



## **Excellence Meets Access: Wellington College Education Singapore Group Launches Network of Schools Across Southeast Asia, Beginning with Jakarta in 2026**

*Admissions for the Jakarta campus are now open*

**Singapore / Jakarta / Johor Bahru, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 – Wellington College Education Singapore Group (WCESG)** today announced the launch of a network of Wellington College schools across Southeast Asia, marking one of the most significant global expansions in this region by the College in its 170-year history.

The first school, **Wellington College Independent School Jakarta**, will open in **August 2026**, offering Early Years and Junior School education before expanding into a full **K–12 pathway by 2030**. A **Singapore primary school** will open in 2028 and will be complemented by a flagship full K-12 school with boarding planned for Johor Iskandar starting 2030.

Together, these campuses will form a **premier tri-city education network** across Southeast Asia's most significant economies.

Backed by businessman Peter Lim, WCESG is the regional operator and expansion platform established to bring the Wellington College heritage of academic excellence and its global network to families in key Southeast Asia cities. WCESG continues Mr Peter Lim's decades-long work in youth development, sports and education for community empowerment.

### **A Heritage Institution Moving into Southeast Asia's Fastest-Growing Economies**

Founded in 1859, Wellington College in the UK is widely regarded as one of the world's most influential independent schools, known for its academic innovation, evidence-based teaching practice and values-driven education. The new SEA schools will be closely aligned with Wellington College Education's global standards, including curriculum design, teacher development, safeguarding and school review mechanisms.

"Our vision is to bring the best of Wellington's heritage to the dynamism of Southeast Asia," said Tan Wee Han, CEO of WCESG. "The region is undergoing rapid economic and demographic shifts, and families are looking for schooling that is academically rigorous,



globally connected and grounded in strong values. Wellington’s approach is exceptionally well placed to meet that demand.”

### **Unrivalled Access: A Network Model Designed for Regional Mobility and Global Connectivity**

The three Wellington SEA campuses will form a connected regional network across Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia, a structure that reflects how increasingly mobile families live, work and study across the region.

**Wellington College Independent School Jakarta** will form a full K-12 continuum within Indonesia, while also integrating into the broader Wellington College Education (WCE) SEA ecosystem. It is located in BSD (Bumi Serpong Damai) City, a master-planned, future-focused township envisioned as a vibrant “live-work-learn-play” community just outside Jakarta. It brings together green spaces, smart infrastructure, innovation hubs and a strong sense of community life, attracting a high influx of upwardly mobile Indonesian families from across the country, as well as a growing expatriate community.

The Malaysia campus, scheduled to start from 2030, will be a full K-12 school, complete with boarding, located in Johor Iskandar to serve the growing local community and influx of top-tier talent from around the region as the city gains global attention with the upcoming Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone plans.

This campus will work synergistically with the Singapore Junior School that is planned for 2028: children who begin their education in Singapore will transition seamlessly to the Johor campus for their Senior School and boarding years. This structure provides Singapore-based families with a high-quality, well-governed boarding pathway without the need to relocate overseas, while also giving pupils access to the combined strengths of Wellington’s world-class international sporting education and the shareholder’s deep experience and networks within the international sporting community, further amplified by the exceptional facilities that can be developed on the expansive Johor campus.

Furthermore, the SEA schools will join Wellington College’s distinguished global family across the UK, US, China, Thailand, India and Africa — academically and holistically connected to uphold the highest standards of education. This network creates seamless pathways, cross-border opportunities and lifelong connections for students and families.



## **Experienced Leadership with Deep Educational Experience and Wide Community Network**

Leading Wellington College Independent School Jakarta is the Founding Head of School Ms Melissa Meyers. Ms Meyers is an experienced international school leader whose career spans the UK, Singapore, New Zealand, Australia and China. Most recently, she served as Head of Junior School and Co-Head of Early Years at Wellington College International Tianjin.

“Wellington schools are united by a belief in intellectual curiosity, character and the joy of learning,” said Ms Meyers. “Our mission in Jakarta is to bring those principles to life in a way that respects local culture, engages families and prepares young people for a fast-changing world.”

The Boards of Governors for both Wellington College Independent School Jakarta and the Wellington College Education Singapore Group (WCESG) bring together a distinctive blend of academic depth and real-world leadership. Each board pairs governors with decades of educational expertise — including senior Wellington leaders and seasoned international school practitioners — with influential figures from business, community and industry networks across Southeast Asia.

“We will be one of the first truly networked school systems in the region,” said Dr Lim Lai Cheng, Governor for Wellington College Independent School Jakarta and WCESG. “Students and families will benefit from academic continuity, shared resources, access to regional expertise and a wider community not only across the three major Southeast Asia cities, but the unrivalled global access that the wider Wellington family of schools provides.”



## **Positioning for a Shifting Regional Landscape**

The expansion comes as Southeast Asia undergoes a period of economic and demographic transformation, with rising demand for high-quality international schooling and increased mobility across the region. The planned Johor Iskandar flagship full school, in particular, is expected to benefit from the momentum of the Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ), which is accelerating cross-border flows of families, capital and talent.

“This is not just the launch of a school but the beginning of a long-term education movement for the region,” said Mr Tan. “We will bring together heritage, academic excellence and global access in a way that reflects where Southeast Asia is heading.”

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## **About Wellington College**

The Founding School, Wellington College (Crowthorne, England), was established through the vision of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and granted its Royal Charter in December 1853. Today, Wellington College stands as a globally recognised British co-educational boarding and day school, delivering a world-class holistic education to 1,200 students aged 13–18 within an inclusive and vibrant community.

## **About Wellington College International**

WCI partners with organisations that share our vision of holistic education and academic excellence, licensing the brand, intellectual property and expertise of Wellington College to establish leading educational institutions within their regions.

## **About Wellington College Education**

WCE is the global educational network of Wellington College, created to align and amplify the impact of all our international education initiatives. Through direct operations and strategic partnerships, WCE ensures that every endeavour contributes to a shared vision—where the collective strength of our global family is far greater than the sum of its individual parts.

## **About Wellington College Education Singapore Group (WCESG)**

Wellington College Education Singapore Group (WCESG) is the regional headquarters overseeing the establishment and operations of Wellington College schools in Singapore,



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Indonesia and Malaysia. Backed by decades of community-building and youth development work by shareholder Peter Lim, WCESG brings together Wellington College's 170-year heritage of academic excellence with the dynamism and global connectivity of Southeast Asia to create unrivalled excellence and access. The Group provides strategic leadership and academic governance to ensure every school in the network upholds Wellington's standards of rigorous academics, holistic development and values-driven education. Rooted in the College's tradition of shaping well-rounded, globally minded young people, WCESG is building a connected tri-city network linked to the wider international Wellington family, preparing students to thrive in an increasingly dynamic and international future.

For more information about WCESG:

<https://www.wellingtoncollege.sg/>

For more information about WCESG leadership:

<https://www.wellingtoncollege.sg/the-team>

For more information about Wellington College Independent School Jakarta:

<https://wellingtoncollege.sch.id/>