



SEKOLAH SRI TENBY

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Frequently Asked Questions

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1. When should I apply?

Although we operate a rolling admission, we recommend that you apply as early as possible to secure a place for your child. Places are limited and some year groups have a waiting list.

2. Does my child need to be assessed and how will they be assessed?

Primary 1 – Children are assessed through a written assessment for Bahasa Malaysia and English.

Primary 2 onwards – Children are assessed through a written assessment for Bahasa Malaysia and take an online assessment using the Cognitive Abilities Test 4 (CAT4) which tests their Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability.

Which Curriculum is being taught in SST?

We are using the Malaysian National Curriculum.

3. What medium of instruction will be used in SST?

We will be using the bilingual approach (DLP) in the delivery of the national curriculum especially in Mathematics and Science. The DLP is part of the Malaysian Government's initiative to uphold Bahasa Malaysia and strengthen the usage of English.

In 2016 only 300 government schools across Malaysia were selected to participate in this programme. All the other national schools run by Tenby applied and were given permission to participate in this programme in 2016.

Both the Dual Language programme and a school environment that offers a national and international curriculum on the same campus will ensure students will have ample opportunities to improve on their linguistic and communication skills.

The schedule for the DLP programme will be rolled out as follows:

2016	2017	2018
Tahun 1	Tahun 2	Tahun 3
Tahun 2	Tahun 3	Tahun 4
Tahun 3	Tahun 4	Tahun 5
Tahun 4	Tahun 5	Tahun 6
Tahun 5	Tahun 6	Form 1
Tahun 6	Form 1	Form 2
Form 1	Form 2	Form 3

Taught in English

Taught in BM



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4. Will students be answering Science and Mathematics question in English or Bahasa Malaysia in the Primary School?

In the Dual Language programme, students are allowed to answer in either English or Bahasa Malaysia for Standard 6 examination (UPSR).

5. Are the exams for Standard 1 to 5 in English or Bahasa Malaysia for Science and Mathematics?

If the subjects are taught in Bahasa Malaysia the tests will be in Bahasa Malaysia. Subjects that are part of the dual language programme will be tested in two languages. (Please refer to the table for the levels or classes involved in the DLP programme).

6. What is the medium of instruction for Science and Mathematics prior to DLP Approval?

The medium of instruction is Bahasa Malaysia.

7. Is Mandarin being taught at SST?

Every student will be given the choice to take Mandarin as a subject.

8. Will the school term at SST run the same as Government Public Schools?

The school terms are based on the TISM school terms and follow as closely as possible the Malaysian government school holidays with some slight modifications. We abide by the 190 schooling days as required by the Ministry of Education.

9. Where will the teachers come from and what are their qualifications?

Our teachers will be recruited from all over Malaysia and they will be graduates from either local or foreign universities.

10. What subjects are offered in the national school?

English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin Language

Science and Mathematics

Islamic Education/Moral Education

Physical and Health Education (Pendidikan Jasmani & Kesihatan)

Art, Music and History

ICT and Design & Technology



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11. Does the school offer any after school activities?

The school offers a wide variety of activities, such as sports, games, music and art for our students between the hours of 15.00 and 16:00pm. The majority of activities supervised by school personnel are free of charge. Some activities supervised and run by community experts may require a fee.

12. Textbooks

The text books used will follow the guidelines provided by the Ministry of Education. We supplement the Malaysian textbooks with English textbooks published in the UK. This is to ensure that our students enhance their English Literacy skills.

13. How many students are in a class?

The class size is a maximum 25 students per class.

14. What is the difference between a Malaysian Government Public School and a Tenby Malaysian Private School?

- Tenby national school (SST) is housed together with Tenby International School (TIS) at our Miri campus, sharing all facilities with our sister school.
- The School as a whole (SST + TISM) will maintain an international environment and school ethos.
- Teachers who are selected are conversant in both Bahasa Malaysia and English and although English will be prominently used in school, we aim to produce students who are proficient in as many languages as possible.
- The schools offers a diversified choice of co-curricular activities which will cater for the development of soft skills and allow for strong character-building through sports, games and an appreciation of music, drama and the arts.