

School Selection Checklist: Choose the Best School for Your Child in 2025

Use this checklist when researching and visiting schools. Tick off what matters most to your family and compare multiple options with clarity.	SCHOOL A	SCHOOL B	SCHOOL C
1. MY CHILD'S NEEDS: The school understands and supports different learning needs. Emotional and social development is a priority. Offers personalised support or enrichment if needed. My child would thrive in the school's environment.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. CURRICULUM & ACADEMIC APPROACH: Globally relevant and future-ready curriculum. Encourages independent, critical thinking. Offers strong STEAM or subject-specialist opportunities. Balances academics with creative and practical learning.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. VALUES, CULTURE & COMMUNITY: Aligns with our family's values and worldview. Promotes respect, inclusivity and kindness. Faith-based approach (if desired). Warm, supportive community with strong leadership.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. TEACHERS & CLASS SIZES: Small class sizes and individual attention. Qualified, passionate, and approachable teachers. Ongoing teacher development is prioritised. Clear support for learning barriers or advanced learners.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. FACILITIES, SAFETY & EXTRACURRICULARS: Safe and secure campus. Modern classrooms and learning environments. Strong arts, music, or drama programs. A wide range of sports and clubs offered.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. RESULTS & REPUTATION: Solid academic outcomes and performance record. Positive feedback from parents and students. Alumni success stories or testimonials. Accredited and regularly reviewed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: Location is accessible for our daily routine. Fees align with our budget and offer good value. School offers long-term growth (e.g., primary through high school) Reasonable admissions requirements and process.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. VISIT EXPERIENCE: Warm, professional first impression. Teachers and staff were engaging and open. Children appeared happy and well-supported. I can confidently see my child here.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Compare multiple schools side-by-side using one checklist per school. Trust your instincts, but let the facts guide your decision.