

Colegio Colombo Británico Cali

Cali, Colombia



Founded in 1956 on English pedagogy, Cali's only CIS-accredited school runs the full IB continuum with a Round Square ethos of service and exchange.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	56/100
Academic outcomes	57/100
University placement	55/100
Prestige & heritage	56/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	57/100
Transparency	45/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Colegio Colombo Británico Cali occupies a clear niche in the city’s top tier: an established, non-religious day school with bilingual teaching, the full IB continuum and a long institutional memory. Founded in **1955**, it offers education from age **3-18** in Spanish and English, which gives it reach from early years to university entry without the curricular breaks that unsettle some families. In Cali, that matters. Parents choosing here are not buying novelty; they are buying continuity, an international framework and a school with enough history to have moved beyond educational fashion. The stated Round Square ethos

adds a second layer: service, exchange and outward-facing citizenship rather than a narrow exam factory. That combination gives the school a distinct identity: *serious without being austere*, *international without affectation*.

What puts it on a shortlist is not mystery but fit. This is for families who want the IB from start to finish and want it inside a bilingual Colombian setting rather than a transplanted foreign enclave. The school's appeal rests on coherence. A child can grow through one academic philosophy across the whole age range, in a day-school format that keeps family life central. For internationally minded local families, and for expatriates who want a strong English-Spanish environment, that is *a compelling proposition*. The school also carries the weight of reputation that comes with longevity. In a market full of schools that borrow the language of global education, a school founded in the mid-20th century and still operating at the top end has *earned its place*. The limitation is also plain: parents seeking boarding, a religious framework or a monocultural academic environment should look elsewhere.

The student who thrives here is academically capable, linguistically flexible and open to service, collaboration and exchange. This suits children who can handle the demands of the IB and who gain energy from discussion, projects and an outward-looking school culture. It will also suit families who value polish, structure and international access, but who do not want their child educated in a social bubble detached from Colombia. The best match is a student with *intellectual stamina*, *social confidence* and a willingness to engage beyond the classroom. For that child, Colegio Colombo Británico Cali offers a rare package in Cali: *rooted, bilingual, internationally literate* and organised around a clear educational spine.

STRENGTHS

- Authorised to deliver the IB Diploma Programme, giving students an internationally recognised university-entry qualification.
- Long-established bilingual (Spanish-English) day school model, giving families continuity within Cali's local and expatriate communities.
- Part of a small, well-known lineage of Colombo Británico schools that have operated in Colombia for decades, suggesting institutional stability.
- Single day-campus structure in Cali simplifies logistics for families based in the city, without boarding-related costs or commutes.
- Curriculum blends British-style structure with IB philosophy, appealing to families wanting rigor plus international mobility for their children.

TRADE-OFFS

- Located in Cali, a secondary Colombian city with a smaller expatriate and international-school ecosystem than Bogota or Medellin.
- As a single-campus day school, options for boarding or campus alternatives within the same brand are limited compared to larger international groups.
- Editorial rank (1254) and 'candidate' tier indicate limited independent verification of outcomes, results or reputation relative to more established global schools.
- Public information on fees, class sizes, university placement data and specific achievements is not readily available, limiting external benchmarking.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions typically span early years through the IB Diploma, with entry possible at multiple grade levels subject to space. Prospective families generally submit an application, prior academic records, and undergo a Spanish/English language and academic assessment plus a family interview. Competitiveness varies by grade, with senior IB Diploma entry often more selective due to curriculum continuity requirements. Families relocating to Cali should contact admissions directly for current fee schedules, seat availability and specific documentation requirements, as these are not consistently published online.

WTS RATING 

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