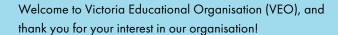


# MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS TODAY

LIFELONG LEARNERS TOMORROW









VEO has been synonymous with excellence in early childhood education for over half a century in Hong Kong. Committed to educating and inspiring kindergarten students, we strive to endow them with strong trilingual skills and cultivate citizens with a global perspective and a strong sense of social responsibility. Approaching its sixth decade, VEO has embarked on a new strategic plan focusing on Learning and Teaching, Student Outcomes and Education Pathways, Campus Facilities, Education Ecosystem Resources and Communication and Outreach.

At CTF Education Group (CTFEG), our vision is to empower the next generation to be future ready. As a proud member of CTFEG, VEO was established on the principle of instilling in students a lifelong passion for learning. The VEO curriculum, teaching practices, and learning strategies are designed to help students develop future ready skills and competencies they will need to succeed in a future world and workplace. Providing rich exposure to STEAM disciplines through inquiry-based, trilingual, maker-centered learning, VEO promotes critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and the digital skills and literacies that students need in order to flourish in the 21 st century and beyond.

We are committed to ensuring VEO students have every tool at their disposal to fulfill their greatest potential. As your education partner, we provide you with the resources and support to help you navigate your children's K-12 education journeys. Our ecosystem resources offer expert insights, resources, and opportunities to help you and your children prepare for their future journeys, both academic and personal.

As EduMakers, we collaborate with members of our extended community – parents, alumni, local and international partners – to achieve excellence in education and empower the next generation to make a positive, lasting impact on the world!

We look forward to welcoming you into our vibrant VEO community.

With kind regards,

### Jennifer Yu Cheng

Supervisor, Victoria Educational Organisation
Group President and Deputy Vice Chairwoman, CTF Education Group



Welcome to Victoria Educational Organisation (VEO)! VEO has been a pioneer in early childhood education in Hong Kong since 1965, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP), an inquiry-based, trilingual curriculum for children aged 2 to 6 years (Pre-Nursery to K3) in English, Putonghua and Cantonese.

Our eight kindergartens and one nursery school all share a common vision: to foster lifelong learners and future ready leaders of tomorrow. The VEO education is tailored to instil in children a love of learning, a strong sense of social responsibility and a well-rounded and global vision at an early age.

Our kindergarten campuses are authorised International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools that offer the Primary Years Programme (PYP). VEO partnered with Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) to promote early childhood literacy, pioneered and implemented the research initiative "Agency by Design: Early Childhood in the Making" with Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) to help young children develop skills and knowledge within and beyond the STEAM disciplines.

We are proud of our team of over 280 experienced professional educators who, in our purpose-built schools, are creating a unique learning experience that ensures students develop into successful, confident leaders of their lives and their communities, and also paving their smooth transition to the primary schools of their choice.

VEO is built on the bedrock of a strong sense of community and on the premise that education is a responsibility shared between school and home. We believe young children will thrive and be happy at school only when educators, administrators and parents communicate openly and frequently.

We look forward to seeing you on campus!

With warm regards,

**VEO Principals** 



Ocean Pride Campus Josephine Wu Harbour Heights
Campus
Debbie Cheng

South Horizons
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Belcher Campus Lovan Ho

# WHY VEO?

# LANGUAGE

VEO adopts a unique language learning approach with trilingual / bilingual classes led by teachers who are native in English, Putonghua and Cantonese, and who work collaboratively to immerse students in a rich multilingual environment. Through our "one-teacher-one-language" approach and teacher to student ratio of 1:8-10, students effectively engage in inquiry-based learning in more than one language.

# 2 OUR CURRICULUM

VEO adopts a holistic approach to education. We seek to nurture a wide range of important attributes that prepare students to become knowledgeable, socially responsible and internationally-minded lifelong learners.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD WHOLE PERSON DEVELOPMENT

Early years are an important developmental period in which knowledge, values, attitudes and skills conducive to life-long learning and development are formed. Utmost attention is therefore needed to ensure that young children have a solid foundation. VEO employs a child-centered inquiry-based curriculum framework that reflects current research findings and early years education trends with an emphasis on whole child development. By learning through play, our students enjoy balanced exposure to learning opportunities that promote cognitive and language, social, physical and character development.



# International Baccalaureate (IB) Authorised World Schools

### INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRY

To promote ownership of their learning, VEO encourages students to uncover new knowledge, values and skills by immersing them in transdisciplinary inquiry-based learning activities. Through the inquiry process, students actively develop concepts by asking questions, collecting data, analysing, organising and reporting information as well as reflecting on what they have learnt.

### **FUTURE-FOCUSED**

The VEO curriculum focuses on supporting students in becoming internationally-minded through facilitating them to inquire into both local and international issues. In the process, the students will discover how their well-being is intimately linked with others. They will also learn to take action appropriate for their age, to become creative and resourceful risk-takers in the face of challenges as well as to develop social skills and empathy for others .

### PREPARATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Early childhood sets the stage for lifelong development. By affording students a broad range of IB competencies, we plant seeds that prepare them to become future ready and independent learners throughout the course of their education journeys.











# Maker-Centered Learning Research Initiative with Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Together with Project Zero of the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE), VEO co-collaborated on the study, "Agency by Design: Early Childhood in the Making", immersing students in maker-centered learning (MCL) within and beyond the STEAM disciplines. Gaining a foothold in STEAM disciplines equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a fast-changing world.

VEO incorporates in-depth thinking routines focused on maker-centered learning goals into students' inquiry-based learning activities. These routines serve to foster students' critical and creative thinking skills as well as their empathy for others.

The tailored MCL activities have encouraged our students to analyse and deconstruct the dimensions of their worlds, to encourage them to think more deeply about the objects and systems that they engage with every day.

## "WE THINK, WE FEEL, WE CARE" LITTLE MAKERS STEAM EDUCATION FESTIVAL

The Little Makers STEAM Education Festival was a unique experiential learning supporting UNICEF Hong Kong's "Cherish Water" charity campaign. Over 2,000 families participated in the Festival and the student exhibits reflected their creativity and hopes for the future, from water filtration systems to 3D dioramas of the water cycle. During the Festival, the students proudly demonstrated in three languages to peers, teachers and families how their inventions could help to solve real world issues. Discover our Little Makers STEAM Education Festival by scanning the QR code.



### Columbia University's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP)

TCRWP is a reputable research-based reading and writing programme developed by Columbia University's Teachers College. The TCRWP programme adopts a cutting-edge approach to language and literacy education by supporting young students in becoming avid and skilled readers, writers, and inquirers. At VEO, this means becoming enthusiastic readers and writers in both English and Chinese, and facilitating a smooth transition to primary school.

### **EMPOWERING STUDENTS**

Young readers are encouraged to apply their new skills to reading stories that speak to them, to enjoy full agency over their reading.

### SHARING AND COMMUNICATION

Students are encouraged to be creative and to develop their communication skills by sharing what they learnt from reading with teachers and peers in class.





# 3 SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

VEO is a happy and safe environment that encourages exploration, imagination, and play. We strive to positively impact our toddlers by providing them with a fun, exciting place to grow and learn.







### **OUR FACILITIES**

VEO's experiential and creative learning environment is a thriving place of exploration for students, it fosters students' growth and development and prepares them for a smooth transition to primary school.

Our campuses feature state-of-the-art facilities and designated areas including Activity Rooms; Reading Corners; Mixed-age Learning Areas; Light and Shadow Centres (Illumination Centres); Creative Play Centres; Building Blocks Centres; Music Rooms; ICT resources; and Fitness Rooms.



# 4

### **TEACHING QUALITY**

The best teachers are passionate about their students and their own professional growth. Our teachers are native speakers of English, Putonghua or Cantonese. They serve as champions, challengers, connectors and role models for our students, pushing the latter to think creatively and deeply, and also cultivating their leadership skills. They are committed to building a dynamic environment that will engage you, the parents, every step of the way.

Most of our English-speaking teachers come from the United Kingdom, United States of America and Canada.





# 5 BRIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL FUTURES

Through their VEO education, students are prepared to pursue multiple primary school paths, including at Victoria Shanghai Academy and other leading local and international schools. VEO students are encouraged to be flexible, independent and courageous in

learning. All students leave VEO speaking more than one language; valuing the exchange of diverse ideas, opinions and perspectives; and feeling confident about their creativity and self-expression. VEO graduates are all well-rounded, prepared to meet the challenges of a demanding primary education, and excited to continue on the path to lifelong learning.









# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

VEO believes that a lively mix of play and an inquiry-based curriculum lays the foundation for lifelong learning. VEO offers a wide range of optional after-school extracurricular activities that offer students the opportunity to explore their talents, discover their passions and develop their interests. All of our extracurricular activities are purposefully selected to complement the in-school learning. Through activities such as choir, road safety patrol, Grasshopper Scouts, Happy Bee, gymnastics, K-Pop dancing, speech, mechanic workshop, musical theatre, arts and crafts, and more, students can hone their musical, artistic and athletic talents while learning the basics of teamwork and friendly competition.



### VEO PARENTS TESTIMONIAL

### WHAT ARE PARENTS SAYING ABOUT VEO?

### - BELCHER CAMPUS -

I am still very impressed and emotional when I recall the first time seeing my son on stage for Xmas performance during PN. I am so glad to see how the experience of VEO has changed my son to be more extroverted and ignited his creativity.

Parent of Ko Pak Hei Darren

### - HARBOUR HEIGHTS CAMPUS-

We very much appreciate the IB learning at school which triggers their creativity. Aiden is always suggesting new inventions in his daily life. He also enjoys inquiry time most at school.

Parent of Chiu Sing Chi

### HARBOUR GREEN CAMPUS

Teachers are caring and highly professional. The past four years have given my daughter a great pre-school foundation and prepared for primary school.

Parent of Chao Janelle

### HOMANTIN CAMPUS

faculties are so professional, kind and caring. We hope to keep the close relationship with VEO in a long run.

Parent of Siu Elon

### -LOWER KORNHILL CAMPUS -

his teachers since PN. The teachers are really fantastic and encourage him to learn and be independent.

The teachers really deserve to be recognised as they've had a very tough time trying to teach during the pandemic.

Well done to all for staying strong!

Parent of Chenard Julien Sum Christian

### MIDDLE KORNHILL CAMPUS

VEO's inquiry-based learning has trained my child to become a more confident person. The trilingual teaching environment also enriched my child's language ability a lot. We have lots of good memories at VEO during the past 4 years!

Parent of Chak Chi Sum Davis

### SOUTH HORIZONS CAMPUS

66 I find the language environment in this school excellent. It also encourages students to make attempts, which is good for kids to learn individually.

Parent of Leung Lik Wai Ethan



Alumni Insights I VEO Graduates Receive Multiple Offers from both International and Local Leading Primary Schools

Kindergarten is the optimal time to plant seeds of lifelong learning. It is also the time to build vital skills that help prepare kindergartners for the transition to primary school. VEO's trilingual teaching approach lays a solid foundation for primary school and for the development of skills and competencies, such as self-management and self-expression that they will need to succeed in the next chapter of their learning journey.

Through our unique, inquiry-based curriculum, students are encouraged to identify their strengths ahead of school interviews and applications to ensure the best offers. How do VEO kindergarteners prepare for primary school placement?

Scan the QR code below to read first-hand accounts of our wonderful alumni.





### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

The VEO Parental Participation Scheme is dedicated to enriching our students' educational experiences and creating a thriving school community. Through this Scheme, we encourage every parent to be an active partner in their child's learning by attending teacher conferences and parent education events. Direct involvement affords parents a greater understanding and appreciation for the VEO approach to learning.

### PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), founded in 1996, strives to strengthen the harmonious home-school partnership and encourages close parent-child relationships through a variety of activities, such as parenting seminars, parent-child workshops, and community service events.

### **ACTIVITIES THAT STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS**

In collaboration with CTF Education Group, VEO regularly arranges exclusive seminars and events to help parents navigate their children's kindergarten education journeys and primary school transition. Through these informative events, parents gain a better understanding of the latest educational approaches and insights, and are able to connect with myriad of resources such as K-12 experts and leaders across multiple media platforms. We are proud to partner with parents to prepare the next generation of students to become future ready!





### PARENTS SEMINAR SERIES

### • Empowering Student-Centered Learning

We firmly believe everyone is unique and learns and develops in his/her own way. This is why we are empowering student-centered learning for a future-ready next generation! With an esteemed panel of educators, we discover how experiential learning enables students to acquire knowledge, attitudes, skills, and competencies that prepare them for the future!

### • Navigating School Transitions

We are tasked with guiding parents to make the best and most informed decisions about their children's academic journeys. Our parent seminars feature exclusive interviews with local and international school educators and tips for applications and interview preparation. Parents can tune in to hear VEO alumni share their primary school experiences at both local and international schools.

### • Parenting for The Future

Fostering strong and balanced individuals who own their decisions in life is part of parenting for the future. To better serve the needs of our families over the last two years, VEO has organised a series of "Character Development and Training of Young Students" webinars, including inviting renowned EQ development and character building expert, Dr. Charles Yu, to share his insights about how families can help their students become resilient learners.



