 2016-17 app. 5 more teachers are hired.

## **Extracurricular Programs**

ISC offers after-school programs on a full-year or seasonal basis throughout the school year encompassing sports, arts, music, culture, and exploration. The following activities ISC is offering every school year: e.g. soccer, visual arts, Tae Kwon Do, piano lessons, choir, zumba, handcrafts, chess, aikido, floorball, basketball, Chinese, guitar lessons, African drumming, swimming, and hula dancing.