

## From the EIS - Jumeirah High School Principal

EIS – Jumeirah, an IB World School, is one of Dubai's leading international schools and one of a very few schools to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme since 1992.



Jason Kirwin - High School Principal

Parents choose us because our students here seem particularly happy and balanced, and because we succeed in combining academic excellence with a great range of opportunities beyond the classroom. The range of academic ability at EIS - Jumeirah High School is from good to excellent. At the top we take a large number of very bright students, we have had a number of students receive full points for the IB Diploma and our record of admissions to top universities around the world is impressive. We also take students whose focus lies beyond the boundaries of academia. Nevertheless, virtually all students achieve excellent IGCSE results as well as achieving outstanding results in other areas of

school life, notably music, drama and sport. Whatever their level of ability, EIS – Jumeirah High School attempts to inspire students to develop their talents and reach for excellence in everything they do.

But education is more than just ensuring students pass exams. At EIS – Jumeirah High School, the staff believe we must first and foremost, educate and train our students to develop the skills of learning. We promote analytical thought, respect for others, creativity, and a sense of responsibility for one's own actions, and for the good of society. When our students leave EIS – Jumeirah High School, they stride confidently into the world of higher education and employment, well qualified, skilled, and equipped to handle the challenges of the international world in which they will live, learn, serve and work. At EIS – Jumeirah High School, education is a partnership and the members of staff welcome your active participation in making this vision a reality.

The staff of EIS – Jumeirah High School is committed to providing an international programme that meets the needs of students from all nations, as we serve the multi-national community of Dubai. Located in the prestigious setting of Umm Suqeim, EIS - Jumeirah offers the security of established structure and curriculum combined with contemporary, dynamic and innovative educational practice. Our highly qualified and skilled professional staff represents 22 nationalities. Our student population exceeds 800 students and represents 83 nationalities in the range from Grade 7 to Grade 13. The diversity within the student population enhances the sense of community, and our size enables us to maintain close and valued links with the members of our school community.

Before I accepted this position, I looked for a number of qualities in the school. These include the high expectations of students; teachers who are enthusiastic about their subject; staff who are

dedicated to the task of ensuring their students are happy and successful; good quality facilities; and firm discipline. You will find all these at EIS – Jumeirah High School. I hope you will wish to visit the High School and see for yourself what we can offer your child/ren.

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### **High School Principal – Background**

Jason Kirwin comes to EIS - Jumeirah with recent experience in the Gulf and many successful years of experience in positions above a school middle management level. Jason's specific area of academic interest is school improvement framed within the broader field of educational management. Having completed degrees through four Australian civilian universities he is presently undertaking a programme of study which will lead to the award of PhD. In recent years his posts have included the management of a Preschool to Year 13 IB authorised academy consisting of four schools with 180 staff and 1200 students, CIE Examinations Officer, IBDP Coordinator as well as Assistant Head and Head of Secondary Schools. In the classroom, Jason taught within the areas of mathematics, physics and chemistry.

Jason holds full teacher registration with the Queensland (Australia) Board of Teacher Registration. In his earlier years he briefly attended the Royal Military College of Australia before graduating from the Royal Australian Naval College with a Commission in the Royal Australian Navy, where he still holds the rank of Lieutenant. Prior to leaving Australia, Jason was a Member and Chartered Chemist of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute {MRACI, CChem}, Member and Accredited Professional of the Australian Institute of Training and Development {MAITD, AP} and Chartered Member of the Australian Human Resource Institute {CMAHRI}. Jason calls Queensland, Australia, home.

Jason Kirwin is the President of the Middle East International Baccalaureate Association (MEIBA) of schools ([www.meibaschools.org](http://www.meibaschools.org)).