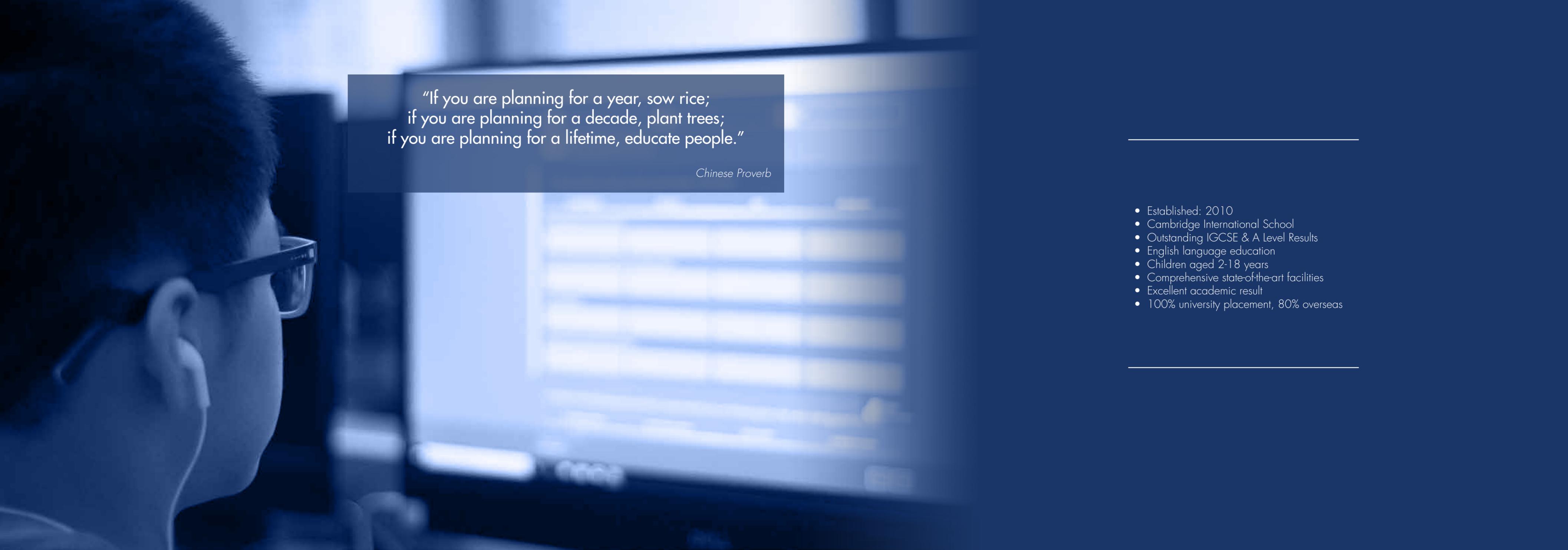




VAREE CHIANGMAI  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# Varee Chiangmai International School

Prospectus



“If you are planning for a year, sow rice;  
if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;  
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.”

*Chinese Proverb*

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- Established: 2010
  - Cambridge International School
  - Outstanding IGCSE & A Level Results
  - English language education
  - Children aged 2-18 years
  - Comprehensive state-of-the-art facilities
  - Excellent academic result
  - 100% university placement, 80% overseas
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Dear Parent,

It has been the privilege of my life to work in education.

Seeing very young children arrive at school for the first time always inspires me. On their first day of school, they come with their parents, excited but naturally nervous and unsure. It is the start of a journey for them into the world of knowledge and experiences that will shape them for the rest of their lives.

Throughout their sixteen-year path through school, our students face all kinds of challenges. Academic attainment is the central pillar around which we build. As an English language international school, every student must be fluent and confident in spoken and written English. This foundation is essential because the Cambridge Curriculum is challenging and demanding. Thankfully, the students benefit from a highly qualified team of experienced international teachers who are all specialists in their fields. That we have achieved a high level of success in examinations is a testament to our teachers and, of course, to the students themselves.

Academic success is essential, but it is only part of the picture. Our vision of 'an education beyond tomorrow' is dedicated to developing each student as an individual, providing them with the tools for a successful life. Sports, the arts, technology and many other interests are taught to everyone and pursued with enthusiasm. If a student reveals a particular love or talent in any field, we encourage and support the development of their full potential.

As educators, our job is to kindle within every student a lifelong love of learning and to open their eyes to the magnificent breadth of opportunities open to them in life. We know we have done that when those nervous early year students finally graduate as young adults equipped with the knowledge, abilities, skills, friendships and confidence to find their place in the world and succeed.

Welcome to VCIS

*Varee Patavanich*

Ajarn Varee Patavanich  
Founder & Director



An education  
beyond tomorrow

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## The Cambridge International Programme

The Cambridge International programme is the world's largest international education programme for students between the ages of five to eighteen. It is recognised throughout the world as a gold standard in education.

The programme provides a structured academic pathway through primary, lower secondary, upper secondary and advanced. Each stage builds on the learner's development, building deep subject knowledge and developing problem solving, critical thinking, independent research, collaboration and presenting arguments.

In Year 10, students select and, for the next two years, study their IGCSE subjects, culminating in examinations.

Our students select three or four subjects for their A Levels to study in depth in senior school. Cambridge A Levels are a proven qualification accepted by all the world's leading universities.

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“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.”

*Gilbert K. Chesterton*

“A school is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.”

*Lon Watters*



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## Our Campus

- Fully interactive, digitally connected classrooms
  - Primary and Secondary School libraries
  - 4 science labs
  - 3 computer labs
  - Makerspace & 3D printing
  - 2 art studios
  - Drama studio
  - Music studios
  - Home economics classrooms
  - Auditorium
  - Exhibition hall
  - Meeting rooms with video wall
  - Swimming pool
  - Multi-purpose sports fields & courts
  - Gymnasium
  - Futsal pitch
  - Running track
  - Fitness room
  - Playgrounds
  - Cafeteria (serving Asian & Western Dishes)
  - 2 professionally staffed first aid rooms
  - Careers Guidance Counsellor
  - University Mentor
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## Early Years

Our Early Years teachers are experts in young child development.

Early Years focuses on three prime areas; personal, social and emotional development, physical development, communication and language. We encourage these in all of our activities, helping children develop their motor skills, be active, and learn about health and self-care. Young children learn primarily through play, so the atmosphere is fun, lively, and children are encouraged to engage and explore.

We also teach the children to listen and pay attention. We introduce them to reading, writing and mathematics, integrate technology in the classroom, teach them about the world around them, including people and communities, and introduce them to science. We encourage children to be imaginative and express themselves through art and design projects.

Most of all, we want the children to develop self-confidence, friendships and a love of learning that will build the surest foundation for success in their future education and life beyond.

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A young child is climbing a rope structure in a play area. The child is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts. The child's feet are visible, showing the tread pattern of their shoes. The child is holding onto the ropes with both hands and has their arms raised. The background is a wooden structure with ropes.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning.”

*Mr. Rogers*



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## Primary

Our Primary School programme lays the fundamental academic foundations and aims to instil a lifelong love of learning in our students.

We follow the UK Curriculum and assess students using the Cambridge Checkpoint Examination. The curriculum is delivered using the theme based International Primary Curriculum (IPC), which provides children with subject goals, personal learning, and international learning goals.

Thematic and project-based lessons appeal to children's interests and help them learn about the world around them. Children are encouraged to make connections between the subjects they study and explore topics from multiple perspectives.

English language skills are a particular focus throughout the primary years. Reading, writing and speaking English with fluency and confidence is essential for all students regardless of their native language.

When the time comes for our students to leave Primary, they will have essential knowledge, learning skills and self-assurance to ensure success in the challenges ahead.

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“Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work.”

*C.S. Lewis*



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## Secondary

Secondary school introduces students to challenging, subject-based academic learning. The Cambridge Curriculum builds a broad and sound knowledge base focused on the core academic disciplines, including English, mathematics, science, humanities, modern languages and the arts. All students study computer science and digital literacy, PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education). Our non-Thai students must learn Thai as a foreign language.

We aim to fulfil every student's academic potential culminating at IGCSE examinations in years 10 and 11. Good academic grades are essential, and VCIS has a proven track record of success.

Equally important, across the curriculum, we work to develop our students' ability to think clearly, and independently. A keen, enquiring and analytical mind will serve them well throughout their lives regardless of their chosen path.

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**"The essence of the independent mind lies not in what it thinks, but in how it thinks."**

*Christopher Hitchens*

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## Senior School - A Levels

Our Senior School offers a wide range of Cambridge International A and AS Levels. The courses are academically rigorous, and the facilities state-of-the-art. Students learn subjects in-depth, providing a solid foundation for further university study.

Our record of university placements is exceptional with the significant majority going on to study overseas. Professional careers guidance, in-house counselling, university mentoring and support are available to every student.

Beyond the academic, we aim to develop critical and analytical thinking to enable students to transfer their learned knowledge to real-world problem solving. When our students graduate, we want them to have accumulated the abilities, knowledge and confidence to face their adult life optimistic of finding their place in the world and succeeding.

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“Intelligence plus character  
that is the goal of true education.”

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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## Sports

Physical fitness and regular exercise are essential to a healthy, active and fulfilling life. All students, regardless of age and ability, take part in sports. By offering a wide range of team and individual sports, we make it as easy as possible for every child to find a sporting activity they love.

Our sporting facilities are excellent and include a swimming pool, gymnasium and fitness room alongside multiple pitches and courts. We are continually expanding our sports offerings and facilities.

The school engages in inter-school competitions in many sports. Students who excel in sport are fully encouraged to develop their talents to the full. We have several students who compete and distinguish themselves on a regional and national level.

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*“Intelligence and skill can only function at the peak of their capacity when the body is healthy and strong.”*

*John F. Kennedy*



Creativity takes courage

*Henri Matisse*

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## The Arts

The arts are an integral part of the school curriculum and we encourage creativity in every student. We are committed to providing enriching experiences through music, drama, art, and other creative expression forms. We use these mediums to encourage students to explore the world around them by putting themselves in someone else's shoes and looking at things from different perspectives.

At the same time, participating in the arts is a fun and positive experience. Throughout the year, there are all kinds of performances, exhibitions, and other events that allow students to express themselves both individually and through working together.

Talented artistic students are fully encouraged to develop their passions and potential and have even gone on to receive international recognition.

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## Information Technology

Today's students are growing up in an age where technology is developing exponentially at a rate never experienced. Today, computer science and technology are fundamental to every field of life. Digital literacy is essential and the use of technology is embedded in the curriculum and classroom for everyone, from Early Years to Senior School.

In addition to three state-of-the-art computer laboratories, each classroom at VCIS is equipped and digitally connected. Our 3-D printing facility teaches students the fundamentals of design, engineering, manufacturing, and technology's practical application.

Most of all, we want students to be confident in their use of technology and understand the potential dangers, as well as the benefits.

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"Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in another time."

*Chinese Proverb*



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## Wider learning experiences

It is essential that students see themselves as belonging to the wider community. This includes being part of the local community as well as becoming global citizens with rights and social responsibilities.

We offer an extensive range of extracurricular activities to encourage students to pursue their passions and interests. We organise all kinds of field trips and voluntary community programmes, giving students the experience of interacting with the world beyond the classroom. This culminates in providing students with the opportunity to participate in the internationally acclaimed Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Wider learning experiences help students develop teamwork, self-management and independence and build resilience and leadership skills. They are also a lot of fun.

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“Champions aren’t made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision.”

*Muhammad Ali*



“Nobody is so busy that they can’t make time for the people they really care about.”  
*Leila Sales*

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## Pastoral Care

We take our duty of pastoral care very seriously. Every child under our care matters and their well-being is our highest concern.

Students have the right to feel safe at school. This is ensured by round the clock security and electronic entry controls to the school and all individual buildings. We also have two professionally staffed, well equipped first-aid rooms.

There are well-defined codes of conduct covering all aspects of behaviour and a zero-tolerance policy on bullying. A fully qualified in-house counsellor is on the site throughout the school day with an open-door policy to all students requiring additional support. There are professional mentors for older students to guide them through overseas university applications and professional career guidance.

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“The beautiful thing about learning is  
that no one can take it away from you.”

*B.B King*

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