



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The International School of Paphos Boarding House Facility in a few lines:

- Capacity of 70 boarders
- On the main campus in the new Boarding House inaugurated in 2019
- Located close to the main school building, easy access to all facilities
- Boys and girls, from 11 to 18 years old
- Over 30 different nationalities in school
- Boarding House in the main campus: within walking distance to classes
- Dynamic weekend activity programme with opportunities to discover other cities in Cyprus

At what age can students become boarders?

We cater for boys and girls from 11 to 18 years old, offering both weekly and full boarding programmes. The Head of the Boarding House and his family also live on campus, along with the House Parents. As a team, it is their responsibility to ensure the boarders' personal well-being, safety and best possible academic achievements by providing daily supervision and support, from waking up to bedtime.

Do all the boarders live together?

All boarders live in the main building of the campus. Boys and girls stay on different floors. Day-to-day learning takes place together with the day-school students, according to their curriculum and activities.

Are students allowed to spend some free time outside the Campus during weekends?

Boarders are allowed to sign out to Paphos on weekends, according to their year group and age. Paphos is a very safe and enjoyable small town. The older boarders can sign out in groups while the younger boarders sign out with a member of staff.

What is the policy for students who want to spend the weekend outside the Campus?

The Boarding Department allows students to extend their social opportunities, often with day-school friends. Should the student be invited by the family of a day-student, the Boarding Department will need to receive a written confirmation from:

1. The student's parents
and
2. The inviting family

Do you offer activities at weekends?

There are several activities offered to our boarders after school and during weekends. During weekdays, we expect them to work hard, and during weekends we want to see them “play harder” from days by the sea and waterparks, to fun visits to other places in Cyprus. Learning at The International School of Paphos is not only in classrooms and from academic books.

Can parents visit their child or take him/her out?

We encourage parents to come and see their children, so they are always welcome at the boarding house. We do ask for notice so that we can make sure we maintain our security. However, we respect the challenges of parents travelling from afar and we are flexible to accommodating these needs.

What is the best time to contact my child?

Communication between parents and children is key to contributing to their well-being and development. We suggest parents contact their children either before or after school (7.00 – 7.40 or after 14.15). Should there be an emergency, please call the boarding line which is available 24/24 and 7/7 at +357 26 821720.

Will someone be there for my child if they have a problem?

This is one of the most important responsibilities we take on as a boarding institution. To ensure that care is always available, we have multiple ways of checking up on and being accessible to each student: through their House Parents, through their academic Tutor, through their Key Stage Co-Ordinator, their Head of School, the Enhancement Centre and through the support of the other students. The pastoral care at The International School of Paphos is outstanding and we are proud of the nurturing that we provide. Boarding House Parents are not academic teachers but full-time staff who are responsible for boarders' day-to-day well-being.

What about Health?

We do have a nurse available on Campus during school hours and a doctor of reference in case of any emergency. If the student needs to go the Hospital for a check, a staff member (House Parent or Head of Boarding) will accompany him/her.

Does the School offer special dietary requirements meals?

At this age, we need to be sure that children maintain a balanced diet. Our chefs prepare a wide range of options for our students and we pay meticulous attention to any food allergies or special dietary requirements. Parents are requested to fill out the child's medical form and specify any important medical information.

What is the School Policy on IT?

The Campus and the Boarding House are assigned with a wireless network. Boarders can connect to the school network system in order to access the internet from their room. Naturally, the school blocks unsuitable websites and restricts access to gaming and social websites during the school day and the allocated homework time in the evening. Furthermore, we have a policy on electronics which boarders need to respect. Further details can be found in our "Boarders' rules and privileges". The school places high priority on guiding students to make responsible and safe choices in their use of IT.

Are students allowed to bring their own laptop?

We encourage students to bring their own laptop to facilitate communication with their relatives/parents, as well as to work on group projects and research with their fellow students.

Are students allowed to bring their own mobile phone?

Yes, students are allowed and expected to have their own mobile phone. The use of mobile phone is prohibited during lesson time. Students are allowed their phones during morning break and lunch break, outside the building.

How many boarders to a room?

Most of our rooms are single but we also have double and triple rooms.

Can students choose their roommates?

We allocate students to rooms based on our experience and on the best educational interests of students. Should students be in a double or triple room, we try to place them with students of the same year group and different nationalities: this will allow them to learn more about other cultures! We take great care in these placements and monitor them closely.

Do students need a visa?

Passport holders of certain countries do not need a visa. Where one is required, visas need to be applied for by the families in their home countries. Once this initial step is taken, the school can monitor the application process. For further information, please contact the Admissions Office at: admissions@isop-ed.org. It is vital that parents inform us of their situation and needs as the regulations in Cyprus require that we are compliant with visa requirements.

Do students need pocket money?

Should parents decide to pay the school's pocket money, boarders can collect it from the Boarding Office on a weekly basis. The amount of the pocket money is € 20 /week.

How do students keep their belongings safe?

Students are expected to hand in their passports to the Boarding Office for safety. Each student also has a safe box in the room for secure storage.

Do students receive support with their homework?

Boarders have mandatory preparation time every evening (except Fridays and Saturdays), between 17:00 – 19:00 and then after dinner if necessary. Students are asked to do their Prep in specific study areas, under the supervision of House Parents.

Is the school open over the holidays?

The school is closed during the holidays at Christmas, Easter and in Summer. Term dates and activities are published well in advance to enable parents to plan effectively. Boarders can stay in the Boarding House during half-term breaks in October and February, at an additional cost.

Is there a School and Sports' uniform?

Yes, both. Uniform is part of the school's dress code which has to be respected. School sports kit is also worn by students participating in fixtures and tournaments. These can be purchased in our

uniform shop. A full consultation and appointment are made available before the student starts school.

Do you offer airport transfer service?

Transport from and to Paphos airport is provided to our boarders. The fee is included in the tuition and boarding package. Transport to/from Larnaka Airport comes at an extra cost. To arrange this, please contact our boarding office: houseparents@isop-ed.org.

Do students have to clean their own room?

Boarders' bedrooms are cleaned every day by our Housekeeping team. However, we ask our students to keep the room tidy as a form of respect to our staff members. House Parents will do room tidiness checks daily and they will give them a score on a weekly basis.

Is laundry provided?

Yes, this is a service included in the fees. Each boarder receives a laundry bag with a number, and they must hand in the laundry bag with the clothing to be washed on Friday morning; they will have it back washed and ironed on Sunday evening after dinner.

What are the activities students can choose after school?

Please refer to our list of clubs offered for this term. Most clubs offered on campus are included in the fees. Should boarders wish to do an activity which is not listed, e.g. horse-riding, and if parents agree with it, the Boarding Team will help in looking for a club outside school. The student will also be driven to and from the activity by the Boarding Team whenever possible or transportation will be organised by the boarding office.

What are the nationalities at The International School of Paphos?

We have approximately 800 students from over 30 different nationalities. Most of them come from European countries but we also have children from other continents including Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas.

What is the main language spoken in school?

English is the main language of instruction and communication.

Do you provide private music instrument tuition?

Yes, we have a very vibrant Music Department and individual instrumental tuition is available.

What if my child doesn't have an efficient level of English?

We have an Enhancement Centre on campus which is available to support children with specific learning needs. Our programme helps students to acquire a strong English foundation in order to cope more effectively with the other subjects. Our Enhancement Centre is one of our school's unique selling points.

Do boarders have to bring their own towels and bed linen?

No, these are provided by the school.

How can I apply?

Please follow our Admissions process:

- Schedule a visit with our Admissions team: admissions@isop-ed.org . All our visits are individual and bespoke to every family's needs
- Fill-out our online application form and provide the documents requested
- Complete the Admissions Tests, if required
- The completed file will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee and an answer will be provided after 10 working days

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions Team.

When is the best time to apply?

At The International School of Paphos, we have a rolling admissions system. Students are welcomed throughout the academic year. However, we strongly recommend that students join us during the 1st Term, starting in September.