

International French School

“We’ve lived and worked in Singapore for over 10 years. Lula started in the Petite Section of IFS in April 2020 and is now in her third year.

One of our top priorities is exposing our children to new languages and cultures from an early age. IFS Maternelle uses the Reggio Emilia methodology, which allows children to harness their interests through a relationship-driven environment. Saxon had a similar immersion experience when he was schooled in Italy in his early primary years so he had full confidence in this.

Although Saxon is an advanced beginner in French, we don’t come from a French-speaking background. This meant we needed to partner with the teachers to make Lula’s immersion a success. The kids are able to ask questions and communicate in English as they come up to speed with French, so that helped Lula feel comfortable at the start. We learned with Lula using materials in French, working in sync with her Petite section teacher, who is also a trained linguist, to ensure that Lula had a fulfilling experience.

All of Lula’s teachers in her three years at the school have offered a similar experience; we’ve seen her writing, reading and passion for art blossom in wonderful and unexpected ways.

A number of our friends have also placed their children at IFS so there’s a growing group of kids from Australian and English expat families. We love that Lula has made many friends from different backgrounds.

The teachers from France seem to be of an extremely high standard and the school is part of the international network of French schools (AEFE).

We’re looking forward to excursions, end-of-year plays, more sport and extracurricular activities restarting when COVID restrictions are relaxed. We’re confident this will make the school experience even richer and more exciting for Lula. ”

Kate and Saxon Shirley, Australian-Mexican and Australian; Lula (5) and Kipling (18 months)



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