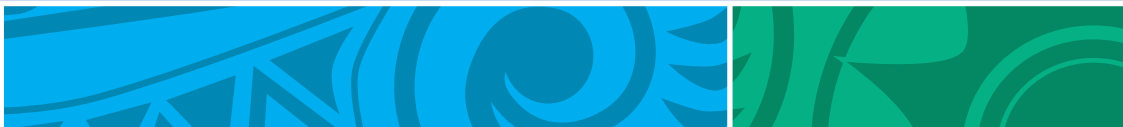


**BIRDWING**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL**



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## Re-location

Birdwing Independent School (BIS) is relocating to Bava Street over the Christmas break. This will be on two adjoining blocks on Bava Street on the opposite side to POM Grammar. As part of the relocation, BIS will increase from three classes to five classes for the 2017 year, with future expansion to be considered in the coming year.

## Purpose

BIS began in 2009 when the owners of the school recognised the need to provide a stimulating learning environment for their own children.

## Aim

The main aim of BIS is to provide an opportunity for children to follow a challenging and suitable curriculum allowing them to enter into any school system internationally while at the same time be prepared to sit the PNG Grade 8 Certificate of Basic Education.

## Class Teacher Ratio and Individualised Learning

Our focus is on the needs of the individual child. To achieve this outcome the class sizes are small and we aim for a teacher-student ratio of 1:20. Each class also has a teaching assistant giving a staff-student ratio of 1:10. With such small class sizes and an individual child focus, each child can progress at their own rate. Our small class numbers create the ideal environment for individualised learning. This level of opportunity is only possible with well-resourced classrooms, experienced staff and small class sizes.

## Staff

The school will employ ten qualified teaching staff, including a specialist early childhood teacher to cater for the Prep to Grade 2 children. In addition, the teachers change for specialist classes to maximise use of their talents, including part-time specialist teachers to cover music.

## Inclusive Education

BIS is an “inclusive” school and is open to all children including children with disability. Where necessary, additional staff can be made available to assist.

## Curriculum

BIS uses the PNG Curriculum as its base programme with reinforcement and additional diagnostic testing in the core skills of literacy and numeracy. Additional material for the younger students comes from the Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar programmes for which Birdwing PNG is the official supplier in PNG. There is a strong emphasis on establishing numeracy and literacy in the early years with a student research approach throughout. Older students use additional material from the Cambridge

International Curriculum. This prepares the children to enter a state or private school anywhere in the world. We expect our graduates to be self-motivated learners who have developed strong self-learning skills and have a strong grasp of core skills.

## **Facilities**

The school will have five classrooms; a library/resource room, toilets and storage. All classrooms are air-conditioned and children will have access to a swimming pool. There will be a small sports area for volleyball, soccer and basketball.

## **Library**

The school library has grown to around 10,000 books. The library is seen as a major resource for both students and staff so additional funds are being channeled into provision of additional books to add to what is already a substantial collection.

## **Computers and Internet Research**

There are a number of apple computers at the school for the children's use, with computers available in each class. A variety of software is available for their use including research tools. Internet broadband connectivity will be available for limited periods.

## **Sports and Physical Development**

The children can use a small swimming pool, plus play badminton, volleyball, basketball and five-a-side soccer. Full access to nearby playing fields and the tennis club is being considered.

## **Music, Art and Extra-Curricular Activities**

The children have a well-rounded curriculum which includes music and art on the curriculum and expressed through school drama productions. Excursions to sites of interest are also offered.

## **School Canteen**

We will have a school canteen that will provide affordable and healthy food. A menu will be ready at the school year.

## **Parents Involment**

Parents are encouraged to take an active involvement with the school and are always welcome in the classrooms. This provides a strong support to their child's academic growth and development.

## **Security**

Birdwing Independent School and Birdwing PNG office will be located on the same site, sharing the twenty-four hours security services in place.



