



# American Education Closer to Home



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The Raffles American School (RAS) in Iskandar Puteri provides a quality private international education alternative for your children. Offering the holistic 21st century approach of the American Curriculum, it is a rigorous standard-based system that aims to educate a child to achieve set goals and outcomes.

Being a part of the Raffles Education Group, RAS is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of the six authorities for the American Curriculum. The accreditation assures that as students' progress, they will possess the prerequisite knowledge and skills to move from one grade to the next level.

Established back in August 2012 in a temporary campus with 11 students, RAS has finally moved to their brand new grounds last July. Currently, the numbers had grown to 150 students from 24 different nationalities. With a maximum campus capacity of 2000 students, RAS is expecting 200 more pupils by August 2017 and are looking to increase the numbers progressively over the years.



Nick Yon and his family from Singapore came to Raffles American School Open House to experience the school firsthand

The second phase of the campus is expected to be completed in stages starting from April this year. The new section will include the addition of a performing arts centre, outdoor tennis courts, a soccer field and five boarding towers to the existing line up of impressive facilities such as the Olympic sized pool, gyms, and a state-of-the-art planetarium, a feature rarely seen in schools.

The library is often considered the heart of American schools. At RAS, their three-storey library accentuates a hangout place with comfy bean bags for students to do their reading or to just wind down with friends. Set to offer a homely ambience, it is furnished with various volumes ranging from references to graphic novels.

Besides that, RAS also strives to provide students with a variety of co-curricular activities that enables students to explore and develop their interest and passion.



Raffles American School new campus in Iskandar Puteri

"We believe in growing the child holistically, using a wholesome curriculum and integrating technology in learning process," said Lyle Moltzan, Superintendent of Raffles American School adding that the campus designed by New York renowned architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill also accommodates water features and greeneries in the courtyard to create a more conducive environment.

Exploring the various first class international education options Iskandar Malaysia is offering, Nick Yon came to the recent RAS Open House to get a better look of what they have to offer. A Korean based in Singapore, Nick with his wife and two sons were impressed with the facilities RAS had in the school. Sitting in the mock class for a sample lesson, both his nine and eleven year old sons seemed so engaged.

"I am looking for a well-rounded education for my sons, and of all the options we had reviewed, Raffles American School seems to be the most appealing choice," said Nick.

RAS curriculum caters to pre-kindergarten (ages 3 and 4), kindergarten (age 5) through grade 12 (age 18) and like all American schools, it is structured to have preschool, elementary school, middle school and high school. Students completing the American Curriculum will earn a highly recognised American High School Diploma, a credible qualification for university entrance. Alternatively, the curriculum also offers Advance Placement (AP) courses during their high school years.

For more information regarding Raffles American School in Iskandar Puteri, go to [www.Raffles-American-School.edu.my](http://www.Raffles-American-School.edu.my) or call +607-509 8750 today.

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