ST. PAUL’S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

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SCHOOL  St. Paul’s Co-educational College (SPCC) was founded by the Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Church) in 1915 and is located in the city centre of Hong Kong. It is respected for both academic and musical excellence. The school is also recognized for the valuable contributions its graduates, being leaders in their respective professions, have made to the Hong Kong community. Enrolment stands at 1238 in 7th to 12th grades. SPCC is a Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) school and has adopted a ‘through-train’ mode with its primary school since 2002. Becoming a DSS school has enabled SPCC to further its reputation as a leading institution in Hong Kong with a high teacher-student ratio, multi-disciplinary curricula on physical and intellectual development, and local and overseas educational programmes.

VISION  Our vision is, in the spirit of faith, hope and love, to instil in our students a culture of excellence, high moral values, an altruistic spirit, a passion for lifelong learning and a global perspective.

INTAKE  SPCC intake at 7th grade comes from two streams. Approximately 120 students come from St. Paul’s Co-educational College Primary School. This is a through-train arrangement. Entry to the primary school guarantees entry to the secondary school, and is highly competitive: for example, the primary school has received 3000 applications for its 140 places for the academic year 2013-2014.

The other 100 places available in the secondary section are discretionary, and admission is based on merit. There are on average approximately 12 applications for each place in the discretionary stream.

STUDENTS’ BACKGROUND  The great majority of SPCC students are ethnic Chinese who were born and brought up in Hong Kong and whose mother tongue is Cantonese.

LANGUAGE POLICY  All subjects are taught using English as the medium of instruction with the exception of Chinese-related subjects such as Chinese Language, Chinese Literature and Chinese History. Chinese Language is taught using Putonghua (Mandarin Chinese) in 7th to 9th grades. All other Chinese-related subjects are taught using Cantonese.

CURRICULUM  In 7th to 9th grades students follow a broad-based and rigorous academic program with English Language, Chinese Language and Mathematics at its core, accompanied by a full range of humanities, sciences, and cultural subjects. In 10th grade students opt either for the three-year Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) programme or the two-year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) with the 10th grade being its preparatory year. The actual Diploma Programme is followed in 11th and 12th grades and most of the students follow the requirements of a bilingual diploma in English and Chinese. Both the HKDSE and the IBDP are equally demanding academic programmes that challenge our students to stretch themselves intellectually.
GRADUATING CLASSES The 12th grade graduating classes habitually have 100% entry to bachelor’s degree courses in Hong Kong and around the world. Overseas universities that offered SPCC students places last year include:

USA
- Boston College
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Northwestern University
- Princeton University
- University of Chicago
- Washington University in St Louis

- Boston University
- Georgetown University
- New York University
- UC Berkeley
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania

- Cornell University
- Johns Hopkins University
- MIT
- UCLA
- Stanford University
- Yale University

Canada & UK
- McGill University
- University of Toronto
- University of Edinburgh
- LSE
- UCL

- Queen’s University
- University of Cambridge
- King’s College London
- University of Oxford
- University of Warwick

- UBC
- Durham University
- Imperial College London
- University of St Andrews
- University of York

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE Percentage of students achieving the grade of 5** or 5* in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2012 (5** and 5* being highest achievable grades).

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TRANSCRIPT We do not rank the students or issue GPAs. Our transcript grading system is based on internal examinations. For all students in 7th to 9th grades and for HKDSE students D is a pass and F is a fail. IBDP Prep Year and IBDP students’ transcripts are graded in accordance with IB grades, with 1 being the lowest score and 7 the highest.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SPCC has since inception made the development of well-rounded young men and women a priority. Students attend international conferences and exchange programmes that span the world. ‘Rites of Passage’ is a four-week outdoor residential programme in Australia for 9th grade students. Student Activities Week each November emphasizes experiential learning in the local community, nationally and internationally.

SPCC has a long and accomplished musical heritage. On any given day of the school year, music can be heard around the campus, as members of the Treble Choir, Concert Choir, String Orchestra, Orchestra, and Wind Band gather and make music together. In addition to the various music groups, we also offer a Chamber Music Programme, Instrumental Classes, and the Pianists’ Chamber, as well as a Programme for the Musically Gifted. Last year, the Treble Choir won the Best Junior Choir of the Year and the Most Outstanding Choir of the Year Award in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, before going on to Italy to win a Gold Diploma in the 10th Venezia in Musica. The Concert Choir also won a Gold Medal in the 7th World Choir Games in Cincinnati before touring four cities in Connecticut and New York.

Student exchange programmes have been established with our sister schools in Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe and North America. The programmes vary in length from two to six weeks and are of both homestay and dormitory kinds. Exchange programmes are currently in place with:

- Anania Shirakatsy Lyceum, Yerevan, Armenia
- CheongShim International Academy, Gyunggi-do, South Korea
- Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, Singapore
- Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts, USA
- Herschel Girls’ School, Cape Town, South Africa
- Lycée Saint-Vincent, France
- Presbyterian Ladies’ College, Sydney, Australia
- Shanghai High School, Shanghai, China
- St Andrew’s Cathedral School, Sydney, Australia
- The High School Attached to Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- Tianjin Nankai High School, Tianjin, China
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SPCC also ensures that its students have the best of global exposure through international conferences organized jointly with local and overseas secondary and tertiary institutions and by international organizations such as the Round Square, of which SPCC is a regional member.

Our students eagerly join all manner of competitions and particularly have a tradition of success in science and mathematics. Loo Andy (12th grade) and Lau Chun Ting (9th grade) were selected to represent Hong Kong in the International Mathematics Olympiad 2012 and were awarded a silver medal and honourable mention respectively. Lee Zachariah Kwok Tsat (10th grade), was a silver medal winner in the 8th International Junior Science Olympiad held in Durban, South Africa.

There is also a full roster of clubs, societies and sports teams through which students explore their potential in language arts, thespian pursuits, civic and moral development and athletic talents.