

British International School Phuket

Phuket, Thailand



Eight boarding houses and four sport academies sit across a 44-acre tropical campus pairing British curriculum with the IB Diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	71/100
Academic outcomes	73/100
University placement	71/100
Prestige & heritage	71/100
Alumni network	70/100
Facilities	74/100
Transparency	66/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

British International School Phuket trades on scale, and in this case the scale matters. A **44-acre** campus in Phuket, eight boarding houses and four sport academies give it a profile closer to a resort-adjacent international boarding school than a standard expat day school. The academic shape is clear: British curriculum through the school, with the IB Diploma in the sixth form and BTEC Level 3 options in sport and business. That mix broadens the runway for students who do not fit a single narrow academic mould. The school has operated since 1996, teaches in English, and carries BSO, COBIS, CIS and FOBISIA accreditation. Those badges do not guarantee brilliance, but they do place the school firmly in the established international-schools market rather than the speculative end of it.

What puts BISP on a shortlist is not just breadth but a **specific kind of breadth**. The school offers a serious boarding proposition in Thailand, and there are not many of those. The average annual day fee is ****969,050 THB**** and the average annual boarding fee is ****1,478,350 THB****, so this sits in the **premium** bracket and competes for families who want a full-service campus, not a stripped-back academic shopfront. The published average class size of ****20**** points to a school that is big enough to sustain choice without tipping into anonymity. The sport side looks **deliberately built**, not bolted on: football, swimming, tennis and golf sit alongside aerial arts, flying trapeze and gymnastics, plus expeditions, service and Duke of Edinburgh. Parents looking for a school where high-level sport can coexist with a conventional university-prep route will find a rare proposition here.

The trade-off is obvious. This is not the school for families who want a small, **intimate** campus, a highly local Thai identity, or a narrowly academic institution organised around exam results alone. BISP suits students who thrive on activity, mobility and range: boarders who want a proper residential community; ambitious athletes who need coaching infrastructure; internationally minded teenagers who want British schooling without giving up the IB at the end; and children who benefit from a large peer group and a busy timetable. It will also suit parents comfortable with a school that has the feel of a **self-contained enclave**. For the right child, that is the attraction. For the wrong one, it is too much machine.

STRENGTHS

- The 44 acre (99 rai) campus includes eight boarding houses, primary and secondary schools, and sports facilities including swimming pools, tennis courts, football pitches, and golf centre.
- Key stages 1, 2 and 3 are based on the National Curriculum of England and Wales, and students then complete the two-year IGCSE programme in Years 10 and 11, followed by the IB Diploma programme in Years 12 and 13.
- Established: September 1996, making it one of the longest-running British curriculum schools on the island.
- The student population consists of 1140 day and boarding students, with 60 nationalities represented.
- The school offers a number of scholarships for student athletes, including swimming, soccer, tennis, and golf.

TRADE-OFFS

- Annual tuition climbs to THB 935,900 in the senior years, and admission also requires a Placement Fee of 200,000 Baht (or 250,000 Baht for a family with more than one student) and a refundable 150,000 Baht Bond, a substantial upfront cost beyond tuition.
- With 1140 day and boarding students and 100 full-time and five part-time teachers, the school's scale means class sizes and pastoral ratios differ from smaller boutique island schools.
- Progression into the full IB Diploma is not automatic: for students who have followed the IGCSE programme, the school requires a minimum of 5 (A* to C) grades to enter the full IBDP.
- The campus sits at Thepkrasattri Road, T. Koh Kaew, Mueang Phuket District, inland from the west-coast beach communities where many expat families choose to live, so commute times can be a factor.

ADMISSIONS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis year-round, though local advisers recommend registering well ahead of a move given demand for popular year groups. All candidates undergo assessment and interview stages, with additional English-proficiency testing for non-native speakers. Entry to the full IB Diploma is more selective, generally requiring a minimum of five A*-C IGCSE grades, with lower thresholds for single-subject IB courses. Applicants pay an application fee, followed by a refundable bond and a placement fee once an offer is accepted, on top of standard tuition.

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