



FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the new school year. We look forward to a busy and exciting year. A very warm welcome to all our new community members, our new staff, students and parents. I know you will find that life at Sekolah Ciputra is characterised by positive relationships and focus upon building the best possible opportunities for our students. We are a very successful school, gaining high marks in examinations and wonderful university placements. These achievements are built upon the very positive teaching and learning relationships within the school.

My advice to our students is to begin the year with the end in mind. Visualise where you want to be by the end of the year now and then surround yourself with the support that you need to reach this destination. The start of the academic year is a great time to set goals and begin positively. There will always be help and support at Sekolah Ciputra.

I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming our wonderful parents to this school year. Please seriously consider the possibility of joining our parent support group. This provides a wonderful chance to support the school, make new friendships and have a positive impact on your child's learning.

Apart from our key task of building great academic futures for students, this year we will focus upon writing our new three-year strategic plan, completing our WASC mid-cycle review and building the quality of extra curricula activities within the school. We are also focussing on building our alumni network.

Please note that there are many building projects underway in the school, testimony to how hard our Board works on our behalf. The facilities, already amazing are going to improve even more. In the meantime however there will be some areas that are out of bounds.

I wish you all the very best of luck for a rewarding and successful year!

Martin Blackburn
Executive Principal

Important Dates

17 August : Independence Day

2 September : School to School
Conference

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM PYP

Welcome to our new academic year and what a magnificent start we have made. On Thursday we welcomed all our students back after their well earned holiday and despite a few tears from our tiniest people, everyone bounded into school with great joy and anticipation.

The 2023/24 academic year promises to be a very exciting one with lots of amazing initiatives being launched including a more expansive Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) programme which includes the addition of Model United Nations (MUN), eSports, Lower school coding, hydroponic gardening and Taekwondo as well as our many other activities. The ECA programme replaces the SIGs and some of our ECAs are with the High School students.

We will also be creating our first Sekolah Ciputra representative sports teams in Basketball and Soccer and tryouts for these teams will take place during Week 2. We hope to develop strong sporting teams in the Elementary and participate in competitions with other schools.

We are also looking forward to each of our curriculum teams offering workshops to parents in order to strengthen understanding of teaching and learning in our EY and Elementary sections. We will also be offering information sessions about the PYP to our parents and other community members who might be interested in learning why the IB programmes are far superior to all other international curriculums.

To get things started, I would like to invite you to read the following two articles written by Ms Bianca Starck, our PYP 1 teacher. These articles have been published online on Edutopia and on the IBO website respectively, and we feel you will enjoy the reading how things are done in the PYP here at Sekolah Ciputra.

Edutopia:

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/using-fairy-tales-kindergarten-promote-literacy/>

IB

<https://blogs.ibo.org/2023/07/06/sustainable-entrepreneurship-and-approaches-to-learning-atl-across-the-continuum/>

It is a very exciting time at Sekolah Ciputra as we grow our numbers and expand our wonderful community. We have welcomed 179 new students into the school from PGA to Grade 12 - this means we have eighty (80) new families in our community. A very big WELCOME to you all - we are so happy and excited to have you join our family. Please know our doors are always open - no problem is too big or too small - we can always find a solution or an answer.

We look forward to seeing you all each morning as you drop your children at school and at the parent meetings and gatherings throughout the year. This is going to be a spectacular year and we encourage you to take every opportunity to be as involved as you are able to be. As we always say, we do this well when we do it together. Welcome to our new year!

Ms Christine and Ms Diana

We want to welcome everyone back to Sekolah Ciputra for the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to see everyone again, and look forward to an amazing school year for everyone involved. As with every new school year, some things are the same as they were in the past, while some things are new and/or have changed. This is why it is very important to read all emails and WhatsApp messages sent to you, and to add important dates onto your calendars so you do not forget them and miss anything.

The first important things to add to your calendar are the Grade Level Parent Meetings. All students and parents should come to these meetings to learn about the important events and processes that need to be followed for each particular grade level. If you have students in more than one grade level, you should attend each one's meeting because the information could be different. The dates and times for these meetings are:

7th grade: Monday, August 7th 15:00-16:00 in Ciputra Hall

8th grade: Wednesday, August 9th 15:00-16:00 in Ciputra Hall

9th grade: Thursday, August 10th 15:00-16:00 in Ciputra Hall

10th grade: Friday, August 11th 15:00-16:00

11th & 12th grades: Wednesday, August 16th 15:00-16:00 in Ciputra Hall

Another exciting development is the change to our extra-curricular offerings. In the past the High School offered Co-Curricular Activities (CCA's) and the PYP offered Special Interest Groups (SIG's). Starting this year, all Sekolah Ciputra students will participate in Extracurricular Activities (ECA's). These will follow a trimester schedule, with the activities changing approximately every 10 weeks or so. Students/Parents will be able to see what activities will take place and complete registration at the beginning of each trimester on the school's Activities Website. To help support the Athletics Programme across the whole school, we have hired a new Athletic Director, Mr. Stef, to oversee this as well. We look forward to seeing all of our students engaged in a variety of different activities throughout the school year in order to help them model this year's chosen IB Learner Profile Traits: Being a Risk-Taker, trying out new activities, as well as being Balanced, choosing a range of different activities.

Two of the school activities already underway are the Developmental Basketball League (DBL) Senior and Junior Basketball Tournaments and the 2023 World Scholars' Cup Global Round. Our Senior Girls' DBL Basketball Team lost a close game against Cita Hati West on July 26th, while our Senior Boys' DBL play their first game on August 3rd against SMAN 13. We are waiting to learn when our Junior Girls' DBL Team will have their first game. The World Scholars' Cup Global Round that our students will join will be in Bangkok, Thailand from August 31st-September 7th. We look forward to cheering on all of our students in each of these competitions and wish them the best of luck!

Finally, we wish to inform everyone that our Grade Level Camps Programme will return to the end of 1st Term this school year. The Grade 11 Camp will be from September 19-22, while the Grade 7-10 Camps will be from September 20-22. More information will be provided about these camps soon. We hope everyone has a wonderful start to the new school year, and we look forward to working together with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Christopher Allen

High School Coordinating Principal

Mark Hukom

High School Principal

New Staff 2023-2024



Felicia Christie
EY Teacher



Kathryn Karina
PYP Counselor



Melisa Setyawan
PYP Teacher



Shinta Hapsari
PYP Teacher



Evani Risa
PYP Teacher



Michaela Gunawan
PYP Mandarin Teacher



Amanda Conley
PYP Teacher



Ferdian
PYP Part Time Buddhist Teacher



Ericko Arifin
PYP Part Time
Kong Hu Cu Teacher



Hasprita Restia
HS Design & VA Teacher



Religia Berliana
HS Civics Teacher



Yuliana Bobe
HS Bahasa Indonesia Teacher



Aulia Sayyid
HS PE Teacher



Evan Phillips
HS Business Teacher



Stefan Bergh
HS PE Teacher



Fabio Stasi
HS Design Teacher



Lee Kok Ming
HS Math Teacher



Fery Fadhly
HS Math Teacher