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北京德威英国国际学校

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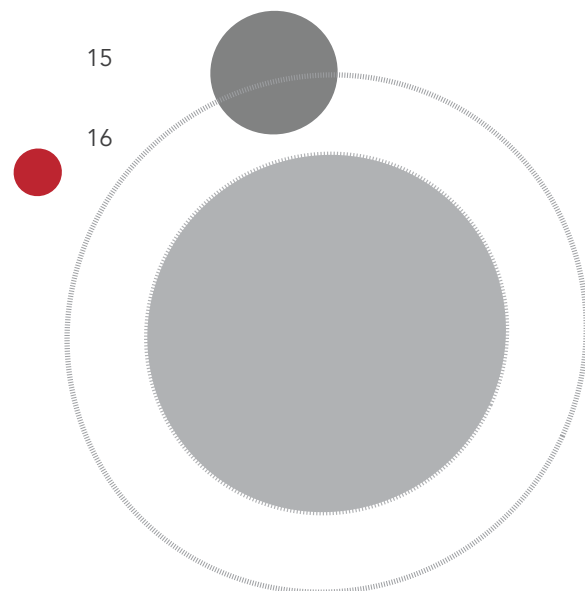
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ABOUT DCB



Founded in 2005 as the second school in the Dulwich College International family, Dulwich College Beijing (DCB) is now one of China's leading international schools, widely recognised and respected within the global education community.

The College educates over 1,550 students from Nursery to Year 13, representing more than 30 nationalities. Our diverse and inclusive community nurtures curious, thoughtful and socially responsible learners, empowered to achieve their very best.

DCB comprises three Schools: Dulwich College Kindergarten School (DUCKS) for children aged 2–7, Junior School for ages 7–11, and Senior School for ages 11–18. Academically selective, the College follows an enhanced English National Curriculum tailored to the needs of an international student body. Students complete IGCSEs in Years 10 and 11 before progressing to either the IB Diploma Programme or A Level qualifications in Years 12 and 13.

English is the primary language of teaching and learning, with a dual-language (English and Mandarin) approach for children aged 2–7. English proficiency is assessed prior to entry, and Mandarin curriculum is tailored to support learners of all abilities.

At DCB, we are committed to developing the whole child through a holistic approach to education. Academic excellence is complemented by outstanding sport, progressive and creative pathways in performing and visual arts, community services, rich co-curricular activities and extensive opportunities beyond the classroom. These experiences support our mission to nurture confident, compassionate global citizens who *Live Worldwide*.

Dulwich College Beijing is a vibrant, kind, and supportive community where students are known and inspired—well prepared for success in school and in life beyond it.

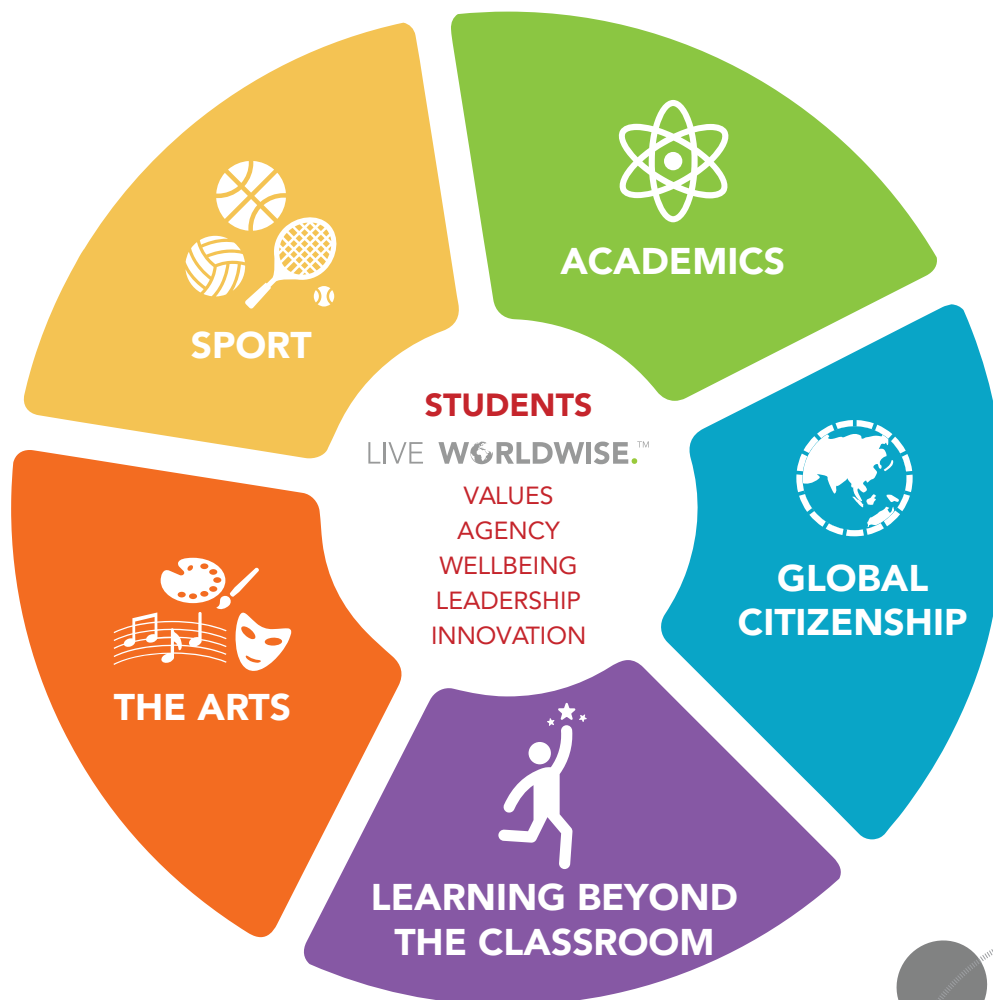


WHY DCB?

A HOLISTIC EDUCATION WHERE STUDENTS COME FIRST

At DCB, students are at the heart of everything we do. We believe in educating the whole child and taking a truly holistic approach—one that values not only academic achievement, but also character, wellbeing and personal growth.

Guided by our five educational pillars—academics, sport, the arts, learning beyond the classroom and global citizenship—we nurture essential skills and attributes such as leadership, agency, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. Through this balanced and purposeful approach, students are empowered to grow into confident, compassionate global citizens who *Live Worldwide*.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH PERSONALISED PATHWAYS

DCB is widely recognised for its academic excellence. Grounded in the English National Curriculum and progressing through IGCSEs to either the IB Diploma Programme or A Levels, our academic pathways are well structured, coherent and internationally respected.

From joyful, engaging learning in the early years to personalised pathways in Senior School, students are supported to discover their strengths, pursue their interests and develop a genuine love of learning—preparing them for success at university and beyond.

University Matriculations (past 5 years)



and other reputable universities!

A CONSISTENT AND PROGRESSIVE JOURNEY

A defining strength of DCB is the clarity and continuity of the student journey from Nursery to Year 13. Academic learning is complemented by a progressive approach to student leadership development, the arts, global citizenship, health and wellbeing, and learning beyond the classroom.

Rich co-curricular opportunities, service learning, trips and signature programmes broaden horizons and deepen real-world understanding. As part of the global Education in Motion (EiM) family of schools, students benefit from vast opportunities, shared expertise and experiences that extend well beyond the campus.

A KIND, INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

DCB is a warm, inclusive community where every member is respected and valued. Strong partnerships between parents and school are central to our approach, and families play an active role in school life. Through Friends of Dulwich, parents connect with one another, support new families and contribute meaningfully to the life of the school. This shared spirit of kindness, collaboration and belonging creates an environment in which students feel safe to take risks, embrace challenges and thrive.



ELIGIBILITY

As an international school, we strictly adhere to the eligibility requirements set by the Beijing Municipal Education Commission (BMEC). Students whose identity falls into any of the following categories are eligible to apply. If not, please consult with DCB admissions for confirmation of eligibility.

- Foreign passport holder with a valid Chinese visa or Travel Document (旅行证)
- Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan permanent resident with a valid Travel Permit (回乡证 / 台胞证)
- Chinese passport holder with foreign permanent residence permit and proof of having lived abroad for more than one year



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

To succeed at Dulwich College Beijing students must be willing to work hard and be committed to our programme. Teachers provide the support necessary for students to become confident and independent learners. Additionally, we expect parents to support and be involved in their children's education.

Applicants are admitted based on the:

- Ability to succeed socially and academically in the learning environment of Dulwich College Beijing
- Ability to demonstrate a good work ethic
- A history of school-appropriate behaviour
- A desire to attend Dulwich College Beijing
- Sense of community

The decision to offer a place to a prospective student is taken by the Head of School based on academic evaluations and assessments, English proficiency, past school records, student interviews, teacher recommendations, the applicant's date of birth, and any diagnostic testing that will help the College understand any special learning needs the applicant may have.

Please note that DCB does not authorise any third parties for admissions. For all information related to our school and admissions, please refer only the official channels, such as the DCB website and official WeChat, or consult DCB Admissions.

ENTRY INTO NURSERY AND RECEPTION

- Students entering Nursery and Reception must be toilet-trained.

ENTRY INTO YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13

- Applications for enrolment in Year 11 are considered on a case-by-case basis and are typically not considered for Terms 2 and 3, as current students will be on study leave for mock exams and final exams for a significant portion of this period.
- The College will very rarely consider entry into Year 13. To be considered, students must be applying from a nearly identical IB or A-level programme and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

GUARDIANSHIP

To be considered for enrolment, a student must be living at the same residence in Beijing with one or both parents or a legal guardian. The College reserves the right to refuse a candidate's application if we believe that the applicant is or will not be living with parents or a legal guardian.



AGE PLACEMENT

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Age as of 1 Sept	Dulwich Year Level		Grade Equivalent	UK Key Stage	Curriculum
2 or 3	Early Years (DUCKS)	Nursery	Nursery	Early Years Foundation	Follows standards set in the English Early Years Foundation Stage
4		Reception	Pre-Kindergarten		
5		Year 1	Kindergarten	Key Stage 1	Dulwich College Curriculum based on the English National Curriculum
6		Year 2	Grade 1		
7	Junior School	Year 3	Grade 2	Key Stage 2	
8		Year 4	Grade 3		
9		Year 5	Grade 4		
10		Year 6	Grade 5		
11	Senior School	Year 7	Grade 6	Key Stage 3	
12		Year 8	Grade 7		
13		Year 9	Grade 8		
14		Year 10	Grade 9	Key Stage 4	IGCSE
15		Year 11	Grade 10		
16		Year 12	Grade 11	Key Stage 5	IBDP A-level Qualifications
17		Year 13	Grade 12		

Year level placement is determined by an applicant's age as of 1st September in the academic year of entry. Applicants come from many different countries with varying school calendars and enrolment age practices. Our 1st September cut-off date and year-level placement policy reflect what we believe is the most appropriate alignment for academic and social readiness. An exception to this policy would require the approval of the Head of College and would only be made when all the evidence suggests it is in the child's best interest to be enrolled in a year other than what their age suggests.

CLASS SIZES

The maximum number of students in each class is as follows:

- Nursery and Reception – up to 20 students
- Year 1 to Year 11 – up to 22 students
- IB Diploma or A-level Qualifications (Years 12 and 13) – 14 students

The College may increase the number of students in each class under special circumstances with approval from the Head of College.

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Students are admitted on a rolling basis; therefore, applications are accepted for all three terms of each school year. Places are offered through a holistic review process to enthusiastic and talented applicants who seek the opportunity to reach their full potential and have an impact on our community.

If you are ready to take the next steps toward joining the DCB community, please submit your online application by taking the following steps. Should you have any questions during the application process, please feel free to contact our admissions team at any time.

ON ROLLING ADMISSION AND WAITLIST

As we continuously assess applicants throughout the year, available places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have successfully completed the admissions process and have been accepted by the Head of School. If no place is available in the year group for which an applicant has applied at the time they are accepted by the Head of School and passes our eligibility review, they will be placed on our waiting list. Once a suitable vacancy becomes available, applicants on the waiting list are given priority for placement.

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REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Begin your admission process by registering an account at our application portal on our website. Once you are registered, you can log in to manage your enquiry and application at any time.

Please keep your login information handy and ensure your contact information is up to date, so we can send you updates about our school and invite you to future admissions events.



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SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION

Log in to your account via our application portal, complete the application form, and upload all required documents. We highly recommend that you keep the documents in the checklist below handy before filling out the application and completing the form in one sitting, which will take approximately 10 -15 minutes.

Please note that the application will be processed only when all required fields are properly filled and all supporting documents listed in the following checklist are uploaded.

To ensure that all information is relevant to the student we ask that you complete a separate form per child. If you apply for more than one child in your household, please submit their applications under one account as siblings.

CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (PLEASE UPLOAD SCANNED COPY)

- Valid ID of each parent/guardian
- Valid ID of the applicant (whichever is applicable)
 - o Foreign passport and valid Chinese visa or Travel Document
 - o Hong Kong SAR / Macau SAR / Taiwan passport with a valid Travel Permit
 - o Hong Kong SAR / Macau SAR resident card
 - o Chinese passport with a foreign permanent residence permit and proof of having lived abroad for more than one year
- Applicant's Birth Certificate
- Official school reports from the current and the last school years in English, or verifiable English translation
- Childhood Vaccination/Immunisation Record
- Applicant's coloured ID photo in .jpeg/.jpg format (max. size 1MB)
- Reference letter from the current school

RETURNING STUDENTS

Applicants who were enrolled at DCB previously may be treated as new applicants and required to go through the same application process.



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ASSESSMENTS AND INTERVIEWS

After receiving your completed application form and all the supporting documents, we'll conduct an initial review of the applicant's profile.

Eligible applicants will be invited for in-person assessments and interviews.

Applicants do not need to do any preparation for the assessments because they are meant to assess each applicant's aptitude rather than knowledge acquisition. Applicants residing overseas or in cities other than Beijing can be assessed at their current school or through remote testing and interview over Microsoft Teams. Assessment results are not disclosed to parents.

The non-refundable and non-transferable application fee of RMB 2,900 needs to be paid for each applicant before the assessments and interviews can be arranged.

ASSESSMENTS & INTERVIEWS

- DUCKS (Nursery to Year 2):
 - In-class group assessment
- Junior School & Senior School (Year 3 to 12):
 - Computer-based testing
 - English proficiency test
 - Written test
 - Interview



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APPLICATION REVIEW AND DECISION

After admissions assessments are completed, the student's application will be reviewed, and parents will be informed of the admissions decision.

As a school that values diversity and is focused on whole-person education, admissions decisions are made not just based on the applicant's academic performance but also on fit and their potential to become an engaged member of the DCB community. Students deemed able to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally will be accepted based on available places.

The final admission decision will be communicated to the applicant's parents through email. Either parent of the applicant shall reply in writing whether they accept or decline the offer. Please note that we do not share entrance assessment results with parents.

OFFER OF PLACE OR WAITING LIST

Successful candidates will be offered a place or, if there are no available spaces, will be placed on a waiting list. We encourage applicants to complete the admissions process early for a higher chance of securing a space. Applicants on the waiting list are not ranked and are given priority for placement when spaces become available.

Waiting lists are maintained for one academic year only. Parents of candidates need to inform DCB Admissions whether they wish to re-apply for the following academic year. The latest supporting documents and application fees will be required for such cases.

**DCB has the right to revoke an offer that has been made at any point if they have been made aware of any additional information that could affect the candidate meeting the College's entry requirements.*

DECLINED

If an applicant cannot be offered a place at DCB, it may be because they have shown through the assessment process that they are unable to meet our entry requirements and/or are not a good fit. Declined applicants will be allowed to re-sit the assessment if they choose to re-apply for the following academic year. However, re-assessments will only be arranged at least six months after the previous assessment. DCB is not under any obligation to release the results of the assessment and interviews.

DEFERRAL AND NON-ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

If the applicant wishes to defer their place at DCB after an offer has been made, their place will not be guaranteed and will be subject to reassessment and availability.

If the applicant declines the offer, their place will be released immediately and offered to the next qualified candidate on the waiting list.

All applicants who wish to defer or decline the offer should email the DCB Admissions Office (admissions.beijing@dulwich.org) about their decision before the deadline as required in the Offer Letter. If they would like to re-apply to DCB in the future, they will need to be re-assessed, including a separate application fee.



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PAYMENT OF PLACEMENT DEPOSIT AND TUITION FEE

Applicants accepted for admission will receive an invoice following the acceptance of the Offer Letter. Parents are required to confirm their intention and pay a deposit of RMB 18,000 and tuition fee (subject to Terms and Conditions). If payment is not made by the date specified in the invoice, the applicant's place will be forfeited and may be given to another candidate. All school fees must be paid before students can attend classes.



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ENROLMENT

After the placement deposit and tuition fee are received by DCB, we will send onboarding information to guide you through the final enrolment process close to the start date.

EAL/AEN SUPPORT

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

Applicants identified as needing additional English support during the admissions process will be offered EAL support, if they are offered a place.

Our EAL specialists help students develop the skills necessary to complete their schoolwork in English by working and planning with the students' class and subject teachers. To ensure a balanced and diverse student body, DCB may:

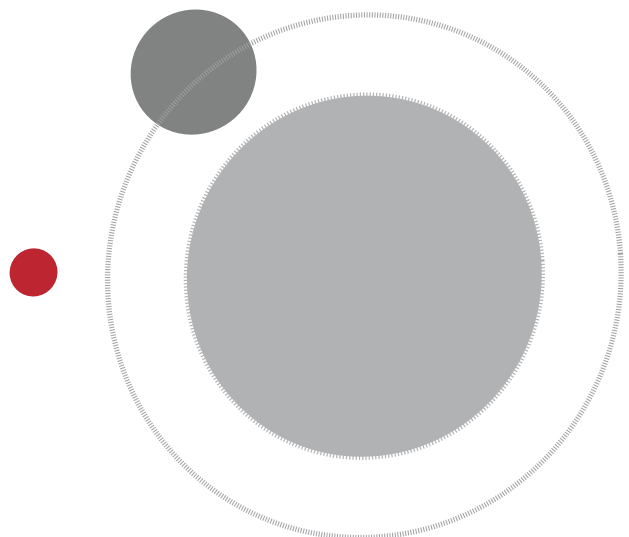
- Limit the enrolment of EAL students per class and year group.
- Only admit those students for whom it can make adequate provision of support.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEED (AEN)

Candidates with AENs are accepted to DCB on a case-by-case basis. The child's needs are considered alongside current staffing levels, expertise, and resources within the school.

We offer support tailored to the individual student, ranging from individual education plans to classroom curriculum support. We may withdraw students individually, in groups, or support them in class, depending on the most appropriate method for each student. The AEN Department works with class teachers in adapting aspects of the curriculum for individual student's needs. We can also provide detailed information and teaching strategies for specific conditions.

Additional adult support or specialist resources may be necessary for the school to make adequate educational provisions for a student. If so, the additional cost of this will be borne by the parents. DCB will only admit students who can be adequately supported, which generally means supporting those with mild needs rather than moderate or severe ones.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students except for Key Stage 5 (Year 12 and 13) students (who adhere to a business dress code) are required to wear school uniforms. The school uniform varies for warm and cold weather, and students should adhere to the seasonal requirements outlined in the Uniform Guide. Parents should budget for the purchase of the correct school uniforms.



SCHOOL LUNCH

The school lunch programme provides students with the option to either bring their own lunch or pay for the school-provided lunch. We provide an exceptional selection of different balanced set menus served to all students attending a full day of school (Nursery to Year 13).

All full-time students will use a lunch card system that records and charges students for school meals. Parents are responsible for topping up their child(ren)'s lunch card(s) in time to cover the costs of lunches or snacks purchased.

ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Attending our admissions events is another excellent way to experience DCB firsthand from multiple perspectives.

- Open Days, Playgroups and Experience Days - offer prospective families an authentic and immersive introduction to school life at Dulwich. Through taster lessons, interactive experiences, campus tours, and opportunities to meet teachers and school leaders, families gain first-hand insight into our academic standards, pastoral provision, teaching quality, and school culture.
- Parent Academies - provide a deeper understanding of our educational philosophy, curriculum framework, learning pathways, and assessment approaches, supporting parents in making well-informed decisions about their child's education across each stage of the school.

Please sign up for our admissions events on the Admissions page of our website or via the 'Event' menu in DCB WeChat (QR code on the back cover). A detailed programme and campus access information are shared with registered families a few days before each event.

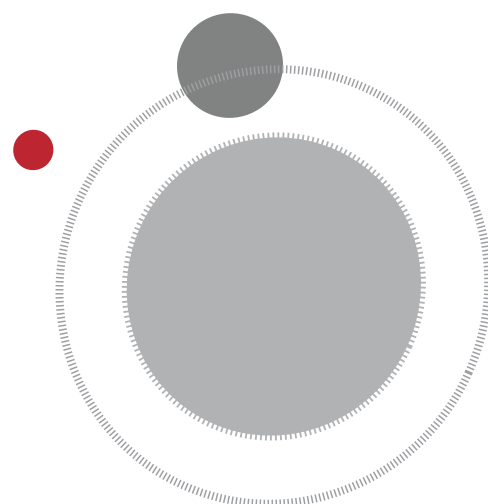
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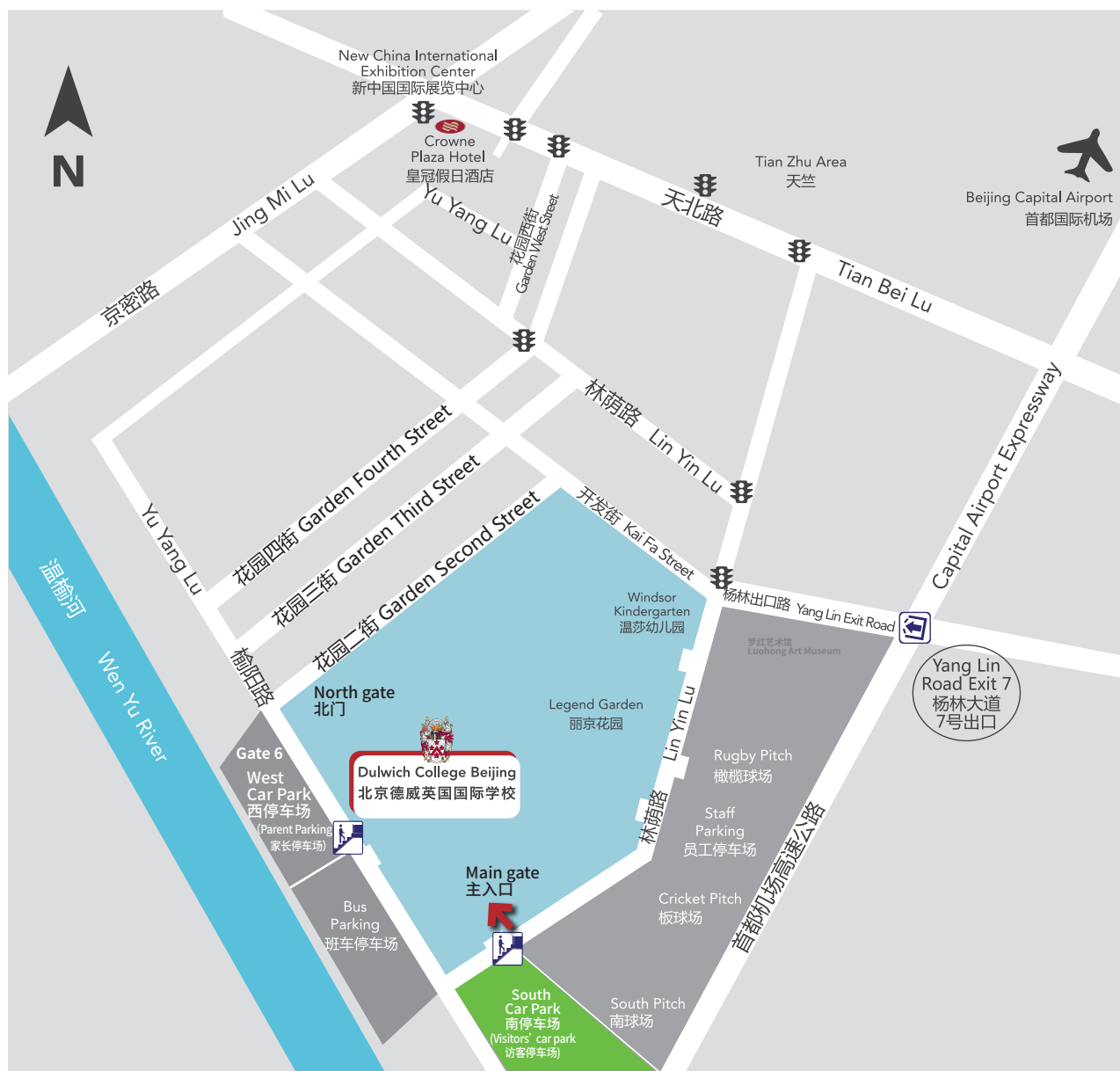
Address: 89, Capital Airport Road, Shunyi District, Beijing



SCHOOL TOUR

Our weekly tours are thoughtfully tailored to suit your child's age and educational journey. Each tour provides an exclusive opportunity to explore our world-class facilities, experience our vibrant learning environment, see our students in action, and truly understand what makes our school community so special, and to gain deeper insight into the exceptional programmes we offer. Please scan the QR code below and choose your desired School to book a tour and discover firsthand what makes DCB a leader in education.

Book a tour:





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