

TRAIL
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Trail Prospectus

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"Welcome to Traill International School, and the wider community we serve "





Welcome

Welcome to Traill International School, and the wider community we serve. We warmly welcome students from both the international and local communities.

Traill International School, established in 1966, provides a first class British international education for students from the ages of 2 to 18 years old. The recent completion of a new campus and enhanced facilities provides further opportunities for our children.

The diversity of the students and staff at Traill International School makes attending the school an experience in world living. Our community represents over 30 different nationalities, all working towards one common goal - our commitment to bringing out the best in all those who attend the school, as the very essence of education. Schools are for students, and we aim to support and encourage them to develop their potential, to equip them for a successful future, and to create successful and productive members of an increasingly global and technological society.

We recognise that each student is at a different starting point and provide a curriculum that meets the varying needs of the students. We take into account

the ability of the child, and the nature of their previous experiences. Diversity and differentiation are key to our teaching. Our team of dedicated and experienced teachers is committed to creating a caring, happy and stimulating environment for our children.

Every effort is made to ensure the education received will suit the needs of the individual, and to equip them for continuing studies, be it a return to the education system in their country of origin, or on to one of world's leading universities – something that the School has done for over 50 years. We are proud of both the high academic standards our students achieve, as well as the recognition we have for promoting the education of the “whole child”.

There is no substitute for a personal visit to the school. We welcome visitors, and encourage you to view our facilities and our teaching programme. We also hope that this prospectus will give you an accurate picture of our facilities, and of the industrious, lively and friendly nature of our school.





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Director's Message

Since its establishment in 1966, Traill International School has developed its teaching and educational ethos to parallel the traditional British style education.

The school offers students a friendly, caring community in which to grow and develop. It offers a sound education in line with the best educational practices.

The established ethos, evident in the school's mission and aims, enables our students to become confident and independent thinkers, who strive to do their best. This basic underlying trait has resulted in many years of successful students from Traill who excel in the area of their choice and interest. The typical defining trait of a Traill student is how well grounded they are with a mutual respect for all those around them - "everybody is somebody at Traill".

The staff are drawn from a variety of backgrounds with many being brought to the school from UK schools and other International schools throughout the world. They are encouraged to develop their teaching styles within the close community that Traill International School offers. This results in a dynamic

environment for our students who as a result are driven to achieve at the best of their limits.

The school has expanded and developed its campus. We see the development of our facilities as an important part of the holistic educational package that we offer. The attention to detail in all our campus design reflects subconscious learning. Our philosophy is to make just being at the school a memorable and educational experience - an important and sometimes overlooked aspect we call the "Silent Curriculum". Traill International School aims to cater for the whole child, and to encourage development in areas more diverse than simply academic.

It is not just the buildings and the infrastructure that make a great school, ultimately it is both the staff and the students who do this. Our biggest long-term investment is in the high calibre of experienced teachers at Traill. We are confident that we have the staff to give your child the education you seek, and that we have established a school that does itself and all of us proud. We look forward to welcoming you and your children to Traill International School.



Robert Traill

Director
Traill International School

Principal's Message

Traill International School welcomes students from the age of two to eighteen years old. Our school caters for students from a wide range of backgrounds and is proud to be truly international with students from over 30 nationalities currently on role. We have students joining the school at different ages with different educational backgrounds and our relatively small size means that we can create individualised programmes of study to meet the needs of all students. At Traill, the curriculum fits the student, not the student fits the curriculum.

Traill International School is fully accredited by the Education Development Trust (EDT), the Thai Ministry of Education and is the first school in Thailand to also be accredited by the UK Department of Education's British Schools Overseas (BSO). In addition, Traill is also a member of the Federation of British International Schools in Asia (FOBISIA), Bangkok International Schools Athletics Conference (BISAC), The European Council for International Schools (ECIS) and the International Schools Association of Thailand (ISAT). We are a recognized centre for Cambridge International Examinations.

Our curriculum follows the British National Curriculum, modified to take into account the nature of the students we have and the environment in which we work. At the age of sixteen, students will sit the IGCSE examinations in eight subjects and will then complete a further two years for their A-Level examinations. These are external examinations, set and marked by the University of Cambridge and are recognized by universities around the world to be of the highest standard. We believe that, with these qualifications, students will have the greatest chance of success after they leave the school, whether it be at university or in the workplace. Students at Traill have consistently enjoyed excellent results in these examinations in the past – well above the average for both UK and international schools – and this year promises to be the same. Year after year, Traill students win Cambridge "Top in Thailand" awards for various subjects and categories and we are committed to ensuring that this proud record continues.

Our aim is to produce confident and accomplished young adults who have the necessary qualifications, experience and social skills to rise to the top of their respective fields. So, in addition to the rigorous and demanding academic programme, there is a strong emphasis on sports, the expressive arts and other extra-curricular activities. Our two main sports are basketball and football in which our teams have enjoyed considerable success, both within Thailand and abroad. Many of our students have gone on to receive valuable sports scholarships or join professional clubs. We aim to challenge all students at the school in as many ways as possible and we have a gifted and talented programme for the most able. You can find out more about our gifted and talented programme by visiting our website.

Traill is a growing school, but the class sizes remain small and there is a strong, supportive and caring ethos at the school. Our priority is to make all students feel safe and secure during their time at school, because we recognize that optimum learning can only take place if students are happy at school. At Traill, everybody is somebody. We have a dedicated team of teaching and support staff who have high expectations of all students and who lead through their own example. Traill is renowned for its friendly atmosphere where students gain in confidence to excel in their areas of choice. Choosing the best school for your child is an important, and often difficult, choice to make. Please feel free to contact the school to arrange for a tour and a discussion with one of our senior managers to see how we can meet your needs and expectations.



Mr Gordon Espley-Jones
Principal



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VISION

To be a leading International School in Thailand, providing a well-resourced, strongly academic, British style education, to expatriate and Thai children.

PHILOSOPHY

Education is the key to success and development. We at Traill aim to provide the best possible quality of education by maintaining standards of teaching, learning and behaviour across the whole school community. We believe that our students deserve a quality education in an environment which is structured, disciplined, challenging, stimulating and caring.



Graduation

MISSION

At Traill we believe that a broad, coherent and rigorous education with a global outlook conducted in an environment that nurtures mutual respect and concern for the welfare of others is the key to producing successful learning communities. We challenge all members of our community to work hard and to commit with enthusiasm to all that they do. We want our students to enjoy learning and attain the highest standards so they can face the future with confidence and become active members of society.

We endeavor to:

- Nurture and promote a community of young people who are friendly and caring and who respect others and themselves.
- Instill a belief in ethical practice and an empathy with other races, religions and cultures and particularly, the host cultures.
- Promote political and environmental awareness and prepare our students to become actively involved as leaders of local and international communities.
- Provide a high standard English medium education with breadth, balance, depth, coherence and relevance.
- Empower our learners through active participation in a curriculum which rewards both individual and collective achievement in the Arts, Sciences and in Physical Pursuits and equips them with the skills needed in a fast changing world.
- Promote Thai culture and language through our educational programmes.
- Help students become proficient in languages in order to enable cross-cultural interaction and opportunities for peaceful conflict resolution.

The aims of our school as stated serve not only to complement our mission statement but also to act as goals against which the effectiveness of the school and its provision can be monitored and evaluated.





Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Traill opened the first Traill School over fifty years ago, in 1966 at Soi 11, Paholyothin Road with 80 students. They named it the Preparatory School. Most of its students were prepared for entry in schools and universities in the US and Britain.

History



The school quickly expanded to 300 students, catering mainly to American expatriates who preferred the academic style of British education.

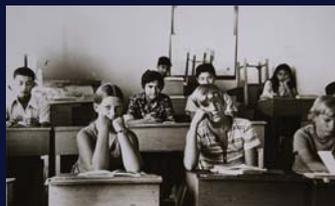
The Preparatory School grew to 3 campuses, Sukhumvit Soi 3, Paholyothin Soi 11 and Ramkamhaeng Soi 18 (where the School is currently based). The name was changed to “Traill International School” in the late 80’s.

Mr. Traill believed in the all-round development of his students, including athletic, academic and moral attributes. He combined the achievement of academic excellence with the development of good character, setting the students in a warm and homely environment that was to become the defining trait of Traill International School today.

Innovation was a key part of the founding ethos; the school was the first

International school in Thailand to be fully air-conditioned, pioneering GCE O’levels and A-levels, and introducing computers before they became mainstream in the education system. The School became recognised as the only computer examination centre for London University in Thailand. When O’levels were replaced by Cambridge University IGCSE’s, the School was the first to become an accredited centre for IGCSE, AS and A-levels.

With over 50 years of academic excellence, the Traill family is still involved in the School as Governors and Directors. The new campus with state-of-the-art facilities was completed in 2010 after 2 years of development. This is in keeping with the ideals as set by Mr. Traill, moving the School forward in its curriculum, standards and philosophies, throughout the 21st century. With careful planning and well thought out design, the School keeps its homely and secure environment for its students to learn and develop into well rounded individuals.





"The first school in Thailand as an accredited examination center for Cambridge University International Exams."

Primary School



adapted for an International setting.

Primary School Curriculum

The curriculum in Key Stages 1 and 2 builds on the practical learning of the Foundation Stage (K1 & K2 classes). At our school many children enter Key Stage 1 without previous formal educational experience. Our teachers are experienced in working with children from many national systems with a variety of educational backgrounds. The support they provide in class enables children to make a smooth transition to successful learning at the appropriate level.

We follow the English National Curriculum which is a broad and rigorous programme of study adapted for an International setting. It is divided into the three 'core' subjects of mathematics (numeracy), English (literacy) and science. In other areas, we adopt a cross-curricular curriculum that connects learning across the subject areas of History Geography, Art and D.T., incorporating elements of Music, PE and ICT.

Dynamic, interactive lessons based on these principles, along with clear, positive feedback, result in children who are highly motivated to learn and who are excited by their own success and future potential. Our children love learning as much as our teachers love teaching.

Trall International Primary School and Nursery

At Trall International Primary School our aim is to provide a positive learning experience for all students. We pride ourselves on our unique combination of educational excellence, achieved within a secure and caring, community atmosphere.

The Learning Environment

At Trall, we provide a rich English Language environment. Our low pupil/teacher ratio of 8:1 and dedicated, highly-qualified staff ensure that each child receives individual attention and the support to enable them to achieve their educational potential.

Trall Primary School benefits from a wide range of facilities that greatly enhance our pupils' learning

- well-equipped ICT labs
- well-stocked libraries
- music rooms

- sports hall
- art rooms
- extensive outside areas
- swimming pool

The Curriculum

British education has a worldwide reputation for excellence, breadth and transferability. It approaches learning in its widest sense; academic achievement is important and well-structured, but the arts, music, physical development and personal, social and moral education are also given strong emphasis

Kindergarten

We ensure children's first experience at school is a happy one!

At Trall, we provide a calm environment where children feel secure and confident and where their skills and talents are developed to the full. Our Kindergarten curriculum follows the British Early Years Foundation Stage guidance,

English as a Second Language



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Although Traill International School is an English-medium school, we accept students with a wide range of abilities in the language. On entry, a personalised learning plan is agreed on and, depending on their proficiency, these students would enter one of the programmes which we offer. These range from total immersion ESL programmes, taught by specialist ESL teachers to full integration into mainstream classes. Students who are enrolled in the total immersion programme develop very quickly and are soon integrated partially, and then fully, into mainstream classes. Even after full integration, careful monitoring is maintained to ensure that each student continues to develop quickly.

Most second-language students will sit the second-language English IGCSE examination at the end of Year 11. This is accepted by many universities, both in the UK and elsewhere, as a suitable English qualification for university admission.

In addition, students can be prepared for IELTS and other English language tests, as required by their university of choice.





Secondary School

The Secondary School caters for students aged from 11 to 18 years of age (Year 7 to Year 13).

OVERALL ETHOS

Secondary education is offered in the Senior Department of the school, and builds on student's previous achievements. Lessons are taught by specialist teachers, with the Class Tutor having the important pastoral role of coordinating all aspects of the student's academic as well as social development.

CURRICULUM

Key Stage 3

From 11 to 14 years of age (National Curriculum Years 7 to 9) specialist teachers deliver a balanced programme broadly based on the English National Curriculum. This includes the core subjects of English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Science. Additional subjects taken by all students at Key Stage 3 are Geography, History, Drama, Art, Music, Physical Education, Information and Communication Technology, Economics, Thai, French, Mandarin, Japanese and Personal, Social and Health Education.

Key Stage 4

The principle behind the Key Stage Four curriculum is to provide students with globally accepted qualifications in key subjects, whilst also allowing them to specialise in the subjects which they are interested in. In this way, we focus on success.

The foundation of the British curriculum from 14 to 16 is based around the syllabus for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). All our students take at least

eight subjects, and sit the externally set and marked examinations in all subjects at the end of Year 11. English and Mathematics are compulsory subjects. Thai Language is compulsory for all Thai nationals. All students have to study at least two Science subjects. Subjects offered are listed in the Year 10/11 Curriculum Booklet, and vary from year to year depending on student interests.

THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The year groups are split into two classes at each level. Both classes are of mixed ability students. Students learn in a student-centered environment, where they are encouraged to think for themselves, draw conclusions and solve problems in a cooperative and interactive learning environment.

THE SIXTH FORM

The final two years, Years 12 and 13 are called Key Stage 5 or, more commonly, the Sixth Form. This is the area when students study for university entrance. **A-Levels** are the programme of study which students follow, although we will try to accommodate other needs, where necessary.

The Sixth Form is a bridge between school and university, and it is a time when we train students to become more responsible for their own learning and to be role models for the rest of the school. In this way, they develop sound work and personal habits which will ensure greater success when they leave Traill. Traill has been offering the

A-level programme for over 50 years which has equipped generations of students to take their places at some of the top universities around the world. We have recently built a new sixth form centre which has all the resources and facilities to allow them to flourish.

In Year 12, students will study up to four AS level subjects for a wide range of options. In this way students can concentrate on subjects which they are interested in (and will therefore succeed in) and can study it to great depth, which will give them a head-start when they get to university. (This is different to other common pre-university courses, in which students are obliged to study a wider range of subjects, at a lower level). In addition to these option subjects, students will have lessons in Physical Education, careers/university applications and Thinking Skills.

The class sizes are small and this level of personalised learning results in high achievement in the A-Level examinations. Most students go to universities abroad, and we regularly have students being accepted into the world's leading universities in the UK, Australia, Canada, USA, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, New Zealand, Philippines, India, Germany and Holland.

There is a close supportive team, led by the Head of Sixth Form, to help each student with their studies and through the complicated process of university application.





"We believe in educating the whole child and this includes participation in sports, extracurricular activities and the development of self discipline and good character"



At Traill International School, sports is an integral part of the programme and a major area for co-curricular activity.

We believe in educating the whole person and this includes participation in sports, and the development of good health habits. Our students have direct access to indoor basketball and multi-sports facilities, a 25 metre swimming pool with scuba diving facilities, football pitches, and areas for softball and athletic field events. The school also utilises the nearby tennis and golf facilities, as well as the Huamark and Rajamangala National Stadium.

There is tremendous opportunity to take part in all activities and sports, regardless of the student's ability – something only a smaller school can provide. There is a culture of excellence and the students themselves are the best examples, competing against far bigger schools and taking part successfully in overseas projects, tournaments and competitions. Fifty years of sporting success demonstrates what happy children can achieve when nurtured to their full potential.

Traill is one of the founder members of BISAC (The Bangkok International School Athletic Conference) which is the main sports league for the top 10 international schools in Bangkok. Our students compete regularly in various competitions through BISAC. The School is also a part of FOBISIA (The Federation of British International Schools in Asia), allowing for the experience of competition with schools from other countries and cultures. Although the school is relatively small, the quality of its sports program and individual attention

given by our talented specialist coaches allows its students to compete in some of the best tournaments and competitions overseas. The number of championships won by our students is really quite special and a clear demonstration of the culture of excellence in the school.

Latest Current Sports Titles:
BISAC Senior Cross-Country Boys Champion
BISAC Golf Junior Varsity Boys Champion
FOBISIA Basketball U13 Girls Champions

Basketball
South-east Asian Youth Basketball U15 Boys Champions
NCAA Thailand U19 Boys National Champions
NCAA Pacific Rim U16 Boys Regional Champions
BISAC Junior Varsity Boys Champions (5 successive years)
SISKY Invitational U13, U15 Girls and U13 Boys Champions

Football
BSL 11-aside U18 Boys League Champions
Asia-Pacific Phuket Se7ens U15 Boys Champions
BISAC Junior Varsity Boys Champions
BISAC U13 Boys Champions
Creer Cup U15 Boys Champions
Regents Cup U18 Boys Champions
SISKY Invitational U13 Boys Champions
Chelsea Invitational U13 Boys Champions

In addition to compulsory Physical Education, a variety of sporting opportunities is offered at all levels during extracurricular activity lesson time. Activities are timetabled for all our students that include cultural, musical, artistic and hobby activities.

Students perform each term in end of term productions, and there is a flourishing choir in the school. Outdoor residential camps are run for both Primary and Secondary students. All students are encouraged to participate fully and to develop interests outside the formal school curriculum. The International Award (The Duke of Edinburgh Award) is a most prestigious outdoor program which is also run by the school. The bronze, silver and gold DofE awards are recognized by the world's leading universities.

The program of community service is continually growing and expanding. This enables students to participate in, and experience working together with the wider community. We aim to develop a caring and concerned group, who will help others, and to be concerned for the development of others as well as themselves.

A school Student Council offers students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, and to have some meaningful input into their school. This is an elected body that meets regularly, and has significant influence on the day-to-day activities of the school.





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Pastoral Care



As well as being a place of academic and sporting excellence, a school must take an active interest in student's personal development. This involves helping them make choices, solve problems, and to grow as an individual.

For expatriates living in a foreign country, with an unfamiliar language and culture, the difficulties of growing up are multiplied. Our teaching and support staff are aware of the difficulties that this brings and are ready to offer assistance and guidance when necessary.

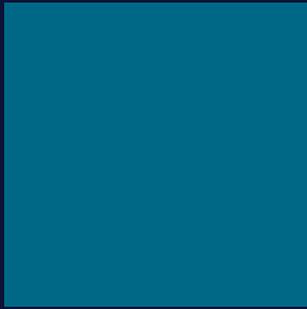
Likewise, for Thai nationals, entering an unfamiliar education system with a different set of expectations, and conducted in a different language, brings its own set of challenges. Our Thai teaching and support staff are here to help in this respect.

Guidance is offered to students by all staff during the day, in a variety of informal situations. Additionally, each student in the primary school has their own class teacher to whom they can go for guidance or help, while secondary students have an assigned form tutor who is the initial point of reference.

Liaison with parents over any matter of concern is seen as part of our guidance system, where consultation may be beneficial to all contact with parents is an important part of our pastoral system.

Throughout the school a tutorial program of Personal, Social and Health Education forms part of the core curriculum.





"Our students benefit from a solid academic education and from a culture of confidence, mutual respect and responding to challenges"

Facilities

As the school continues to grow and develop, then we are committed to the provision of an increasingly wide range of specialist rooms, resources and recreational facilities. The planned building programme is designed to take the school forward as we move into the twenty-first century.

All primary classrooms are provided with the necessary materials for effective teaching, with computers in each primary classroom. Primary classes all have access to a range of specialist equipment for subjects such as music, art and physical education. The school has Chemistry, Biology and Physics laboratories to cater for the needs of our Science teaching.

We have specialist equipment for Information and Communication Technology, and our main library is seen as a centre of learning for all our students. Facilities in the library are modern and include multi-media tools for research in all subjects.

Text books for the British curriculum are imported from England, as are the video and audio teaching aids that modern educational programmes demand.

Trails has opened new facilities for sixth formers which will give our senior students additional scope to develop both academically and socially. New nursery facilities have also been completed as part of the school's development plans.

The School will continue to refine and develop both academic and recreational facilities to cater for the needs of our students.



Accreditation



Trail International School is a privately owned school by the Trill family and is registered with the Thai Ministry of Education as one of the leading private international schools in Bangkok.

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The school also participates in the UK Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) testing programme at ages 7, 11 and 14, giving us an accurate measure of how Trail students do against other students in UK (year after year it is well above the UK average).

The majority of our staff are British and all our teaching staff are licensed to teach in Thailand, as well as being accredited in their country of origin.



Receiving the Best in Thailand award for IGCSE Biology and 2nd in Thailand for 5 subjects at the British Embassy.



The Best in Thailand for AS-level Business Studies and AS-level Art



Top in the World for A-level ICT, Economics and Mathematics and High Achievement Award in Thailand in Japanese as a First Language



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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

CIE examinations are sat by students from the best international schools around the world and in Thailand. They are recognised and accepted by universities all over the world. Year after year, students at Trail have achieved the Best in Thailand award for Cambridge University examinations. These include subjects such as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business, and Art, for IGCSE, AS-level and A-level which allow for students to enter the world's leading universities.



School Services



MEALS

The school has its own canteen where mid-morning snacks, lunches and after-school snacks may be purchased. Meals are cooked on the premises and include a variety of both Thai and Western food. Alternatively students may bring their own snacks and/or lunches.

TRANSPORT

Mini buses bring students to school from the surrounding areas of Bangkok, and transport them home in the afternoon, where parents wish to avail themselves of this service. This is a door to school and school to door service. There is an additional charge made to parents who elect to use this service.

UNIFORM

It is a requirement of attendance at Traill International School that all students up to year 13 wear the approved school uniform and P.E. attire for sports. The uniform, as well as other items of clothing and equipment, may be purchased from the school shop.

HEALTH

Minor accidents and abrasions do occur during the school day from time to time, and the school has qualified nurses and first-aiders who attend to these. More serious accidents are referred to hospital and the parents are informed immediately.

INSURANCE

Students are insured by the school against personal injury. The school does not insure personal property and any item brought to school is at the owner's own risk.

SCHOOL SHOP

The school has a small shop which sells a variety of items which students may from time to time need, in addition to the school uniform and exercise books sold there. The shop is open during school hours and after school.



Admissions



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Application for admission to Traill International School is accepted at any time during the academic year, which typically runs from September to the following end of June. Admission is open to students of all nationalities.

Preliminary requirements involve the submission of an enrolment form, and students will be required to take a test in core subjects and have an interview. They will also, where English is not their first language, be required to take an English language test.

Documentation required includes the latest report from the previous school, and a copy of the candidate's birth certificate or passport.

Entrance to Year 12 to begin A-level studies, requires a minimum of five passes at IGCSE with a grade C or better, or in the case of a student entering from another system, evidence that they have reached a standard of academic achievement such that they are likely to succeed in the A level program.

Application at all levels requires the completion of the enrolment form, and admission is subject to the payment of the appropriate enrolment fee.

The school policy is to find the correct placement for each student so that they can benefit fully from the education that we offer. In general students are placed into the age-appropriate class, and the school endeavours to ensure that students returning to their country of origin are not penalised for having been away.



Location

The school is conveniently located in Bangkok, just off the Rama 9 and Ramkhamhaeng intersection. Journeys from different parts of town are fairly easy as the school is close to the expressway sytem. Notable reference points near the school include Ramkhamhaeng University, Rajamangala National Sports Stadium, The Mall and ABAC University.

Planned transport extensions to Bangkok public rail systems will make the school even more accessible.



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