INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM

MBBC is a Candidate for the International Baccalaureate (IB), which is an internationally accredited educational foundation focused on developing students’ intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

The IB is a natural extension of the current teaching program at MBBC and we will soon offer both a Primary Years Program (PYP) and Middle Years Program (MYP), which can be completely integrated into the current P-10 Queensland curriculum (and any new national curriculum).

Worldwide, there are 2500 schools in 128 countries (supporting over 640,000 students worldwide) that have implemented one or more IB programs. Of these, 111 are in Australia, with only 11 in Queensland.

What can I expect from the IB program?

✓ Highly trained teachers with best practice education;
✓ Boys prepared to be active, compassionate citizens in a global world;
✓ Boys who are truly independent in their learning after progressing through the program;
✓ Boys who are prepared for life beyond school, due to the highly relevant nature of the curriculum.

All students are encouraged to become enquirers, thinkers, communicators and risk takers as well as being knowledgeable, open minded, principled, reflective, caring and well balanced global citizens.

The program is designed to challenge and develop children to reach their optimum levels of performance. It focuses on academic development and progress alongside social, physical, emotional and cultural needs. It is a broad, balanced curriculum taught from both a local and global perspective, promoting intercultural understanding and respect - essential for life in the 21st Century.

Which Years will take part in the program?

PYP

The PYP will operate from Years 2-6 at MBBC. It is based on imparting

1. Concepts
2. Skills
3. Attitudes
4. Actions
5. Knowledge

in the following subject areas: language, social studies, mathematics, arts, science, personal, social and physical education, and will include the introduction of a second language from Year 2.

MYP

The MYP, offered for Years 7-10, is based around 5 areas of interaction:

1. Approaches to Learning
2. Community and Service
3. Human Ingenuity
4. Environment
5. Health and Social Education

in the following subject areas: English, maths, technology, arts, sciences, humanities, LOTE, and PE.

In the fourth year of the program, all students undertake a culminating year-long personal project.

Both programs build on the existing educational framework of the College.
When will MBBC be an IB World School?

In 2009 MBBC will become an official IB Candidate School. Only schools that have gone through the full authorisation process, which takes about 3 years, can be called an IB World school; we are currently in the second stage of that process and aim to be running programs in 2011.

What's next?

The IB is a natural progression from what is currently occurring in the College. Considerable work has already occurred to develop a coherent curriculum based on differentiation for all learners. What IB provides is an internationally accredited benchmark plus a range of resources to support our program. In coming months we will undertake professional development of staff and develop and implement units of work. The College is reviewed by the IB organisation every 3-5 years and must meet various requirements to remain accredited.

IB programmes

PYP

MYP