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Australian curriculum offered for the first time in Korea by SACE International

Following the signing of a partnership agreement, Hillside Collegiate IS becomes the first school in the Republic of Korea to be accredited to deliver an Australian Secondary Certificate of Education through the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) qualification.

Hillside Collegiate will join an ever-growing number of schools across China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Vanuatu and New Caledonia offering the internationally recognised SACE qualification.

Established in 2016 and located in Jisepo on the picturesque Geoje Island, Hillside Collegiate IS has chosen the SACE qualification for its new Senior Secondary Campus.

SACE Board's Interim Chief Executive Michaela Bensley is thrilled to welcome the first Korean school into SACE International's global community.

"Our SACE qualification is transforming education around the world, so we are excited to be expanding into South Korea for the first time," said Ms Bensley.

"The SACE supports students to develop important lifelong skills and capabilities, preparing them for success in today's dynamic world. Our SACE qualification is designed to unlock every student's potential, supporting them to develop their thinking, to use their judgement, and expand their knowledge so they can thrive in the future."

Hillside Collegiate CEO and owner Hye Ran Park is confident that the SACE qualification will support students to develop innovative thinking, so they embody the school values to become ethical young people with an entrepreneurial spirit.

"With the Australian curriculum being provided through SACE, Hillside Collegiate IS will change the culture of education in South Korea. Students will learn transferable skills through an optimised education tailored to each student's individual learning needs," said Ms Park.

As an educator with direct experience of the SACE, Korean born Australian, Principal Kim Peters has a deep understanding of the benefits provided by the qualification.

"The SACE curriculum is a world leader in helping young people define and shape their full potential during their years of education and beyond. As someone who has taught the SACE curriculum, I believe SACE offers learning experiences that help young people find the skills and confidence to make a difference locally, nationally and globally," said Principal Peters.

Alongside of the announcement of the new secondary school campus, the school released details of two new scholarships today. The Student Academic Ambassador Scholarship and the Young Women in Leadership Scholarship will be offered annually and are designed to support and nurture leadership and academic potential.

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Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission Julie Quinn said this new partnership was an excellent example of cooperation in the education sector, which continues to grow between Australia and Korea.

"Australia remains an ideal destination for Korean students seeking degree qualifications from an English speaking country. Australian universities are world-class, and Australian borders are open and welcoming international students. This partnership is an exciting development as it will facilitate an international learning environment for students in Korea with a global perspective," Ms Quinn said.

Education Manager of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission Emily Chung said it is a great milestone for Australian education in Korea.

"While Australia is the second most preferred study destination amongst English speaking countries for Korean students, there has been no chance to experience Australian education at home in the school sector. With this partnership, I expect more Korean students and parents will choose Australia as their further study destination as they are able to experience excellent Australian education in their early ages," Ms Chung said.

Upon completion of the SACE, students receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR), which opens the door to highly competitive programs at top universities.

SACE graduates gain an international passport that opens doors to top universities in Australia, United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Malaysia and Singapore.

SACE International has also developed beneficial partnerships with the <u>University of Adelaide</u> and <u>Flinders University</u>, who provide exclusive scholarships for SACE International graduates.

SACE students in Korea will share a similar experience as students studying in South Australia, with access to the same assessments and examinations from a selection of the 100 SACE subjects of offer.

The SACE program has proven to be COVID resilient, which has confirmed to be an important benefit to school communities and students all over the world. Coursework, projects and collaborative activities make up 70 percent of the final grade, so results are not determined by a single performance within a final examination. Many major subjects offer online examinations, and the flexibility and blended delivery model allows for smooth transitions without any compromise to the academic integrity of the program.

With the SACE program, teachers and leaders are supported by professional learning opportunities to ensure they deliver the best outcomes for students.

More than 40,000 students have successfully graduated from the SACE International program since its inception in 1982.

For more information about SACE International visit <u>https://www.sacei.edu.au/</u>.

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Background

Hillside Collegiate International School (HCIS) scholarships

To celebrate the opening of the Secondary School campus two scholarships will be offered to secondary students.

- HCIS Student Academic Ambassador Scholarship
- HCIS Young Women in Leadership Scholarship

Recipients of these scholarships will develop their skills and abilities, while exploring ways to support and nurture others who also show outstanding personal and academic potential.

HCIS(힐사이드컬리지잇 국제교육기관) 한국 최초 SACE 정식 인가

'힐사이드컬리지잇 IS'는 2022년 10월 28일, 'SACE(South Australian Certificate of Education) International'로부터 국내 최초 정식 인가를 받아 영어권 '국가' 차원에서 제공하는 중등 교육과정 운영은 물론 공식 학력인증이 가능해졌다.

세계 최대 조선사인 대우조선해양과 삼성중공업이 있는 거제시의 아름다운 숲에 위치한 HCIS는 2016년 설립돼 PK-12 과정(유치부, 초등부, 중고등부)을 운영 중인 국제교육기관으로 2018년 미국 Ai-NCPSA, 2021년 미국 MSA(Middle States Associtation) 정식 인가를 획득한 바 있다.

이로써 한국 학생들도 HCIS에서 SACE 과정을 성공적으로 이수한 후 호주 대학 입시 등급(ATAR)을 받고 이를 통해 호주는 물론 미국, 영국, 캐나다, 홍콩, 싱가포르 등 전세계 일류 대학에 입학할 수 있게 됐다. 특히 100여 개의 과목을 유연하고 조화롭게 학습할 수 있도록 지원하는 SACE의 특성상 학생 개인별 특기, 적성, 진로를 고려한 특정 과목 이수를 통해 전략적인 진학 준비가 가능해졌다.

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SACE 이사회의 미카엘라 벤슬리(Michaela Bensley) CEO는 "SACE는 전세계 교육을 변화시키고 있다"며 "HCIS가 한국 최초의 SACE 인가 교육기관이 된 것을 매우 기쁘게 생각한다"고 밝혔다. 그녀는 이어 "SACE는 오늘날과 같은 역동적인 세계에서 학생들이 성공할 수 있도록 핵심적인 평생 기술 및 능력 개발을 지원한다"며 "잠재력 발현, 사고력 개발, 판단력 사용, 지식 확장을 통해 모든 학생들이 성공적인 미래를 만들어갈 수 있도록 설계됐다"고 덧붙였다.

1982년부터 전세계 4만여 명의 학생들에게 수준 높은 글로벌 국제교육과정을 제공해온 SACE International은 이번 코로나 팬데믹 시기에도 단일 시험 결과만으로 최종 성적이 결정되지 않는 과정 중심 교육, 주요 과목에 대한 온라인 시험 제공, 유연하고 조화로운 프로그램 운영 등으로 높은 코로나 회복력을 입증했다.

HCIS의 박혜란 CEO는 "SACE 교육과정이 학생들을 혁신적 사고력과 기업가 정신을 갖춘 글로벌 리더로 성장시킬 것"이라며 "개별맞춤 교육을 통해 학생중심 진학을 지원하는 등 힐사이드컬리지잇이 한국의 교육문화를 바꿔나가겠다"는 포부를 밝혔다.

한국계 호주인으로 SACE 프로그램에 대한 최고의 전문성을 인정 받고 있는 HCIS 킴 피터스(Kim Peters) 교장도 "SACE 커리큘럼은 학생들이 자신의 온전한 잠재력을 발견하고 발휘하도록 하는 세계 최고의 교육과정"이라며 "지역, 국가, 세계를 변화시킬 역량과 자신감을 갖출 학습 경험을 제공해 줄 것"이라고 밝혔다.

힐사이드컬리지잇 IS는 SACE 정식 인가 발표에 맞춰 학생들의 학습 잠재력을 지원하고 리더십을 육성할 두 개의 장학금 제도, SAS와 YWS에 대한 세부 사항을 발표했다. SAS는 'Student Ambassador Scholarship, 학생 대사 장학금'이고 YWS는 'Young Women in Leadership, Scholarship, 여성 리더십 장학금'이다.

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