

Saint George's College Santiago

Santiago, Chile



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RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	59/100
Academic outcomes	60/100
University placement	58/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	59/100
Facilities	61/100
Transparency	47/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

What is striking here is not the school website, which at present is a mess and does not function as a credible admissions tool, but the institution behind the name. Saint George's College Santiago is a Catholic Holy Cross day school in Vitacura, founded in ****1936****, teaching ages ****5-18**** in Spanish and English, and it holds IB World School accreditation. That combination matters. It anchors the school in Chilean elite education while keeping one foot in an international framework. The result is a school with deep local standing rather than an imported international-school identity. Parents choosing it are not buying novelty; they are buying establishment, continuity and access to a powerful Santiago network. The average annual day fee across the full age range is ****€8,300****, which places it in an ***expensive but not**

absurd* bracket for a school with this social weight.

What is special about Saint George's is that it sits at the intersection of Catholic formation, bilingual education and old-guard influence. The editorial tagline puts it bluntly: this school has *quietly seeded* a third of Chile's top-200 corporate boardrooms. That is not a decorative claim. It defines the school's market position more clearly than any mission statement could. Families who want a school with reach into Chile's professional and business elite will put Saint George's on the shortlist at once. Families hunting for a glossy expatriate-facing campus with polished international marketing will not find that here. The public-facing digital presence is *poor*, and that matters, because it tells parents that the school trades on reputation and constituency more than on presentation.

The best fit is a student who can thrive in a school with a strong local identity, a Catholic frame and a bilingual academic life, rather than a child who needs a transient, globally mobile peer group. This suits families rooted in Santiago, or returning Chilean families, who want the IB in a Spanish-English environment without losing connection to Chilean society. It also suits ambitious students who value *serious social capital* as much as formal academics. It does not suit parents who need transparency, abundant published data or a frictionless admissions experience. Saint George's still earns shortlist status because few schools can match its blend of **IB World School** status, **5-18** continuity and *entrenched national influence*.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1913 by priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross, making it one of Santiago's longest-established Catholic day schools.
- Authorised to offer the IB Diploma Programme alongside the Chilean national curriculum, giving students a dual academic pathway.
- Located in Vitacura, an established and well-connected residential district of Santiago with mature campus facilities.
- Has a long-standing extracurricular tradition in rugby, a sport in which the school has a recognised competitive history within Chile.
- Operates as part of a wider network of Holy Cross schools, giving it an institutional identity beyond a single campus.

TRADE - OFFS

- Single-sex (boys only), which rules it out for families wanting co-education throughout schooling.
- Fee-paying private day school in an affluent area, putting it outside reach for many middle-income relocating families.
- Catholic religious formation is embedded in the daily curriculum and ethos, which will not suit secular or non-Catholic households.
- Its international profile and rankings visibility are modest compared to Santiago's more globally marketed bilingual schools.

ADMISSIONS

Admission runs from early years through to Grade 12, with places generally sought well in advance for the most popular entry points (pre-kinder and the transition into secondary). The process typically involves a written application, assessment or interview, and consideration of family and religious background, including sibling or alumni ties. As an established Vitacura institution, demand for entry-level places is high, and families should apply at least a year ahead. Spanish proficiency expectations should be clarified directly with admissions, as instruction blends the Chilean curriculum with IB Diploma preparation.

WTS RATING 

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