

Lower School

Grades 2 to 5 (7 to 11 years old)

*NURTURING A CONFIDENT JOURNEY
TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE*



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 Lower School at NLCS (Singapore), a place where curiosity blooms and confidence grows. Building on the foundations established in First School, our dedicated teachers create a balanced environment of academic challenge and joyful exploration.

Our thoughtfully designed curriculum encourages our students to develop critical thinking skills alongside creativity and resilience. We believe that by fostering both intellectual ambition and emotional intelligence, our Lower School students will thrive as confident, compassionate learners prepared for future success.



LOUISE MCCABE-ARNOLD
Junior School Principal

Why Choose NLCS (Singapore) Lower School?

Building on the strong foundations of the First School, our Grade 2 to 5 students engage in a rich blend of homeroom and specialist subjects that balance academic rigour with creativity and curiosity. Enhanced enrichment opportunities nurture confidence, resilience, and a love of learning, preparing every student to thrive as a thoughtful, ambitious scholar ready to take on Senior School and beyond.

Our Ethos

NLCS (Singapore) offers a nurturing community that helps our young 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



A Rich and Balanced Lower School Academic Programme

At NLCS (Singapore), the lower school builds on the nurturing start children experience in First School, guiding students through an exciting stage of growth and discovery. Our balanced and rich curriculum, enriched by specialist teaching, encourages independence, and confidence as students explore new ideas and subjects with enthusiasm. We create a learning environment where students feel safe to ask questions, pursue their interests, and build the confidence that will carry them through their educational journey.



Where Every Interest Finds Its Home

- Our Grade 2 to 5 students engage in a diverse range of subjects including Science, Mandarin, Music, Drama, Art and Design, Computer Science, Mathematics, English, Topic and Personal and Social Education (PSE) and Physical Education & Health, fostering well-rounded development.

Dedicated Specialists Nurturing Potential

- As students blossom through each grade, our passionate specialist teachers will guide them on deeper learning in every subject, all within beautifully designed learning spaces that create warm and meaningful connections.

Mother Tongue Programme

- Students are encouraged to embrace and stay connected to their heritage through our Mother Tongue Language Programme. We offer a range of languages, including:
 - French
 - Spanish
 - Japanese
 - Korean
 - Russian

A Glimpse of Our Learning Adventures

Grade 2: Stone Age Day

- Parents are welcomed to join our Stone Age learning where our Grade 2 students share their discoveries, perform a lively song, and create historical jewellery through meaningful hands-on activities.

Grade 3: Ancient Greece Day

- Our Grade 3 students showcase their term's learning about Ancient Greece through thoughtful showcases. Dressed in Greek-inspired attire, our students celebrate with a traditional feast that brings their classroom studies to life.

Grade 4: Great Exhibition

- Our Grade 4 students immerse themselves in the Great Exhibition, bringing their classroom learnings about the 1800s and the Industrial Revolution in an engaging way. The event showcases exciting, a classical poetry recital, and a Victorian Sponge Cake competition.

Grade 5 : Perspectives of War Showcase

- Our Grade 5 students present a collaborative research linked to their Perspectives of War topic, through carefully crafted displays and presentations. Parents, teachers and other students are invited to join in celebrating their historical insights.



Outstanding Pastoral Care

Pastoral care goes beyond creating a supportive environment. It's about empowering students to grow with confidence and self-awareness. Strong relationships, personalised guidance, and a focus on well-being ensure every student feels valued for their individuality and leaves Grade 5 confident, cared for, and ready to be their best self in an environment where everyone feels valued, supported and inspired to flourish.

A Community Built on Positive Relationships and Strong Foundations

- In the Lower School, every student aspires to be the best version of themselves.
- We nurture kindness, respect, bravery and positivity, 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 Brave

We Celebrate Uniqueness

We are Positive

A Curriculum Shaped by Wellbeing and Understanding

- Our **Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE)** curriculum enables students to explore themes of friendship, health, and relationships through stories, discussions, and role play.
- As they progress through the Lower School, our students learn the importance of empathy, understanding, and inclusion, helping them build positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging within and beyond NLCS (Singapore).

A Caring Team Around Every Student

- At NLCS (Singapore), every Lower School student is supported by a caring team who nurture their wellbeing, confidence, and early learning journey. These include:
 - Class Teachers
 - Specialist Teachers
 - Pastoral Leaders
 - Teaching Assistants

Our caring pastoral team includes **Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)** and a **Junior School Counsellor** who provide tailored support to students when needed. This individual care ensures our students receive the guidance and support to thrive within our nurturing community.

Nurturing Small Groups for Personalised Care

Course Level	No. of Students	No. of Class Teachers	No. of Teaching Assistants
Grade 2	24	1	1
Grade 3	24	1	1
Grade 4	24	1	1/2
Grade 5	24	1	1/2



Beyond the Classroom

At the Lower School in NLCS (Singapore), our co-curricular programme complements enrichment with **over 130 activities** per season delivered by our dedicated teachers and specialist external academies to support well-rounded development and help our students discover their potential. A number of these activities are student-led, giving them the opportunity to take an active role in their own learning and develop leadership skills.

By providing various choices to cater to individual interests, the programme inspires growth, exploration, and discovery **from 2:20 PM to 3:00 PM**, Monday to Thursday.



Discovering Where Your Child's Talents Shine

- Academic Enrichment: Activities such as **Coding** and **Chess** inspire students to think strategically and solve problems creatively, nurturing curiosity and a genuine love of learning.
- Visual Arts: Exploring **Art**, **Sculpture**, and **Photography** allow our learners to express their vision and develop their artistic voice, building them as confident, creative storytellers.
- Performing Arts: From the elegance of the **Advanced String Ensemble** to the vibrant magic of the **Musical Theatre Club**, students develop a deep cultural appreciation as they explore their talents through our diverse opportunities.
- Sports Activities: **Basketball**, **Netball**, **Football**, **Tennis**, **Gymnastics**, **Swim Squads** and **Athletics** build physical and mental strength while fostering team spirit.
- Alongside these, lunchtime societies such as the **Detective Club** and the **Politics Society** offer further opportunities for students to take initiative and pursue their interests with independence.

Growing Into Their Best Selves

- Teamwork emerges as they collaborate with peers who share their interests.
- Resilience builds as they navigate challenges and celebrate breakthroughs.
- Self-expression flourishes in our supportive environment where every voice matters.
- Independence grows as they make choices and take ownership of their learning journey.

Proudly Representing NLCS (Singapore) in Asia's Premier Educational Community

FOBISIA is the premier federation supporting and promoting high-quality British education across Asia. It offers professional development, student events, and a network of mutual support among British international schools, with competitions held at international schools locally and throughout Asia.

- NLCS (Singapore) has been a proud participant of FOBISIA for the past three years across events such as **Sports, Academics, Music and Drama**.
- Spots on our FOBISIA school team are highly sought after, and our students work diligently to earn their place on a team.

Some of the FOBISIA events our students have participated in are:

- FOBISIA **Short Story** Competition for Grades 1 to 5 students
- FOBISIA **Photography** Competition for Grades 2 to 5 students
- FOBISIA Overseas **Maths** Competition for Grade 5 students
- FOBISIA U11 Friendly Games held in Thailand





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

Building Bridges Across Grades

Our vibrant House system fosters wonderful cross-grade connections, where our older students mentor our younger learners. This thoughtful buddy system within each House creates meaningful relationships across age groups, building confidence in our older students while providing younger students with role models they can look up to and learn from.



Student Leadership Opportunities

The **Student Council** provides our students with meaningful opportunities to develop leadership, agency, and a strong sense of student voice. This experience helps our young leaders understand the importance of responsibility, active citizenship, and teamwork, while empowering them to take initiative and make a positive impact within their school community.

By Grade 5, our remarkable students step into whole Junior School leadership roles such as **House Captains**, and members of our distinguished **Little Six** where they become respected and influential amongst their peers, shaping our community with fresh perspectives and growing into confident and inspiring leaders.



The Little Six Ambassador Roles:

- Academic
- Arts
- Student Welfare
- Internationalism, Diversity & Inclusion
- Service & Sustainability
- Sports

Students benefit from formal leadership training and development sessions in areas such as public speaking and presentation. These experiences equip them with valuable skills that can be applied across many contexts, enabling them to make a positive impact both within the school community and beyond.

Nurturing Growth Through Exploration



Local Trips

Starting with local trips in Grade 2 and exploring regional destinations as students grow. These visits include immersive visits to local museums, galleries and parks.

- **Skill Development:** Hands-on challenges encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and practical application of new skills in real-world settings.
- **Connecting Learning to Life:** Local trips immerse our students in contexts that reinforce and enrich their classroom topics and learning experiences.
- **Encouraging Curiosity:** Exploration and discovery during trips inspire a genuine love of learning and engagement with the world around our students.

Some of our exciting local trips highlights include:

- Our Grade 2 students embark on a journey to the **Pasir Ris mangroves** where they observe how these forests protect coastlines and support habitats for wildlife, complementing their lessons on mangroves in **North and South America**.
- At **Wildlings**, our Grade 3 explorers develop essential survival skills through collaborative activities such as building shelters and knot-tying, bringing their "**Survival**" unit to life, while fostering resilience, teamwork and understanding of adaptability in various environments.
- Our Grade 4 students' geographical study of **India** comes alive at the **Indian Heritage Centre**. They discover the rich tapestry of Indian culture and its significant influence on Singapore's heritage, enabling a deeper cultural appreciation.
- For our Grade 5 historians, visits to the **Kranji War Memorial** and the **Former Ford Factory** provide interesting insights into World War II's impact on Singapore and Asia. These thought-provoking experiences enrich their "**Perspectives of War**" unit, fostering empathy and historical understanding.

Overnight Residential Trips

Overnight residential trips are a key part of the experience for our Grades 3 to 5 students. Residential trips give children hands-on learning and new experiences beyond the classroom, helping them build independence, resilience and teamwork. They also strengthen friendships and the school community while allowing teachers to observe students in different settings to support their personal and social development.

- **Strengthening Friendships:** Thoughtfully structured activities encourage meaningful bonds among peers.
- **Skill Development:** Opportunities to build new skills through engaging team-building exercises and creative problem-solving challenges.
- **Fostering Independence:** First-time overnight stays away from home, embraced in a caring environment that encourages confidence and self-discovery.

Some of our recent exciting residential trips include

- Our Grade 3 students enjoy their first overnight residential in **Singapore**, where they build confidence, independence and teamwork through activities such as:
 - Nature Hunt
 - Building Shelters
 - Obstacle Course Relay
- Our Grade 4 students venture to the **Telunas Resort, Indonesia** where they build resilience and teamwork through hands-on activities such as:
 - Fishing
 - Hiking
 - Creating Clay Tiles
- Our Grade 5 students embark on a memorable trip to the **Loola Resort, Indonesia** where they foster independence and teamwork through activities such as:
 - Kayaking
 - High Ropes Obstacles
 - Cooking Activities

Our Exceptional Facilities for Lower 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 **Lower School (7-11) areas** with age-appropriate classrooms.
- **Dedicated library for Junior School** offering a quiet haven for reading, research and reflection.

Specialist Classrooms and Spaces

- **Dedicated art rooms for Grades 4 and 5** designed to support creative expression and artistic development.
- **Specialist Science laboratories** designed for practical experimentation and discovery.
- **Computer Science suites** equipped for coding, programming, and digital exploration.
- **Specialist EAL classrooms** designed to support language development in a focused, nurturing environment.
- **Well-equipped Music classrooms** created for instrumental practice, ensemble work, and creative expression.
- **Outdoor playground and play zones** that encourage wonder and discovery.

Performing Arts Spaces

- A professional standard **700-seat Performing Arts Centre** for concerts, productions, and assemblies.
- **5 music classrooms** and **13 individual practice rooms** shared between Lower School and Senior School for instrumental and vocal study.
- A fully equipped **drama and dance studio** fostering creativity, confidence and self-expression.

Sports Facilities

- Full-sized football pitch.
- Full-sized **indoor sports hall** and climbing wall suitable for rock climbing, 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.
- Fitness and training areas promoting health, teamwork and resilience.



Multi-purpose Outdoor Play Area



50 metre 6-lane Swimming Pool

Football Pitch

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.



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how we bring learning to life
at NLCS (Singapore)**

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