



Nurture – Challenge – Inspire



### Mission Statement Nurture – Challenge – Inspire

Munich International School nurtures, challenges and inspires our students to become:

- academically successful, life-long learners,
- creative and innovative thinkers,
- ethical, globally-minded contributors, and
- healthy, well-balanced individuals

who will thrive and make a positive impact in a complex and changing world.

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## Nurturing, challenging and inspiring MIS students to be future-ready

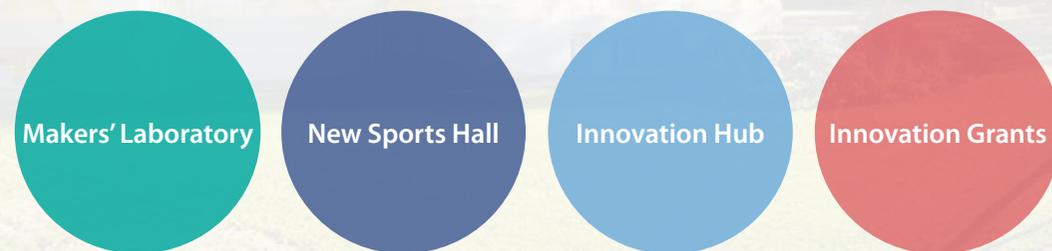
**R**APID CHANGE characterises the world into which our children will enter as adults. 65% of children in school today will likely work in jobs that currently do not exist.

There is the potential for an increasing relevance gap between what many students spend their days doing in school and what will serve them well in a challenging future. This means that schools must not simply strive to do the same things that they have always done better. Instead, effective 21st century schools must develop new, innovative approaches, strategies and tools that nurture, challenge and inspire students to become adaptable,

independent, purposeful, life-long learners who know how to transform knowledge into action and to design, coordinate and engineer solutions to complex problems. Our strategic plan takes account of these evolving trends and aims to equip teachers and students with the knowledge, tools, resources and facilities to thrive and excel.

At the heart of MIS' current strategic plan are innovative learning spaces and curriculum design to make MIS students 'future-ready'.

Specifically, these plans include the provision of the following:



## MIS Makers' Laboratory

Innovative classroom and curriculum design are at the heart of our strategic plan. In order to further expand opportunities for students to engage in real-world skills, like proto-typing, coding and computing, exploring materials and tools, and creating sophisticated multimedia productions, we are building 'makers' spaces'. In the Junior School we have 'makers' carts' that enable teachers to bring advanced tools and materials to their students in their classrooms. In the Middle and Senior School we are creating a 500 square metre 'makers' laboratory' with specialised studios for computing, for materials science, for bicycle and small appliance repair, for textiles and fashion, and for audio and video production.



## Innovation Hub

The future belongs to those who can innovate, create, design and lead. Upon completion of a new physical health facility, an 'Innovation Hub' would be housed within the existing structure of our current sports hall. We would centralize our libraries, add information and media resources, and build scalable classrooms that can be subdivided and expanded. We would install telecommunications equipment to enable students to collaborate with students and partners at other locations. We would add laboratory and technical spaces in the fields of technology, physics, chemistry, life and health sciences. Finally, we would add informal meeting spaces where students and community members can book space for a range of projects and purposes.



## New Sports Hall

Maximising student well-being and balance is another priority. Current research on the neurology and physiology of learning indicates that young people need physical activity and movement several times per week, both to keep their bodies fit, and to support the learning and memory-making processes of the brain. In order to increase the amount of movement and physical exercise in our students' schedules, as well as to create facilities that promote participation, community-building and school spirit, MIS needs a new physical fitness facility. The new facility would house four gymnasiums for physical education, a fitness studio, dance and martial arts studios, improved changing facilities, spectator bleachers, meeting spaces for the Sportverein and the Parent Teacher Verein, and the ability to serve as a whole-school assembly hall.



## Innovation Grants (for teaching and learning)

Innovations Grants further strengthen the quality of teaching and learning at Munich International School, including by helping to attract and retain the best teaching staff for MIS students. Current examples include the Science Innovation Fund that has spawned the Café Sci programme of visiting speakers and Raspberry Pi club as part of After School Activities, two new innovative classrooms in Junior School and specific professional development requests from faculty.



## How can we make this happen?

We are exploring strategies for financing these initiatives through a mix of resources. Unquestionably, though, transformative projects of this magnitude are possible only if we have the support of individuals and organisations within our community.

As a non-profit school, our fees are calculated to cover direct costs – we are permitted to put aside only small amounts for future development. Previous development projects at MIS such as the Languages, Arts and Design Centre (LADC), Athletics Track & Field and the Performing Arts Centre (PAC), benefitted from generous financial support from parents, grandparents, alumni & friends and patrons from the business community. Their support made what seemed impossible become reality. Our current development priorities are dependent upon similar generosity from the community.

## How can I contribute?

We would be delighted to speak with you about how you can help transform the lives of MIS students. There are many levels of support that can help us on our path toward a future-ready school. We welcome your thoughts in respect of the key projects outlined here or any other ideas that you might have for a transforming gift.

Please contact our Advancement Team at [advancement@mis-munich.de](mailto:advancement@mis-munich.de).

