

## **Green School Bali may be a great fit for your family if you...**

Love the blurring of subjects and believe a mix of proficiency-based learning (content/knowledge), development of skills and the nurturing of values is the right approach for education in today's world.

Are looking for a real connection with nature. This includes open-air (sometimes hot) classrooms, uneven steps, getting muddy and wet in the rain, climbing things, using tools to make things, knives in the kitchen, dogs in our neighbourhood, critters on campus and exploring Bali and beyond.

Love that we are willing to tackle important and sometimes perceived controversial issues through the learning program including politics, sex and relationships, gender-related issues, climate change etc (in an age-appropriate way of course).

Are serious about connecting locally including trying your best to learn the language, being polite and turning-up to Balinese led celebrations and ceremonies. Plus embracing the opportunity to learn from Indonesian staff.

Are ok with how tactile our community is. We give hugs, hold hands and allow younger students the opportunity to connect with older students and allow older students to connect with adult/parent mentors.

Like the idea that kids can do handstands, wear flip-flops, run on rough surfaces, play sports and other physical games. From time to time they may come home with a bump, scratch or itch. Your laundry will be next level!

Accept that children lose items on the campus that you may never see again.

Know that children will experience challenges and difficulties, and see these as opportunities for growth. It's not helpful to rescue at every hardship and remove reasonable obstacles.

Love the individuality and imperfection of humanity, but agree that destructive behaviour is not ok. We are all (small and big people) striving to be better and sometimes get it wrong. But being unresponsive to restorative justice practices may mean that staying at Green School may not be ok.

Believe, as we do, that standardised testing, onerous homework, rigid curriculum, scores and grades (before high school level) are not helpful in assessing or supporting the whole child.

Honour and respect the role of our educators, who bring deep expertise, experience and creativity to their teaching practice. See that a progressive, evolving and dynamic curriculum is

evidence-based but not set down to the last detail. Understand and accept that most elements of the program and teaching approach are not up for negotiation.

Feel comfortable that we do not have a uniform and never will (the word 'uniform' says it all!). Find it to be totally fine for kids to wear pyjama pants or a tutu to school or anything else they choose, within a liberal dress guideline that optimizes the learning experience.

Are keen to be involved in the School and find ways to add to the richness of the community while being sympathetic to the fact that not every new idea can be accommodated - we are never short on new ideas!

Value the diversity of our community as an opportunity to learn, knowing that this brings a diversity of worldviews and opinions. They won't always be the same as yours and that's great!

Want to make some changes to your personal practices to live more sustainably by participating in School solutions on waste, taking the BioBus or carpooling, eating locally produced school lunch and participating in carbon minimisation programs.

Accept that there are things about Bali that you will love and others you may find challenging. Things will not be the same as at home - the pace of life, infrastructure, medical facilities and care, traffic, trash, phones and wifi. We cannot fix these things for you.

If you are comfortable with all this, you are likely to find Green School Bali a great fit. You'll fall in love with our teachers, our community, our campus and Bali. You will embrace growth and will have an experience like no other. Simply life-changing.