



DOVER COURT  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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# DCIS Development Update







*Campus improvements at DCIS since 2014*

# Providing inspiration and opportunity

Dover Court International School (DCIS) is a dynamic and inclusive school which provides the highest quality of learning where all students are given the opportunity to achieve their very best. It is our aim to inspire ambition in our students, challenge their thinking and support them in overcoming whatever academic challenges they may face.

Being part of the Nord Anglia Education family means that our school attracts the best teaching talent and we in turn are able to provide state-of-the-art tools, from interactive white boards to a top end running track, from piano keyboards to new science laboratory facilities.

When these infrastructure elements are combined with curriculum developments – like our unique Juilliard–Nord Anglia Performing Arts Curriculum and other exciting international collaborative projects on the horizon – there is much for students and parents to be excited about.

Over the last two years, DCIS has received significant investments to upgrade the 45 year old campus. Highlights are included in this Development Update.





# Executive Summary

## Major projects implemented in 2014-2015

*Since joining the Nord Anglia Education family of schools in 2014, DCIS has experienced a significant investment in campus facilities:*

- Campus-wide classroom refurbishment: painting, repair work, interactive whiteboards in all classrooms
- Refurbishment of Lower Primary Library and Upper Primary/Secondary Library
- Design Technology Lab and Science Lab refurbishment
- Refurbishment of Music Room (including 16 piano keyboards) and The Academy (mirror, sprung floor and ballet bars)
- Installation of Red Dot Radio Studio, including all mics plus sound board/mixer
- TV Studio Renovation: 2 professional grade video cameras and audio/video mixer plus sound proofing
- Art Room refurbishment including new art equipment and furniture
- Refurbished server room with upgraded file storage, fibre broadband access
- Campus-wide wifi upgrade with 60 nodes and all round coverage
- 9 network colour printers, 125 iPads, 145 PC and Mac laptops
- Complete overhaul of both Lower Primary and Upper Primary/Secondary dining areas and kitchens
- Sensory Garden: new project including herb garden, fruit trees and fountain
- Renovation of sports track and grass pitch
- Refurbishment of bathroom facilities and medical centre
- New parquet floor in Cooper Hall
- New Upper Primary/Secondary Playground



*All new hardware in fully equipped Science Lab*

The Science Lab experienced a complete make-over, with all new faucets, Bunsen burners, counters and other fixtures. Like all other classrooms, the Science Lab has an interactive whiteboard, capable of projecting diagrams and instructional videos. Additional safety equipment was purchased to ensure a secure environment for students studying physics, biology and chemistry.





## *Renovated sports pitch and 400m tartan running track*

We have re-sodded and repaired the existing football pitch, maintaining a more natural surface for our students. The pitch enables students of all ages to refine their physical skills in multiple sports, from football to rounders. The new all-weather tartan running track is usable even in wet conditions.





*Completely refurbished classrooms  
in Reggio Emilia Style, including  
flooring and furniture*

All classrooms were completely overhauled, from new flooring to new furnishings, including desks, tables and shelves. New books, supplies and interactive whiteboards were also provided for every year group. Reggio Emilia inspired spaces respect the need for comfort and convey a sense of calmness and tranquility. Furniture has been arranged to support the students so that they can easily find what they need and can explore subject areas. All materials are displayed in a welcoming, nurturing, home like environment.





*New playground structure  
with shading for Upper  
Primary School*

The Upper Primary School now has a shaded playground which includes climbing walls, swings and trapeze rings, helping children develop physical coordination, strength, and flexibility. There are numerous rope and spinning structures as well as a skateboard simulating slide. The entire area is supported by a resilient rubber flooring system to prevent slippage and soften falls.





## *Upgrades to Lower Primary and Secondary School Libraries*

Our libraries reflect the values, mission, and goals of this institution while also accommodating new information and learning technologies. As an extension of the classroom, our libraries embody collaboration and interaction serving as a gathering place for our campus community while providing a dynamic learning resource.



*Radio station and TV studio with latest audiovisual technology*

Our campus plays host to the Red Dot Radio Station and the DCTV video recording studio, with state-of-the-art microphones and a full mixing board as well as professional-grade video cameras and top-notch video editing software, giving our students a chance to experiment with the latest in audiovisual technology. You can listen to our radio broadcasts at: [soundcloud.com/reddotradio-608441463](https://soundcloud.com/reddotradio-608441463)





*Design and Technology  
Laboratory with all new  
equipment*

Our new Design and Technology Laboratory helps students develop their skills in collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. They address resource management and sustainable production, modeling, raw materials to final production. This laboratory contains a full array of power tools, a 3D printer and remote controlled Lego Robotics.



*Multiple venues for  
music, drama and dance*

We have completely refurbished the Music Room with new flooring and fixtures, and have acquired an array of musical instruments. We are also proud to present the Academy, where our Early Years students have the opportunity to learn piano keyboard basics through the Juilliard-Nord Anglia Performing Arts Programme.





*Renovated central Sensory Garden provides welcome to all students and parents*

An area of tranquility and order thrives in this garden where students are free to run about, have fun and learn. The initial concept was to appeal to all five senses: colours for sight, water fountain for sound, leaves to be touched, herbs to be smelt and fruit to be picked from the trees. The goal: create a home-style environment with a tropical feel at the centre of the school. The Pond is also home to fish, frogs and a monitor lizard.





*Full renovation of Cooper Hall including new air conditioning*

We implemented major renovations to Cooper Hall, our central multi-purpose space. All school assemblies and concerts take place in this vastly improved hall. We performed repair work, completely renovated the central air conditioning and installed a new parquet floor with an eye on future improvements to the audio system.





*Major overhaul of dining areas for Primary and Secondary Schools*

Both Primary and Secondary Schools have seen major improvements to their kitchen and dining areas, with new counters, dining tables and flooring as well as an upgrade to the serving stations. A brand new kitchen was fitted by Compass and a healthy food menu was implemented by our new catering company Chartwells.

# Subsequent additions to our campus

## Major projects during 2015-2016

- New classroom build with 4 classrooms
- Interactive whiteboards for 4 classroom build
- Primary vertical playground
- Canopy for Upper Primary/Secondary playground
- Juilliard (Instruments) for teaching
- IT equipment (120 ipads, 3 carts, 10 TV screens, 10 Apple TVs)
- Major investment in books and library resources in Primary Library
- investment in new literature in both Primary and Secondary Libraries

## Major projects in 2016-2017

- Air conditioning replaced in Cooper Hall
- 26 iMacs for renovated Secondary IT Lab
- Canopy for double basketball court
- Canopy for swimming pool
- Juilliard Suite - 28 keyboards, 28 iMacs
- Swimming pool changing rooms refurbished
- New security hut
- DCIS Café and outdoor furniture for Secondary School
- Widening of DCIS entry with footpath
- Resurfacing of car park and roundabout
- Tennis nets and court painting
- New build with 6 classrooms
- Interactive whiteboards for 6 classroom build
- Upgrade Lower Primary playground
- Upgrade campus signage



# Future Campus Developments

At DCIS, academic success is as important as all-round development. We are constantly re-visiting ways of bringing the curriculum to life, as our campus and staff apply modern technology and continuing professional development in an effort to nurture an inspiring atmosphere.

We are passionate about how children learn and committed to ensure that the aspirations and potential of every student are fostered and nurtured.

Our campus has experienced some significant improvements, however with buildings from the 1950s, there is still more modifications to be made to Dover Court International School. We are constantly reviewing and we are proud of the campus and our 45 years as one of the oldest international schools in Singapore.





*Thank you*

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