SA Mission Statement

Sydney Academy aims to develop independent, knowledgeable, well-rounded young people who are risk takers, problem solvers, and are actively engaged in helping to solve local and global problems in a creative and critical manner.

To this end, Sydney Academy fosters a challenging environment in which students are actively engaged in rich educational experiences which encourage them to conduct themselves in a principled, compassionate manner that is respectful and open to other possibilities and perspectives.
The IB Diploma Program Course of Studies

IB courses offered in six subject groups:

Group 1: Primary Language (English)
Group 2: Acquired Second Language
Group 3: Individuals and Societies
Group 4: Experimental Sciences
Group 5: Mathematics
Group 6: The Arts (or other elective)
## The IB Curriculum at Sydney Academy

Each course is taken at the grade eleven and grade twelve level

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<td>Visual Arts, Music <strong>or</strong> another course from Group 3 or 4</td>
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*Group 1 or Group 2 is mandatory.*
Elements for the full IB Diploma

The Extended Essay - a 4000 word piece of original research on a topic chosen by the student.

The Theory of Knowledge course – an interdisciplinary course designed to develop habits of critical reflection, clarity of thought and moral judgment.
The Creativity, Activity and Service Program: participation in creative programs, athletics or other physical activities and community service.
Benefits of the IB Program

There are a number of special benefits gained by IB students, particularly those in the full diploma program. They include:

1. A genuine challenge.
2. The development of a critical thinking approach.
3. A program and curriculum that is recognized worldwide.
4. An internationally based standard of achievement.
5. The acquisition of an international and multi-cultural perspective.
6. The development of excellent time management and study skills.
7. Classes with other highly motivated students.
8. Social service activities.
10. Possible course credit or advanced placement standing at university.
The official years for participation in the IB Diploma courses are Grades 11 and 12.

Pre-IB courses for Grade 9 and Grade 10 provide a more consistent preparation for the nature and challenge of IB courses in Grades 11 and 12.
Students can opt to complete all the requirements of the *full IB Diploma*

**OR**

Students can select *individual* IB courses within the Diploma program
The SA Pre-IB Program

This Program has been developed to assist Grade Nine and Ten students in their preparation for the rigors of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The IB Program requires critical thinking, problem solving, higher order research, and advanced writing skills that go beyond what is normally required of High School Students. Students who select Pre-IB Nine will follow the Nova Scotia Public School Program of Studies in an enriched learning environment reflecting the IB Learner Profile and Global Perspective.
Students who enter Pre-IB are:

Self- motivated and excited about learning
Able to prioritize activities and manage their time
Involved in many activities
Functional readers and writers
Successful students
Interested in keeping their options open
Mature and responsible
Grade Nine Pre-IB Program

- English
- Math
- Core French
- Social Studies
- Science
- Health
- Creative Arts
- Phys. Ed.
Activities Related to the IB Program

**CAS** (creativity, activity and service) is an after school program for IB students of all grades which focuses on **debating and critical thinking**. Students have the opportunity to debate competitively at the provincial, national and international level.

Students are expected to become involved in school and community service programs.

The **Key Club** at SA provides many opportunities for students to volunteer their time for worthy causes.
Can any student enroll in the Pre IB program?

- There is no minimum requirement to join this preparation program in grade 9 and 10.
- Students who wish to pursue the International Baccalaureate Program should be academically oriented and intend to pursue university studies after high school.
- Grade 8 students who wish to be considered for the program should indicate their intention on their course registration sheets.
This program will allow students to prepare for the Integrated French Program as well as the IB Program. Students will study two courses where French is the language of instruction (French Language Arts and Social Studies). This will prepare them for the Integrated French Certificate Program (Certificat en français intégré). Students enrolled in the Integrated French Program may write the Official French Proficiency test (DELF) during their Grade 12 year.
Grade Nine Pre-IB /Integrated French Program

- English
- Math
- French Language Arts
- Social Studies (in French)
- Science
- Health
- Creative Arts
- Phys. Ed.
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Parents, counsellors and students are invited to contact Janet Beaton at the school for further information or to schedule individual appointments.
THANK YOU