

Northlands School

San Isidro, Argentina



Founded in 1920 by two women educators, this Zona Norte school pairs Anglo-Argentine heritage with a full IB continuum across twin campuses.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	72/100
Academic outcomes	74/100
University placement	72/100
Prestige & heritage	74/100
Alumni network	70/100
Facilities	78/100
Transparency	72/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Northlands School occupies a distinctive slot in the Buenos Aires market: an old-line Anglo-Argentine school in Zona Norte that has not drifted into heritage theatre. Founded in ****1920****, it has age, identity and continuity, but the sharper point for parents is its structure now: a bilingual, non-religious day school for ages ****2-18**** with the full IB continuum and a British strand across two campuses, in Olivos and Nordelta. That combination is uncommon. Plenty of schools offer bilingualism; fewer deliver a coherent English-Spanish education from nursery to sixth form level under an internationally legible framework. For internationally mobile families, and for Argentine families who want **clear academic portability**, that matters.

What sets Northlands apart is the blend of tradition and outward-facing programming. The school foregrounds international affiliations, student exchange, a GAP programme, Spanish immersion, wellbeing, design and technology, and even AI within the academic offer. That breadth points to a school that does not treat languages as window dressing or the IB as a badge. It treats both as operating principles. The twin-campus model also widens its catchment and community reach across Zona Norte. Accreditation by **3** heavyweight bodies — IB, CIS and HMC — gives Northlands stronger external validation than many local competitors. Parents who want *institutional seriousness*, *bilingual fluency* and an education that travels well across borders will put Northlands high on a shortlist.

This is not a school for families hunting for a narrow, exam-drilled hothouse or a low-cost bilingual option. Northlands sits in the premium international segment, and parents should read it that way. The attraction lies in *cultural confidence* and breadth: students can move between Spanish and English, local and international settings, academic study and co-curricular life without friction. The school’s long-established “Old Northlanders” identity also carries weight; for some families that network and sense of belonging form part of the draw, for others it will feel too embedded. The right student for Northlands is academically capable, socially adaptable and comfortable in a school with *a strong sense of self*. Children who thrive in bilingual discussion, value global pathways and want a campus life broader than classroom instruction will fit well here.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1920 by two English governesses, giving Northlands over a century of institutional history as one of Argentina's oldest bilingual schools.
- Delivers the full IB continuum on both campuses - the Primary Years Programme, Cambridge IGCSE, and the IB Diploma Programme - giving continuity through a single internationally recognised qualification pathway.
- Received Council of International Schools (CIS) accreditation in January 2024, an external validation of its education quality and welfare standards.
- Operates as a not-for-profit institution under an elected board (Asociacion Civil de Beneficencia) rather than as a fee-driven commercial entity.
- Offers two campuses in the safer, family-friendly northern suburbs of Buenos Aires (Olivos and Nordelta), giving families a choice of location.

TRADE - OFFS

- Fee schedules are not published; multiple independent directories confirm tuition is 'not public' and must be requested directly from admissions.
- Despite its bilingual, IB branding, international families make up a minority of the roll - reported at roughly 11% in Olivos and 19% in Nordelta - so day-to-day school life remains predominantly Argentine.
- The two campuses function as largely separate communities with different family profiles and enrolment numbers, which can complicate comparisons or mid-stream transfers between sites.
- As a day school only, it offers no boarding option, limiting it to families already settled within commuting range of Buenos Aires's northern suburbs.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points run from toddler kindergarten (from age 2) through to Grade 12/IB Diploma, across the Olivos and Nordelta sites. The process follows the standard Buenos Aires bilingual-day-school model: online application, family interview and campus visit, with the school stating it aims for 'diversity in the classroom' via heterogeneous groups rather than narrow academic selection. For August 2026 entry the school specifies a final admissions week (commencing 22 June 2026) before the winter break, implying a defined, time-bound intake cycle. Fees are not published online and must be obtained directly from the relevant campus admissions office.

WTS RATING 

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