

Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School

Jakarta, Indonesia



Indonesia's oldest international school, where Gandhian ethics meet Pancasila values under an IB banner in central Jakarta.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	52/100
Academic outcomes	54/100
University placement	52/100
Prestige & heritage	52/100
Alumni network	51/100
Facilities	53/100
Transparency	40/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

What sets Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School apart in Jakarta is not a glossy facilities pitch or a borrowed British brand, but age, scale and identity. Founded in ****1950****, GMIS is Indonesia’s oldest international school, and that matters: schools with this kind of tenure usually have deep-rooted communities, alumni networks and institutional confidence. The Jakarta campus relocated to Kemayoran in 2004 and now enrolls more than ****2,000 students**** from over ****50 countries****. That gives it a genuinely international population rather than a token overseas mix, with Indonesian, Indian, Korean and Chinese families forming much of the core. In a market crowded with newer entrants, GMIS offers something **harder to replicate**: historical continuity and a clear cultural spine.

The school's academic frame is straightforward. It is a day school for ages 3 to 18, teaches in English, and operates under the IB banner as an IB World School. That combination gives it coherence from early years through to graduation, and it will appeal to families who want one educational language and one broad international framework rather than a patchwork of national systems. The editorial tagline gets to the point: Gandhian ethics and Pancasila values are central to the school's identity. For some families, that moral language will read as **serious and distinctive**; for others, it will feel more prescribed than the neutral globalism sold elsewhere. Either way, GMIS has a recognisable point of view, which is more than can be said for many international schools that trade in generic citizenship talk.

The average annual day fee across the full age range is ****IDR 93,641,333****, which places GMIS in the established international-school bracket rather than the bargain end of the Jakarta market. Parents should shortlist it if they want an English-medium IB education inside a **large, rooted, multicultural** community and value a school with a long local history rather than a freshly imported concept. The best fit is a student who thrives in a substantial day-school environment, is comfortable in a diverse cohort, and benefits from a school culture with explicit ethical expectations. Children who need an intimate campus or a deliberately **light-touch** institutional ethos may find the scale and stated values less appealing.

STRENGTHS

- Offers the full IB continuum (PYP, MYP and Diploma Programme), giving continuity from early years through to university entry.
- One of Jakarta's longer-established international schools, giving it an operating track record in the local market.
- Located in the Lebak Bulus area of South Jakarta, within reach of several expatriate residential neighbourhoods.
- Day-school structure keeps fee levels generally lower than Jakarta's largest premium international schools.
- Draws a genuinely multinational student body rather than being dominated by a single expatriate community.

TRADE-OFFS

- Lower international profile and editorial ranking than Jakarta's best-known international schools, which may affect university-counsellor familiarity abroad.
- Campus and facilities are more modest than those of larger, better-resourced Jakarta international schools.
- Extracurricular and co-curricular breadth appears narrower than at bigger competitor schools with larger enrolments.
- South Jakarta traffic can make the daily commute lengthy for families based outside the immediate area.

ADMISSIONS

Admission is offered at multiple entry points across the PYP, MYP and Diploma years, subject to place availability. Applicants typically submit previous school reports/transcripts, and undergo an internal assessment or interview, with English-language proficiency checked for older applicants joining mid-programme. As a smaller, lower-profile IB school in Jakarta, competitiveness is generally moderate rather than highly selective, though Diploma-year entry may require stronger prior academic evidence.

WTS RATING 

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