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Dear parents,

There are always many points to consider when either choosing a school for your child or deciding to stay with a school. As a parent myself, I know from experience that there is a lot to think about before you make a decision that could be one of your most important ones ever.

In the private sector, of course, fees are a factor. And, if money is your number one consideration, then I get that some families are simply going to go for the cheapest option available. Straits International School Rawang sits in the mid-range pricing zone for international schools, but I firmly believe that parents get extremely high value for money when sending their children to us. There are some cheaper products out there which might work better for your wallet in the short-term, but they may not necessarily lead to the longer-term successes that you seek for your children.

Reputation also plays a role when selecting schools. Straits International School Rawang now has a strong reputation in both our local area and further afield, and this can be evidenced by targets for both the enrolment of new students and the retention of current students being the highest in the ISP Malaysia group of late. Being a part of ISP – currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest schools group globally – really helps us in this regard as well as parents know that we're not simply a small company making short-term plans locally. We can tap into our global network of other outstanding schools in order to support all areas of our continued growth.

It's also important that parents consider safeguarding. Perhaps the most important question to ask leaders before you agree to send your child to a school is *will they be safe here?* Straits International School Rawang has safeguarding mastery status and its community all understand the clear expectations regarding ensuring both a safe campus and a culture of vigilance in our school.

An often overlooked point is also, quite simply, what a school feels like when you visit it as a parent. How easy is it to communicate with teachers or leaders? Are you welcomed when you arrive and is there a place for you to wait comfortably prior to any

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appointments? Are teachers and leaders highly visible around the school? Can you feel the warmth of teachers towards the students in their care and is student progress openly celebrated in the school?

At Straits International School Rawang, **we add value** to your child's educational journey. Last academic year – 2024/2025 – for example, our Year 11 students achieved not only 20% higher than their predicted grades for their IGCSE exams, but also 20% higher than the UK average for IGCSE outcomes. This exceptional academic performance is seen throughout the school, with students typically overachieving. In my experience, when students overachieve en masse, it's never simply coincidence. Instead, this tends to happen when a school is getting learning & teaching, student behaviour, and their focus on academic interventions right.

We also add value in non-academic ways. Since August 2024, we have very deliberately created opportunities for students to develop and showcase their talents in the creative arts – in Music & Art, essentially. Our weekly Music performances, our Talent Shows, the many external performances we are increasingly being invited to join, and our Art Exhibitions – all of these initiatives have added value to our student community. Moving forward, our focus now turns to also adding value in other areas, most notably in sports & languages.

It's been clear for a while now that Straits International School Rawang is really going places. We are following a plan with clearly stated objectives and we have teachers and leaders with not only talent & experience but also a desire to put students first & support the ongoing improvement of our school in place. In my opinion, there are no other schools in our area offering a high-quality provision or adding value like we are currently.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me about any of the points above, or indeed about any other issues, then you are always welcome to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,



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