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St. Mary's Catholic High School fosters an inclusive environment that celebrates diversity, mutual respect, and tolerance. We warmly welcome Emirati students and their families into our community. We acknowledge that Emirati students may form a minority within our specific student body; therefore, this policy is designed to ensure they never feel isolated. We are committed to providing a learning environment where their cultural, linguistic, and religious identity is not only respected but actively celebrated and integrated into the fabric of school life.



Although currently no Emirati students are registered, the school is committed to provide a favorable environment for Emirati students to enroll.

AIMS

1. To Ensure a clear pathway is in place to help an Emirati student enrolling in the school.
2. To provide provisions so that an Emirati student is cared, supported and guided to achieve his full potential, preparing him/her for further studies and develops holistically there by contributing in nation building.

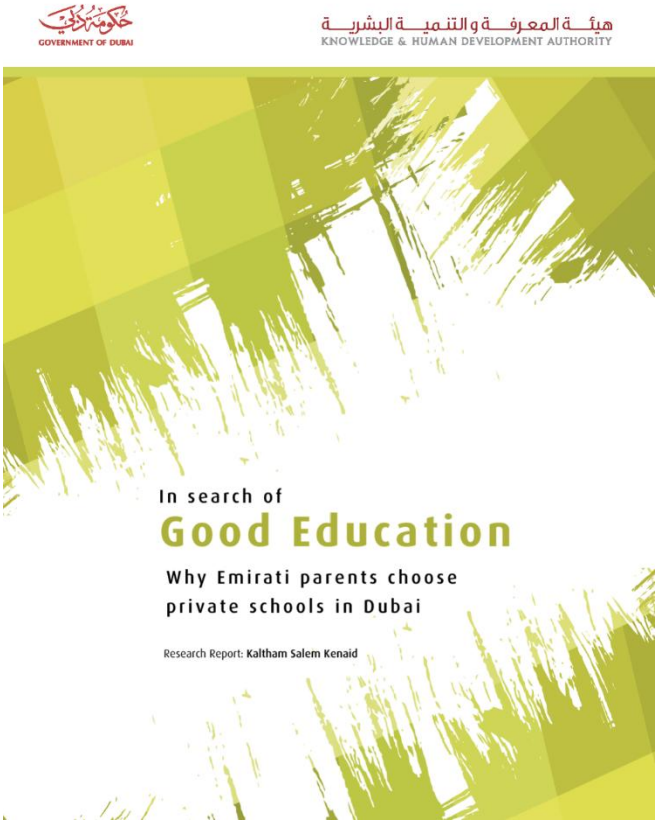
Admission

1. The school welcomes Emirati students in any phase of the school.
2. If an Emirati student applies in the Primary phase then a suitable base line check is done in core subjects so as to determine the support that needs to be provided.
3. Since the medium of instruction is English, Head start reading will be used to determine the level and accordingly tailor support to bridge the gap.
4. If admission is taken in Secondary phase suitable action plan will be put in place depending on the curriculum he/she is come from so that transition can be as smooth as possible.

Program of study

1. The school provides equal opportunities for the Emirati student to excel and progress both in academics and extracurricular activities.
2. Regular reporting to parents will be done so that they are kept informed about their child's progress.
3. Students in the Secondary and Post 16 phase will be guided by the school leaders and Counselors to choose subjects based on the universities they wish to enroll. Relevant preparation for EMSAT will be provided in case they want to join a local university.

According to the KHDA's "In Search of Good Education" document, the United Arab Emirates' leaders have envisioned a future where Emiratis take the lead in building the country, as outlined in the UAE Vision 2021 (UAE, 2010) and the Dubai Strategic Plan 2015 (Dubai Government, 2007). This future vision includes aspiring to give Emirati children access to, and provision of, first-rate education so that they can develop into active and contributing members of society (UAE, 2010; Dubai Government, 2007).



Improving the qualifications and educational attainment levels of Emiratis will help to produce the human capital needed to lead the economy and support the social stability of the UAE. Government strategies at both federal and emirate levels have also identified the importance of completing schooling, of providing students with resources to fulfill their potential and of integrating students with special educational needs into the mainstream school system (UAE, 2010; Dubai Government, 2007).

The school guarantees that Emirati students will be provided with targeted intervention to ensure their attainment aligns with the highest bands of TIMSS, PISA, and PIRLS requirements.



To foster leadership skills, the school constitution ensures that Emirati students are actively encouraged and mentored to take up roles in the Student Council, particularly as **'National Identity Ambassadors**,' allowing them to represent their culture within our international community.

The SLT and the Governing Board commits to reviewing the resource allocation for any Emirati Student to ensure their smooth transition into the mainstream education at St. Mary's."

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