

Z h u h a i I n t e r n a t i o n a l S c h o o l

Boarding Handbook

2018-19



Membership in the Boarding Community

Living in boarding is an extension of the experience of studying on campus. As in IB World School, the shared values by which we conduct ourselves are found in the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. Each of these ten attributes apply to life in boarding, but a selection of them have clear alignment with membership in the boarding community. Notably, the attributes of Principled, Communicators, Caring, and Balanced shape the ethos of the boarding provision at Zhuhai International School. It is impossible to predict every scenario that might arise in the boarding apartments, so when there is uncertainty we turn to the Learner Profile to guide and measure the success of our actions.

Boarding at ZIS

At ZIS we have boarding provision that places students in the nearby apartments of the Horizon Cove housing complex. Boys and Girls boarding is available for students ages 15 and above. Each apartment is supervised by a boarding parent who is responsible to the Head of Boarding and the Head of Campus.

General Information

Each boarding apartment has a shared common room furnished with sofas, easy chairs, tables and entertainment systems. Students have a working kitchen with refrigerators, cutlery, china, and drinking water. A basic cable subscription is provided in the shared space and wi-fi Internet connections are shared by all occupants.

All apartments have shower facilities with hot and cold water, and in some cases bathrooms are shared by students. Rooms can be decorated with posters, artwork, and photographs by the student – though we do ask that no displays that might cause offence to fellow students or visitors. Students are encouraged to bring their own rugs, lamps, or other small décor that will help to personalize their space. A bed, individual desk space and a chair, along with a wardrobe for the storage of personal items and clothes are found in each room. Students bring their own bedding, toiletries, and other items to help make their boarding experience comfortable.

Electrical Power

The voltage in China is 220V/50HZ and the two main types of outlets are Type A and Type I. Power outages are infrequent in Zhuhai with even the most severe typhoons bringing extended outages of over 12 hours.

Internet Access

All boarding students have open access to the Internet in the apartments. Internet access is available in student bedrooms, which places significant responsibility on the student to use their technology wisely. The bandwidth is shared and since their academic studies rely heavily on bandwidth, students are expected to respect the needs of all users in the apartment.

Daily Routine

Students are expected to rise at 7:00 am each school day and take breakfast at 7:30 am. They leave the apartment at 8:00 am in order to meet at the school bus collection point.

Students arrive to school at 8:30, prepared for 8:45 when the school day commences.

Students return to the apartment on the school bus, leaving at 3:45 pm on Mondays to Thursdays, and 2:45 pm on Fridays. Those who attend afterschool activities take the school bus at 4:30 pm destined for Horizon Cove.

After school, students are permitted to exercise in the Horizon Cove clubhouse, shop in the grocery store, go to a restaurant to eat dinner.

Students are expected to return to the apartment by 9:00 pm

Students are expected in their rooms at 10:00 pm and lights out is at 10:30 pm every night.

In Summary:

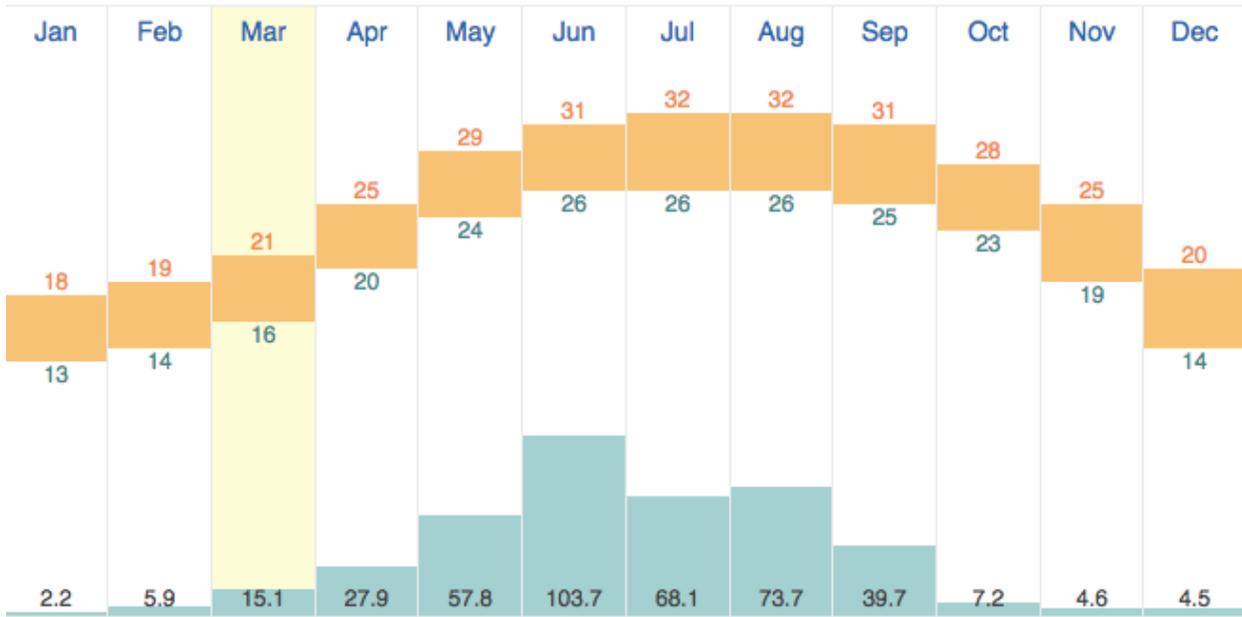
7:00 am	Wake up by personal alarm or Boarding Parent
7:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Depart for school bus
8:45 am	School day begins
3:45 pm	Depart school on bus (2:45 pm on Fridays)
4:00 pm	Evening Activities: Gym, Shopping, Dinner, Study
9:00 pm	All students in apartment (Sunday evenings as well)
10:00 pm	Students in rooms
10:30 pm	Lights out

Packing and Preparing for School

Zhuhai's climate is nearly identical to that of Hong Kong, which comes as no surprise since you can see one from the other. June is the wettest month with an average of 103.7 mm of rainfall each year. The hottest months are June through September with average daily highs of 31-32 °C and average daily lows of 25-26 °C.

It is best to come equipped for a variety of weather experiences each week, and so layers of clothing are advised. Classrooms and the apartments have air conditioning and heaters as needed so students are recommended to be prepared for both the indoors and the outdoors. Students are expected to abide by the school dress code while on campus and when representing the school on field trips. It is recommended that students have the option of semi-formal dress for special school functions. Parents are requested to check that students are suitably and appropriately equipped.

Toiletries are widely available and students can locate any necessities in the Horizon Cove grocery store. Particular requirements should be planned for in advance should a special brand or variety be needed or desired.



Packing List

Required

- Sheets and pillow cases (single)
- Blankets/Duvet
- Towels
- Toiletries
- Jumper/Sweatshirt
- Trousers/Jeans
- Shorts/Skirts
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks
- School Uniform (MYP students)
- School Attire (DP students)
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Semi-Formal Attire
- Backpack
- Personal Laptop

Recommended

- Sports Equipment
 - Tennis Racquet
 - Swimsuit
 - Running Shoes
- Outdoor Equipment
 - Rain Jacket
 - Umbrella
 - Water Bottle
- Pillow
- Clothes hangers
- Fan
- Table lamp
- Power Adapters / Chargers

Laundry and Cleaning

Students are expected to contribute to the overall cleanliness of the apartment, both in their room, bathrooms, and in the shared common spaces.

Laundry is collected each week and cleaned by boarding staff. All clothing items must be clearly marked with the student's name or initials. We recommend that students keep any delicate items out of the laundry service. Ironing is also done by the boarding staff. An iron is available to students who wish to press their own clothes.

Free Time

There are many sporting and activity options available to students:

In Horizon Cove:

- Swimming pool
- Tennis courts
- Fitness centre

In Tangjia

- Table tennis
- Badminton courts
- Basketball courts
- Football pitch
- Music classes
- Yoga classes
- Cinema

Religion

Our admissions policy does not discriminate on the grounds of sex, race, class, ethnicity or religion. Students and parents are requested to communicate with the Head of Boarding and the Head of Campus for advice.

Illness and Emergencies

When students are unwell they are to inform their classroom teacher while on campus. In these instances, they will be sent to the school nurse for care. If students are unwell at the apartment, they are required to speak with their boarding parent who will contact parents to determine the best care option. More serious medical problems will be dealt with at the nearby hospital, Hospital #5, and in the event of a dental emergency care may be sought there or at a local dentist depending on the need and time of day.

Students in boarding are not allowed to have prescription medicines in their rooms. Special cases may be made in consultation with the Head of Boarding and the school nurse.

A medical form must be completed in detail for each student.

In the event of a serious emergency we will contact parents, guardians, or any other person nominated as the student's guardian/contact. In the event that this contact cannot be made, we will seek medical advice and accept treatment for the student as needed.

Parents are advised to have comprehensive medical insurance coverage to cover medical costs.

Parental Consent Form

Acceptance into boarding is dependent on the completion of the Parental Consent Form.

Should there be any questions concerning the items on the form, please contact the Head of Boarding or the Head of School.

Visting Tangjia

Boarding students are permitted, with parental consent, to leave Horizon Cove and visit Tangjia.

When leaving Horizon Cove, they must first let their boarding parent know where he/she is going and with whom he/she is going with. Students must have their phone powered on, charged, and connected to a 3G/4G network when out of the housing complex.

Students are not permitted to leave the complex alone.

Excursions beyond Tangjia will only be considered with careful consultation between the Head of Boarding and parents.

Visitors

Any visitors must first be introduced to the boarding parent before entering the apartment. Additionally, guests must also receive permission from boarding parent to enter a student's room.

Parents or family are encouraged to visit during the week, and should overnight accommodation be needed we would be pleased to recommend nearby hotels.

Communication

Changes to the parental consent form should be communicated to the Head of Boarding by parents. Additionally, parents are asked to communicate with the Head of Boarding when a student has planned absences from school.

We are an English medium school and encourage our English Language Learners to improve their fluency through regular practice. Where parents are in need of language support, we will do our best to accommodate these needs. Our staff speak English, Mandarin, French, Dutch, and Spanish.

Passports and Visas

Please advise us well in advance if you anticipate any difficulties with passports or visas needed for travel. It is the responsibility of each family to assure the appropriate travel documentation

is in place prior to travel. Passports, vaccination certificates and air tickets should be given to the Head of Boarding for safekeeping while students are in residence.

Residence Permits

Students from abroad require a student residence permit. The school can obtain these on behalf of parents/students upon request.

School Rules

The experience of boarding brings together students from all backgrounds and experiences. It places students in an environment where school extends into their home in a way that those unaccustomed to boarding will find challenging. As a member of a boarding community, it is essential that students are open-minded, caring, tolerant, and flexible. To ensure a positive boarding experience, we place expectations on students that may not apparently resemble the routines and practices from home. The boarding parent is responsible for the health and wellbeing of each of the teenagers under their care and must set clear boundaries that are respected by all members of the community. The ZIS student code of conduct outlines these general expectations of respect and care. Overall, we expect that students are honest, respectful, caring, and principled in their daily actions.

Smoking, Alcohol

Smoking or alcohol, are not tolerated. Use, possession, or association with nicotine (in its many forms) or alcohol by boarders in the apartments, in Horizon Cove, in Tangjia or beyond may result in a suspension from the school, and possibly expulsion.

Narcotic Drugs

The use of narcotic drugs is illegal in China and is not permitted. ZIS has a zero tolerance policy with respect to narcotic drugs. Any use, possession of, or relevant association with illegal drugs will result in a recommendation to expel the student from school.

Fire Drills

Boarding parents will instruct students of emergency procedures in the event of fire or similar emergencies. Procedures will be posted in the apartment.

Boarding at Zhuhai International School extends the educational experience enjoyed on campus, further opening students to inter-cultural exchange and developing lifelong friendships. Boarding is a home away from home, allowing students the opportunity to share in the quality of life offered by Zhuhai, to engage in the academic rigors offered by the IB, and to connect with new friends and new adventures as members of our community.

