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EtonHouse to open the largest pre-school in Singapore that will establish new standards in environment design

The EtonHouse International Education Group will open a brand new campus in Thomson Lane that will not only be Singapore's largest pre-school campus spanning 200,000 sq ft, but will also set new standards as an innovative pre-school environment that is based on research.



Relocating from the campus in Orchard Boulevard, the new EtonHouse pre-school campus on 8 Thomson Lane will offer an environment that will draw inspiration from the Reggio Emilia pre-school settings that are places of research and connected to the ideas and theories that have emerged from the written works of Loris Malaguzzi and Carlina Rinaldi. The pre-school environment has been

designed by specialists in early childhood and designers who have carefully considered the configuration of the existing space to transform it to something magical, yet functional and meaningful for young children. The attention to detail on environment design is based on research that proves that the 'environment is the child's third teacher'.

To quote Anita Rui Olds (1999)

"Children are miracles. Believing that every child is a miracle can transform the way we design for children's care. When we invite a miracle into our lives, we prepare ourselves and the environment around us. We may set out cut flowers or special offerings. We may cleanse ourselves, the space, or our thoughts of everything but the love inside us. We make it our job to create, with reverence and gratitude, a space that is worthy of a miracle! Action follows thought. We can choose to change. We can choose to design spaces for miracles, not minimums."

Children in EtonHouse are encouraged to express themselves using multiple languages which may include the Language of Movement, the Language of Music, the Language of Food etc. In supporting and enhancing children's thinking and expression in a 'hundred languages', the campus will include ateliers - art, performing arts, light & sound, building & construction.

EtonHouse believes in children learning in collaboration with peers, adults and the environment as espoused by renowned researchers and theorists such as Lev Vygotsky and in alignment with the high quality teaching and learning environments around the world. This is reflected in large common areas such as the piazza, glass panels linking classrooms and common areas, alfresco dining areas, spacious classrooms and purposefully designed furniture.

The creation of designated library spaces, WiFi in the campus and use of iPads reinforces our commitment to educational technology and information literacy as a way of teaching and learning in the 21st century.

The EtonHouse curriculum takes seriously the development of skills for living in the world such as global citizenship, life and career, and personal, social and environmental responsibility and understanding of concepts around sustainability. The campus thus has spaces for building relationships and a sense of community in its innovatively designed gardens and REMIDA, its recycling centre.

The campus reinforces the Group's reputation of excellence and leadership by offering a high quality early childhood programme based on research based best practice. Says Mrs. Ng Gim Choo, Founder and Group Managing Director of EtonHouse International Education Group, "I am confident that the brand new EtonHouse campus at Thomson will establish new standards in environment design and development for the early years and will also extend to it being used as a research centre that is relevant in the context of Singapore."

The campus is an authorized International Baccalaureate school and will offer the well established integrated mandarin programme delivered in an inquiry based curriculum framework of the International Baccalaureate Programme. The campus will open its doors in August 2014 to children from 18 months to 6 years old, and will be open for viewing in June 2014.

For more details, log on to www.etonhouse.com.sg

Artist Impressions of EtonHouse International Pre-School, Thomson



Unique Indoor Learning Environments



Alfresco Dining Areas

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Extensive Outdoor Learning Environments



Indoor/Outdoor Art Studio



Library

About EtonHouse

EtonHouse has close to two decades of experience running pre-schools and international schools with over 70 campuses spread across Singapore, China, Indonesia, Korea, Japan, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia. With over 6000 students from 61 different nationalities, the EtonHouse schools offer a truly dynamic and multicultural environment with proven expertise in running international programmes that adhere to best practice.

The first EtonHouse School commenced operation in 1995 in Singapore. Over the years, the EtonHouse schools have set standards of excellence across Asia by providing high quality international education.

EtonHouse schools follow an international curriculum inspired by best practice. In the early years, a child-responsive Inquire-Think-Learn integrated curriculum approach is followed. This approach is inspired by the Reggio Emilia Educational Project of Northern Italy. In the primary, middle and high school levels, EtonHouse follows the International Baccalaureate Programme, with its inquiry-centred, multi-disciplinary philosophy. EtonHouse schools in Newton, Orchard and Broadrick in Singapore and Suzhou, Wuxi and Nanjing in China are authorised International Baccalaureate *World Schools*. EtonHouse Newton and Orchard are the first stand-alone pre-schools in Singapore to acquire the IB PYP World School status.

EtonHouse has expanded successfully in China and other parts of Asia with the help of its excellent standards of practice and international quality development framework. It has also received several commendations from government bodies and international educational networks and has been at the forefront of international education in the Asia Pacific region.

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