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ADMISSION POSSIBLE

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LOCAL VS INTERNATIONAL



WHY DOES IT SEEM IMPOSSIBLE?

Confusing

Competitive

Costly



CONFUSING

Private= autonomous

Wildly varying:

- Starting age
- Curriculum
- Fees
- Debentures
- Admissions Criteria
- Selection Criteria

COMPETITIVE

Private= mostly (highly) selective

- Nationality
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnic/language background
- Language proficiency
- General academics



COSTLY

Private= expensive

- For profit
- Tuition + +
- Debentures
- Application fees
- Assessment fees



MR & MRS TYPICAL's SPEND ON APPLICATION/ASSESSMENT FEES

Apply to:

- Kellett
- French International School
- German Swiss International School
- Chinese International School
- Canadian International School

MR & MRS TYPICAL

Apply to:

- Kellett \$2,000
- French Int'l School \$3,800
- German Swiss Int'l School \$8,000
- Chinese Int'l School \$4,000
- Canadian Int'l School \$4,010

\$21,810

YOUR SECRET WEAPONS

Time

#1 mistake = late applications

Top Schools!

Expert guidance = save money; no mistakes

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98% without
priority debenture

"You've saved us
\$480,000!"

US boy - Nov 2010

Family expected to relocate and so did not consider schooling options beyond 2016. James successfully passed the HKIS assessment and sat on their waitlist.

Parents preferred HKIS, Kellett (PokFuLam) or NAIS as this is where many of his friends attend.

Engaged Top Schools in May 2016.

NAIS offer in August 2016, just before parents almost spent \$500,000 on ESF Nomination Right.



WHERE ARE YOU?

Age = year/grade

Local vs International

Visits made

Applications submitted

Interview Preparation

AGE: GRADE CALENDAR 2017/18

Child Born In	Age	Hong Kong	Australian	England		USA/ Canada	IB	
2015	2	PN	-	-	-	-	-	
2014	3	K1	-	Nursery	-	-	-	
2013	4	K2	Transition	Reception	Stage	Pre-K	-	
2012	5	K3	Preparatory	Year1	Key Stage	Kindergarten	-	
2011	6	P1	Year1	Year2	Primary	Grade1	Elementary IB PYP	
2010	7	P2	Year2	Year3		Key Stage 2		Grade2
2009	8	P3	Year3	Year4				Grade3
2008	9	P4	Year4	Year5				Grade4
2007	10	P5	Year5	Year6				Grade5
2006	11	P6	Year6	Year7	Secondary	Grade6	Middle School IB MYP	
2005	12	S1	Year7	Year8		Key Stage 3		Grade7
2004	13	S2	Year8	Year9		Key Stage 4/GCSE/ IGCSE		Grade8
2003	14	S3	Year9	Year10	Grade9			
2002	15	S4	Year10	Year11	A Level/ BTEC		Grade10	
2001	16	S5	Year11	Year12			Grade11	
2000	17	S6	Year12	Year13		Grade12	High School IB DP	

On P13 of your book

SMALL “BABIES” / 細B

Born Sept - Dec

LOCAL VS INTERNATIONAL



INTERNATIONAL CURRICULA SCHOOLS

International schools

Private Schools (including Private
Independent Schools)

ESF Schools

*  NOT DSS schools that tend to offer IBDP for only last two years.

CURRICULA

- IB - PYP, MYP, DP
- UK (English National Curriculum; A Levels)
- US (Common Core; AP)
- IPC
- Others: Montessori/Reggio/
Dalton/Waldorf, etc



LOCAL SCHOOLS: HK CURRICULUM

Aided Schools

Government Schools

Private Schools

DSS Schools

* **SOME** DSS and private schools offer IBDP for the last two years to a minority of students.

LOCAL VS INT'L

Great Chinese; poor English

Poor Chinese; great English

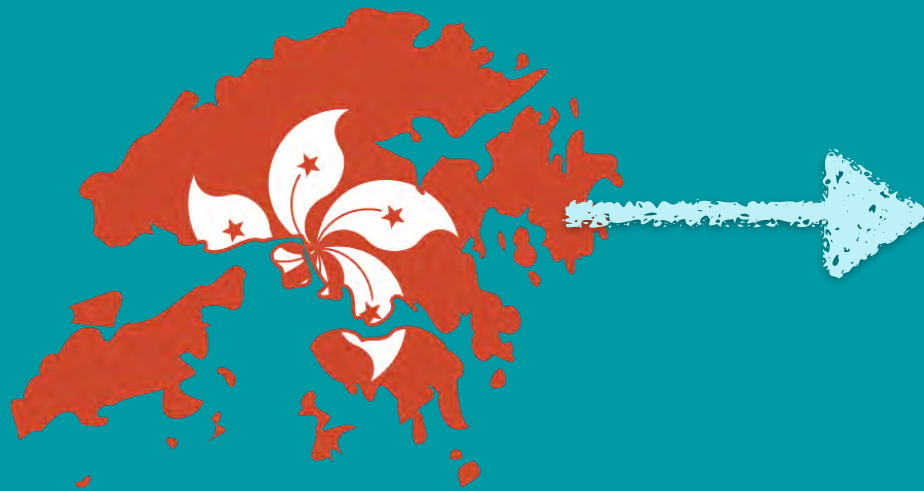
Makes you poor

LOCAL VS INT'L: STYLE

Fun, learn by doing, making mistakes, asking questions. Not much homework/testing.

Memorisation and recall, accuracy and completion prioritised, lots of homework/testing.

SWITCHING BETWEEN SYSTEMS: START LOCAL



VISITS MADE

Necessary! Both parents.

Some schools = mandatory

APPLICATIONS MADE

Which ones?

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM BIRTH

- GSIS
- Kellett
- DBIS
- FIS
- NAIS
- full list on page 24-25

APPLICATIONS : HOW MANY ?

**New schools
= more
choice =
fewer
applications**



MAKE A SHORTLIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Priorities:

- Nationality
- Alumni
- Sibling
- Existing student
- “Fast track”
- Priority debentures

ASSESSMENTS: INT'L SCHOOLS

ALL schools do assessments

- English language proficiency (parents & child)
- normal developmental milestones
- accompanied/unaccompanied

Preparation **not** necessary for int'l schools

QUESTIONS?





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