

Advertising Feature

Moving on from Covid at Laude San Pedro International College

THE move towards our previous school provision has been a gradual process, but as we watched the children walk towards school on Friday February 11, without their face masks, the whole community took a collective sign of relief.

Our students, staff and families have been so supportive through what is an exceptional time for education and learning. They have followed some of the strictest Covid protocols in the world, and this has allowed us to keep our children safe, happy and learning in school.

The team has been reintroducing some Covid safe events since September 2021. This started with our welcome Cheese and Wine event for new families and staff. What a great evening to have time learning about the newest members of our community.

As we progressed through the autumn term we were able to reintroduce our Community Clean Up events, Halloween



Keeping our children safe and happy.

Fun Day and we even relaunched our Christmas Fair, which was held in our beautiful gardens and sports grounds.

We understand how the last 23 months has affected the well-being of our community and launched our well-being section of the website to support everyone. We also celebrated mental health week for the first

time across the school, with students taking part in mindful walking exercise, meditation, and relaxation sessions on the beach.

Our new purpose-built Student Support Room has been a great addition to our campus and enables us to run daily activities to help students relax, make friends and learn social skills if they are feel-

ing a little insecure.

Despite the challenges everyone has faced it has been wonderful to see the students take the initiative and start new enriched curricular activities, such as the Student Podcast in which the students have connected with alumni, experts on meditation and physical well-being.

One of our students has also been taken forward to the ISP Youth TEDX competition, and all of the students have been competing globally in the ISP Maths Challenge and from year 10-12, they have been learning about global careers and university options, having registered for Unifrog, a specialist educational platform.

Alongside this, our academic curriculum continues to flourish and the students in year 11-13 are preparing for the end of year GCSE/A Level exams. This will mark a real return to the normal 'gold star' exam system, as all subjects will have formal external exams again.



We held several events in the autumn.

For more information, please contact our admissions department on 952 799 900 or visit www.laudesanpedro.com.

The types of schools in Spain

SPANISH education follows high standards and there is a variety of options when finding a school for your child. The four types of schools are public, private, semi-private and international schools.

The institutions range from Catholic to secular, as well as single-gender and co-educational.

Generally, expats who have older children or who only plan on staying in Spain for a short time opt for an international school.

Public schools

Public schools in Spain have a high standard of education. Public schools are free to attend, including for expats, as long as they have registered on the Empadronamiento (municipal register) at the local town hall.

Children usually attend the school that is closest to their home until they reach secondary school.

The primary language in public schools is usually Spanish, except for regions such as Catalan in Barcelona. Public schools are usually the best choice for expats with very young children as it is easier



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for them to overcome the language barrier. They are also generally the best option for expats who plan to reside in Spain long-term.

Semi-private schools (colegios concertados)

Semi-private schools are former private schools subsidised by the government. Fees are generally low and sometimes there are no fees at all. Many semi-private schools in Spain are Catholic.

For parents who want their child in classes with less children, semi-private is a good option, however, the standard of the school depends on the location.

The primary language in these schools also tends to be Spanish or the language of the region. The curriculum will follow the Spanish state curriculum.

Private schools (colegios privados)

There are numerous private schools in Spain and they each have annual tuition fees. Private schools generally have higher quality facilities, smaller class sizes and a wider variety of extra-curricular activities.

The primary language is Spanish, unless it is an international or bilingual school, or the language of the region.

Private schools often have a

waiting list for enrolment, meaning expats will have to enrol early and negotiate well.

International schools

International schools in Spain are private schools that teach an international curriculum, for example, the British curriculum or the International Baccalaureate (IB). When looking for the best international schools, Spain is listed among the top 10 countries in the world to choose from.

International schools are usually favoured by expats because the child can continue learning the curriculum from their home country and in a language they know, making it more straightforward.

The most popular curriculum in international schools is American or British and most urbanised areas offer a good assortment of schools.

The admission procedures for international schools varies, so it is advised to speak with each individual school. It is a good idea for expats to bring their child's report card from the previous year and their record of immunisation.