

# First School

Pre-KG to Grade 1 (3 to 6 years old)

*A CONFIDENT BEGINNING FOR A LIFELONG  
LOVE OF LEARNING*



# 175 Years of Educational Excellence

*Established in 2020, NLCS (Singapore) draws on over 175 years of NLCS heritage to nurture intellectual curiosity, independent thought, and subject passion in a warm and supportive environment for students aged 3 to 18.*



## A Warm Welcome from Our Junior School Principal

*It is my pleasure to welcome you to First School at NLCS (Singapore), a place where our youngest learners begin their exciting journey of discovery. In these formative years, curiosity, creativity, and confidence are gently nurtured by caring teachers who help every student feel happy, safe, and valued.*

*In First School, learning happens through play, exploration, and imagination. Whether painting, building, reading, or discovering the world around them, students develop the skills and confidence that form the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.*



**LOUISE MCCABE-ARNOLD**  
Junior School Principal




# Why Choose NLCS (Singapore) First School?

At NLCS (Singapore) First School, we believe every student has the capacity for excellence. We recognise that each learner's journey is unique, and with the right guidance, encouragement, and environment, their potential can unfold without limits. In the First School, spanning Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 1, our Homeroom and Specialist Teachers bring learning to life with warmth and imagination, helping every student grow into a confident, curious, and resilient learner.

## Our Ethos

NLCS (Singapore) offers a nurturing community that helps our little learners grow not only in knowledge but also in kindness and confidence, laying the foundation for a bright, compassionate future.

### Our Ethos is built on 3 key pillars:

-  Ambitious Academic Programme
-  Exceptional Enrichment Opportunities
-  Outstanding Pastoral Care



# Where Early Learning is Personalised, Enriching and Ambitious

At NLCS (Singapore), the First School curriculum opens a world of wonder for every child. We nurture each learner's natural questions and passions, sparking moments of awe and joyful discovery throughout the day. By placing their “**Whys**” at the heart of every learning experience, we celebrate inquisitive minds and inspire children to explore the world with curiosity, confidence, and delight.



## Academically Focused and Personalised Curriculum

- In Pre-KG and KG1, students embark on a joyful hands-on learning journey alongside their **Homeroom and Specialist teachers**, building strong foundations through engaging Phonics and Maths lessons while developing a lifelong love of learning.
- In KG2 and Grade 1, students enjoy a 50-period week that focuses on subject specific teaching whilst developing intellectual curiosity, curriculum passion, enabling students to become creative and independent thinkers.

## Specialist Teaching from Day One

- Our caring specialist teachers in Mandarin, Music, and Physical Education & Health bring enrichment and warmth to the curriculum, nurturing our students' wellbeing alongside their core learning journey.

## Flexible Learning Tailored to Our Learners

- Our teachers respond to each child's unique interests, creating lessons that flow naturally from their questions and fostering a culture of enthusiastic scholarship that is truly their own.



# Outstanding Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is at the heart of the First School experience. Our Class Teachers build warm, nurturing relationships so every student feels known, valued, and supported. Guided by our Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE) curriculum and our First School Special Words, students develop confidence, empathy, and emotional awareness through storytelling, role-play, journalling, and daily routines in an environment where everyone feels valued, supported and inspired to flourish.



## A Community Built on Positive Relationships and Strong Foundations

- In the First School, every student is inspired to be the best version of themselves.
- We nurture kindness, respect and responsibility, celebrating the uniqueness of every young learner.
- Positive relationships are at the heart of our community, and we embrace a restorative approach to help students understand, reflect and grow from their experiences.

***We are Kind***

***We are Respectful***

***We are Responsible***

## Building Strong Foundations for Life and Learning

- Our Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE) curriculum enables students to explore themes of relationships, health, and the wider world through stories, discussion, and role-play.

## A Caring Team Around Every Student

- At NLCS (Singapore), every First School student is supported by a caring team who nurture their wellbeing, confidence, and early learning journey. These include:
  - Class Teachers
  - Specialist Teachers
  - Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)
  - Junior School Counsellors
  - Pastoral Leaders

## Nurturing Small Groups for Personalised Care

Teacher to Student Ratio Per Class

### Pre-KG to KG1

Course Level	No. of Students	No. of Class Teachers	Assistant Teacher (Mandarin)	No. of Teaching Assistants
Pre-KG	20	1	1	1
KG 1	20	1	1	1

### KG2 to Grade 1

Course Level	No. of Students	No. of Class Teachers	Assistant Teacher (Mandarin)
KG2	20	1	1
Grade 1	20	1	1

# Beyond the Classroom

At the First School in NLCS (Singapore), our youngest learners begin an exciting journey of discovery from day one. Our rich, engaging programme nurtures each child's natural curiosity and potential, offering around **25 diverse activities** per season led by dedicated teachers and specialised external academies to support well-rounded development and help our students discover their potential.

Our KG1 students are welcome to participate in **selected paid Sports provisions** such as **Gymnastics** and **Tennis**. From KG2, our comprehensive programme extends daily until **03:30PM**, with expanded Sports options designed to stretch young minds, spark imagination, and nurture confidence in a joyful and supportive setting.



## Growing Together Everyday

- Daily enrichment from KG2 and Grade 1 include **Creative, Academic, and Sports activities** such as **First Orchestra and Pre Competitive Swim Squad**, allowing students to explore their passions and embrace joyful learning.
- Our KG2 and Grade 1 students enjoy hands-on and age-appropriate enrichment within a warm and supportive environment.
- From **Art, Music, Sports, Science, and Storytelling**, every student is encouraged to explore their interests and uncover new passions through opportunities such as **'Philosophy for Children', 'Cartology', and 'Music Around the World'**.

## Opening Windows to Wonder

- Special highlights such as the **Medieval Banquet** in KG2 encourages students to experience history in a real-life context nurturing wonder and enthusiasm for discovery.
- Specialist subject weeks such as **'Science Week'** bring exciting hands-on learning led by experts, while cultural celebrations and inspiring guest speakers warmly broaden students' awareness.
- Strong community bonds with our Senior Sixth Form students who regularly read with our youngest learners, nurturing early literacy and love of books.

## Joining Hands in Your Child's Learning Journey

- Parents are welcome to join special showcases like **'Tiny Town'** in Pre-KG and **'Aztec Day'** in Grade 1, celebrating our students' growth and discoveries.
- We welcome parents weekly to be their child's class **"Mystery Reader."** Parents bring in a book that their child enjoys reading at home to share with the class. This special time develops connections to children's interests, families and cultures, while promoting a love of reading and building a strong class community.



# Four Houses, One Family

Named after Singapore's endangered trees, our Houses create lasting friendships through:

- Whole House singing competitions with West End judges
- Spirited Sports Days, Fun Quizzes, Swim Galas
- House breakfasts



# Nurturing Growth Through Exploration



## Local Trips

Starting with local trips in Pre-KG, our First School students embark on engaging visits to local museums, galleries, parks and more.

- **Encouraging Curiosity:** Hands-on exploration helps our youngest learners develop a natural sense of wonder, encouraging them to ask questions and engage confidently with the world around them.
- **Building Foundational Understanding:** Real-world experiences deepen our explorers' early knowledge of animals, plants and ecosystems, strengthening the concepts they learn in class through meaningful, age-appropriate discovery.
- **Fostering Independence and Confidence:** Exploring new environments enables our students' students to build confidence, resilience, and an early appreciation for learning beyond the classroom.

## Some of our recent exciting residential trips include:

- Our Pre-KG students experience the vibrant habitats at **Bird Paradise**, enriching their early understanding of animals, movement, sound, and the natural world.
- At the **Botanic Gardens**, our KG1 learners explore the theme of **"Growing Together"** as they observe plants, and collect natural materials to create bug hotels, encouraging their appreciation of the natural world through hands-on exploration.
- Linked to their Geography learning on rivers and animals, our KG2 students explore the **Singapore Zoo** to discover animals found in the rivers around the world and deepen their understanding of how animals adapt to their environments.
- Our Grade 1 students bring their study of plants to life at **Gardens by the Bay**, where they explore and research on the diverse plant species, building a stronger connection to their science learning in the classrooms.

# Our Exceptional Facilities in First School

Set on a purpose-built 30,000 sqm campus on Depot Road, NLCS (Singapore) offers an inspiring environment designed to support an ambitious education. Every space, from classrooms to performance spaces, reflects the school's commitment to academic excellence, creativity and well-being.

## Academic Classrooms and Collaborative Spaces

- **Light-filled classrooms** equipped with the latest learning technology.
- Purpose-designed **First School (3-6) areas** with age-appropriate classrooms.
- **Dedicated library for Junior School** offering a quiet haven for reading, research and reflection.

## Specialist Classrooms and Spaces

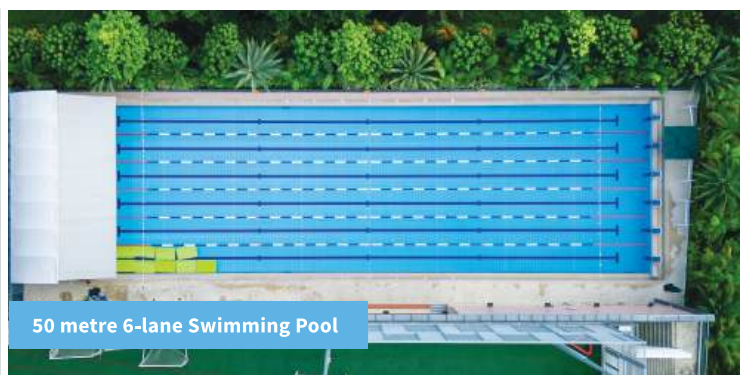
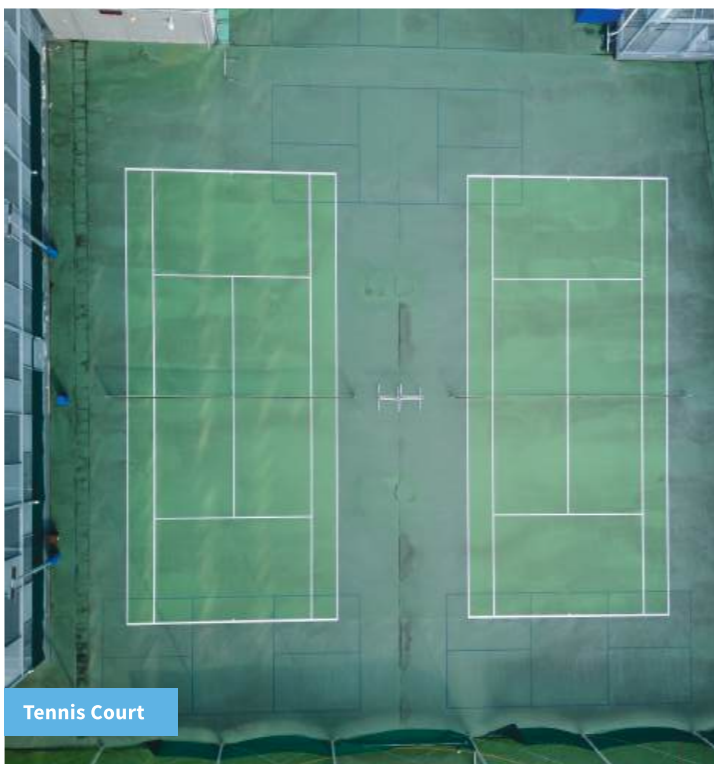
- **Well-equipped Music classrooms** created for instrumental practice, ensemble work, and creative expression.
- **Outdoor learning environment and play zones** that encourage wonder and discovery.

## Performing Arts Spaces

- A professional standard **700-seat Performing Arts Centre** for concerts, productions, and assemblies.
- A dedicated **music classroom** and 4 **individual practice rooms** for instrumental and vocal study.

## Sports Facilities

- Full-sized football pitch.
- Full-sized **indoor sports hall** suitable for basketball, badminton and other team sports.
- **50 metre six-lane swimming pool** supporting competitive and recreational swimming.
- **Tennis courts** and multi-purpose outdoor play areas.



# A Part of a Larger Family

NLCS (Singapore) connects your child to a global family of schools spanning continents, creating opportunities for international collaboration and lifelong friendships.



**Book a personal tour to see  
how we bring learning to life  
at NLCS (Singapore)**