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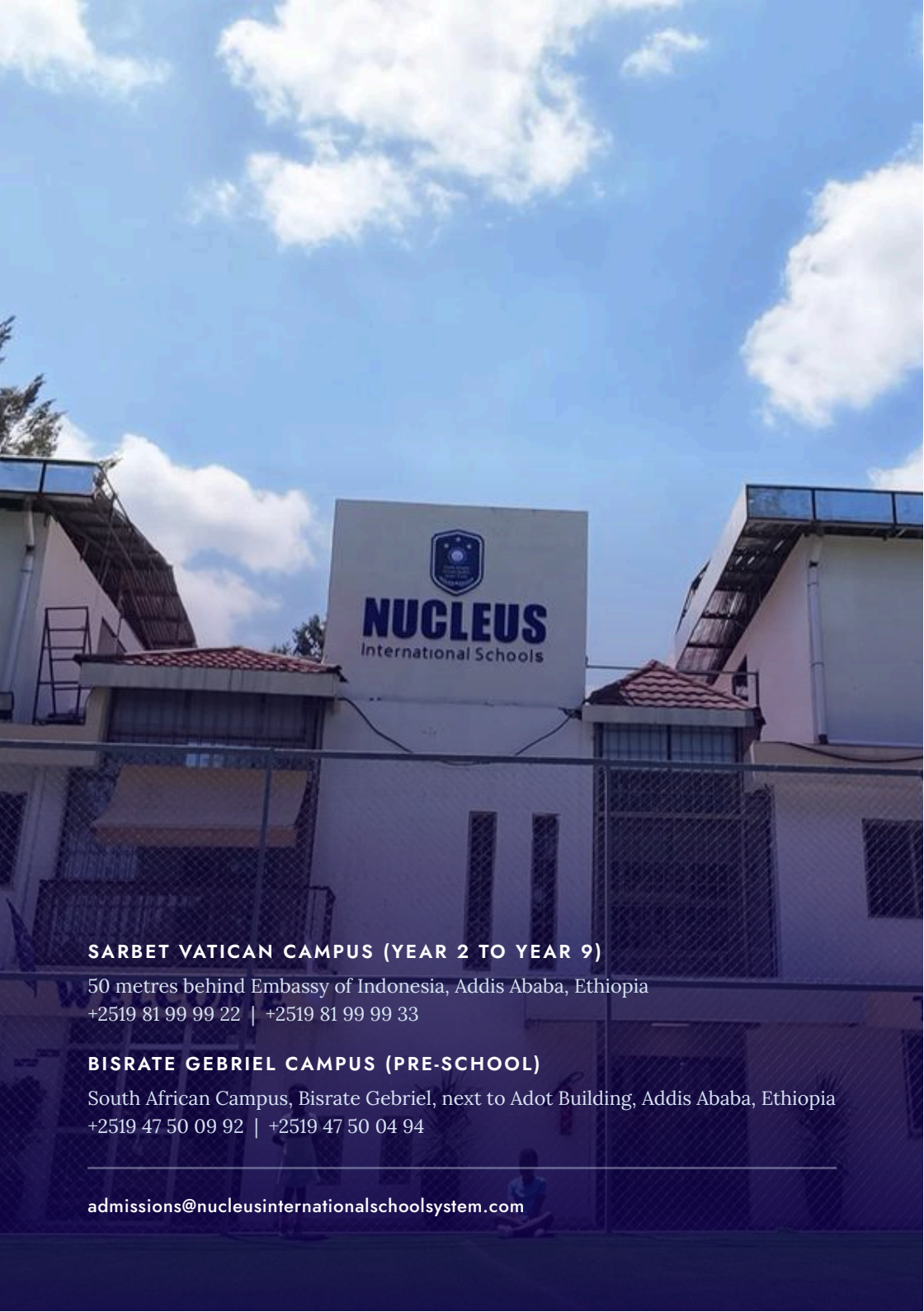


SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

2025 / 2026 Academic Year

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION | EARLY YEARS TO YEAR 9 (GRADE 8)

THINK. CREATE. SOLVE.



SARBET VATICAN CAMPUS (YEAR 2 TO YEAR 9)

50 metres behind Embassy of Indonesia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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BISRATE GEBRIEL CAMPUS (PRE-SCHOOL)

South African Campus, Bisrate Gebriel, next to Adot Building, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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Why Nucleus?

A nucleus is the centre of growth, development, and possibility. Just as the nucleus guides the growth of a living cell, we believe education should provide the foundation from which children discover who they are and who they can become. At Nucleus International School, every child is nurtured at the centre of a learning community that encourages them to think deeply, create boldly, and solve real-world problems.



A Message from Our Founders

Dear Families,

Nucleus International School was born out of love. A love for our four children, and a deep belief that every child deserves an education that sees the whole person, not just the student. I wanted to ensure that my own children and future generations receive the kind of education I always wished I had. I want to see our children be completely clear about their path in life, no matter how fast the world changes.

Three years ago, we opened our Cambridge-registered Pre-school at Abo Mekanisa with a small group of families who shared our vision. Today, many children from across the world call Nucleus home. What started as a pre-school has grown into a full Pre-school to Year 9 (Grade 8) school at Sarbet Vatican, following the international Cambridge curriculum, and we are only just beginning.

We built Nucleus on a simple but powerful idea: learning goes beyond books. We believe that when children are given the space to think deeply, create boldly, and solve real problems, they grow into the kind of people the world needs most. We believe no child should be confused about their path in life; they deserve the guidance to become a force for good, anywhere in the world.

I welcome you to visit us, ask questions, and see for yourself what makes Nucleus a place where children truly thrive.

With warmth,

Ato Asfaw G/Hiwot

Founder, Nucleus International Schools



A Message from Our Founders

Dear Families,

To be a mother of four and an engineer is to understand that the strongest structures are built on a foundation of absolute love. From the very beginning of this journey, my personal guiding light has been simple: every ounce of our daily toil, every sleepless night, and every design detail we perfect is for our children.

Three years ago, when we welcomed our first pre-school families to Mekanisa Abo, I made a quiet but solemn promise to those mothers and fathers. I promised them that we would not just care for their toddlers, but that we would build a complete, world-class academic sanctuary where their children could grow safely all the way through their school years.

Our brand-new Vatican Campus in Sarbet is that promise kept.

At Nucleus, we have built more than classrooms; we have built a protective, loving fortress where children can touch the soil in our gardens, build robots in our labs, and discover exactly who they are. Every detail of this campus has been hand-selected to ensure your child thrives in a secure and happy environment.

I invite you to step into this promise with us, and let us guide your child toward a beautiful, purposeful life.

With love and commitment,

Engineer Demitu Feyisa
Co-Founder, Nucleus International Schools


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Who We Are



Nucleus International School is a Cambridge International Education (CIE) school located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. We serve students from Early Years to Year 9 (Grade 8), with plans to expand to Year 13 (Grade 12) at our new Totot Campus in Gerji for the 2027/28 academic year.

We follow the Cambridge curriculum, which is one of the most respected international frameworks in the world. Our teachers are a mix of locally experienced educators and internationally qualified staff who bring global perspectives into every classroom.

Our community is truly international. Students from Ethiopia, Canada, the United States, France, Nigeria, Turkey, India, and beyond learn and grow together in our classrooms every day.

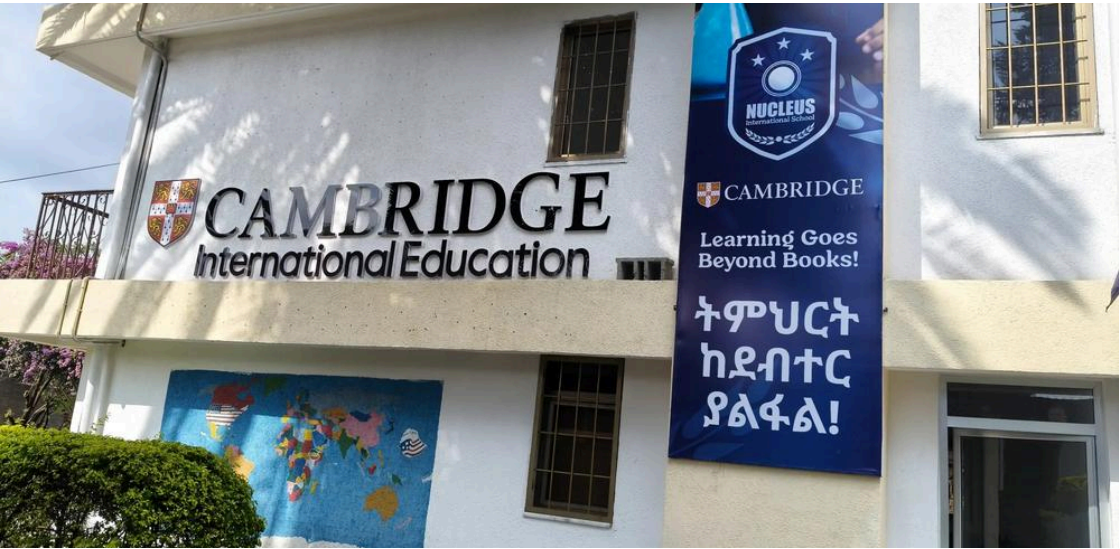
Our History

Nucleus opened its Pre-school at Abo Mekanisa in 2022, founded by Ato Asfaw G/Hiwot and Engineer Demitu Feyisa. What began as a nurturing early childhood space has grown steadily, driven by the trust of families and the dedication of our staff. Our Pre-school now runs at the South African Campus in Bisrate Gebriel.

Today, we welcome over 50 students and have expanded to serve children from Early Years to Year 9 (Grade 8). Our reputation for academic excellence and a caring environment continues to grow.

Our Campus

GRADE SCHOOL CAMPUS	Sarbet Vatican Campus, 50 metres behind Embassy of Indonesia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
PRE-SCHOOL CAMPUS	Bisrate Gebriel Campus, South African Campus, next to Adot Building, Addis Ababa
FUTURE CAMPUS	Totot Campus, Gerji, opening for Year 10 to Year 13 (Grade 9 to Grade 12) in the 2027/28 academic year
YEARS OFFERED	Early Years to Year 9 (Grade 8)
CURRICULUM	International Cambridge curriculum
CERTIFICATION	Cambridge International Education (CIE)
LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION	English (primary)



Our Vision and Philosophy

We believe that a great education is about far more than passing exams. It is about raising young people who are curious, compassionate, resilient, and ready to make a real difference in the world.

Our Vision

To see a global legacy of innovative thinkers who cross borders with humility and solve problems for a better tomorrow.

Our Mission

To empower a generation of thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers who are self-aware, innovative leaders that navigate a globalised world with humility, compassion, and a heart for service.



Our Core Ideology

Everything we do at Nucleus is guided by three words:



THINK DEEPLY

Ask why. Seek to understand the world with logic and empathy.



CREATE BOLDLY

Create with courage. Turn imagination into a tool for purposeful creativity.



SOLVE TRULY

Solve problems through persistent innovation. Honour human dignity in every solution.



Our Values

The following six values shape every decision we make, from how we design our classrooms to how we speak with our students and families.

Care

Putting the emotional, social, and physical well-being of every child at the centre of all decisions.

Excellence

Striving for the highest standards in innovation, academic growth, and personal achievement.

Honesty

Living and speaking with absolute truthfulness to build a community rooted in mutual trust.

Integrity

Doing what is right and honourable in all circumstances, even when no-one is watching.

Resilience

Embracing challenges with grit, learning from mistakes, and persisting through obstacles.

Transparency

Maintaining open, clear, and visible communication with students, parents, and staff.




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Academic Programme

Nucleus follows the international Cambridge curriculum, one of the most widely recognised and respected educational frameworks in the world. A Cambridge education prepares students for university entrance and gives them credentials that are accepted across the globe.

WHY CAMBRIDGE?

- Recognised by universities and schools in over 160 countries
- Develops critical thinking, independent learning, and communication skills
- Allows students to move between countries without losing their place in the academic system
- Balances rigorous academics with the development of the whole child

Cambridge International Education



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Certificate of Registration

This is to certify that

Nucleus International Schools

has registered as a

Cambridge Primary School

Rod Smith
Group Managing Director, International Education
Cambridge University Press & Assessment

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Cambridge Pathway

Ready for the world

Stages of Learning



Early Years (Pre-school)

Foundation stage focused on language, numeracy, social skills, and play-based learning. We nurture curiosity and a love of discovery from the very beginning.



Primary (Year 2 to Year 7, Grade 1 to Grade 6)

Core subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, taught through inquiry and hands-on projects. Students learn how to think, not just what to think.



Lower Secondary (Year 8 to Year 9, Grade 7 to Grade 8)

Deeper subject focus with greater student independence. Students are prepared for the Cambridge IGCSE pathway and secondary study at our future Gerji Campus.

Teaching Staff

Our classrooms are led by a carefully selected team of local and internationally experienced educators. All teaching staff are qualified and hold relevant certifications. While our international staff bring diverse classroom experiences from around the world, our local staff bring deep understanding of the context in which our students grow up.

> At Nucleus, a teacher is not simply someone who delivers a lesson. They are a mentor, a guide, and a champion of every child's potential.

9:1 STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO









Learning Beyond Books

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At Nucleus, we believe that true learning happens both inside and outside the classroom. Our extracurricular and hands-on programme is one of the things we are most proud of. It is not an add-on. It is at the heart of who we are.

STEM and Technology

STEM Labs
science, technology, engineering, and mathematics come alive through practical experiments and projects

Artificial Intelligence Lab
students are introduced to AI concepts and tools in an age-appropriate and hands-on environment







Arts and Creativity



Art & Crafts

students explore painting, drawing, and mixed media

Music Band

students learn to play instruments, read music, and perform as part of an ensemble

Workshop

students learn woodwork, pottery and other crafts. Items they create give them a real first taste of entrepreneurship

Agriculture and Environment

> **Agricultural Activities**
> students grow plants, study soil, and learn about food systems and sustainability in a hands-on environment

Sports and Physical Development

- Basketball
- Football
- Taekwondo

Physical activity is part of our students' weekly routine. We believe that a strong body supports a strong mind.









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Learning Goes Beyond Books

This is more than a tagline. It is the daily promise we make to every Nucleus student.

Supporting Every Child

We understand that children thrive when they feel seen, safe, and supported. That is why we have built a comprehensive support system to ensure no child is left behind.



Our Learning Support Department works collaboratively with students, families, and teachers to identify individual strengths and areas where additional support or challenge may be beneficial.

Where appropriate, individualised learning plans are developed in partnership with families to ensure each student receives the support they need to achieve their full potential. We also provide enrichment opportunities for students who require additional academic challenges.

PASTORAL CARE

Every student belongs to a caring school community where they are known, valued, and supported. Through our pastoral care programme, each student is connected with a dedicated staff member who monitors their academic progress, well-being, and personal development while maintaining strong communication with families.

Inclusive Education

At Nucleus International School, we celebrate the uniqueness of every learner. We are committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment where students of diverse backgrounds, abilities, and learning profiles feel welcomed, respected, and empowered to achieve their personal best. Through collaboration between teachers, families, and our Learning Support team, we strive to remove barriers to learning and create opportunities for every child to thrive.

> **We believe parents are our most important partners, and regular communication ensures that home and school work together to support each child's growth.**



Admissions

Our admissions process is designed to get to know each child as an individual. We seek to understand not only academic readiness but also each student's interests, strengths, learning profile, and potential to flourish within our school community.



We warmly welcome applications from families who share our values and believe in the kind of education we offer. Admission to Nucleus is open to students of all nationalities.

How to Apply

STEP 1	Contact our admissions team to request an application form or to book a campus tour
STEP 2	Complete and submit the application form together with the required documents
STEP 3	Your child will be invited to complete an age-appropriate assessment
STEP 4	Our admissions team will review the assessment and contact you with the result of your application
STEP 5	If accepted, you will receive a formal offer letter with enrolment details

Entry Requirements

Admission is open to children of the appropriate age for each year group. We admit students based on age-appropriate readiness and the results of our assessment process.

ASSESSMENT

The placement assessment helps us determine the most appropriate learning environment for your child and enables us to identify any additional support or enrichment that may help her/him thrive from the very first day.

Documents Required

- Completed application form
- Certified copy of the child's birth certificate or passport
- Two passport-size photographs of the student
- Most recent school report
- Transfer certificate from previous school (where applicable)
- All relevant medical information, including existing conditions, allergies, or special health needs
- All documentation relating to learning needs, previous educational assessments, or previous learning support of any kind

Before Your Child Starts

Once enrolment is confirmed, families participate in an orientation process that may include:

- Meeting the class teacher
- School orientation
- Campus familiarisation
- Transition activities
- Information for parents
- A welcome meeting with the Admissions team

Age-Appropriate Entry Guide

Pre-school (Kindergarten 1)	Age 3 to 4 years
Pre-school (Kindergarten 2)	Age 4 to 5 years
Year 2 (Grade 1)	Age 5 to 6 years Age-appropriate entry assessed individually
Year 3 (Grade 2)	Age 6 to 7 years Age-appropriate entry assessed individually
Year 4 to Year 9 (Grade 3 to Grade 8)	Age-appropriate entry assessed individually



Important Note on Medical and Special Needs

We value openness and partnership with families. During the admissions process, we encourage parents to share any information relating to their child's medical history, developmental profile, learning differences, or previous educational support.

This information remains strictly confidential and enables our Admissions and Learning Support teams to work collaboratively with families to plan appropriate support from the beginning of your child's journey at Nucleus.

Sharing this information will not disadvantage your child's application. Rather, it allows us to make informed decisions and prepare an environment in which every learner can succeed.

What Our Families Say

Our community comes from all over the world. Here is what some of our pre-school families have to say about their experience at Nucleus, and their excitement for what lies ahead.

> *"When we arrived in Addis Ababa, finding the right school was our biggest worry. From the moment we visited Nucleus, we knew it was different. The teachers genuinely know our daughter. She has blossomed here in ways we did not expect, and we cannot wait to see her continue through primary school."*
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> **Sarah M. | Indonesian Family**

> *"What I love most about Nucleus is how my son comes home excited to talk about what he learned. He tells me about his experiments in the STEM lab, the songs he is practising in music, and the plants he is growing in the agri lab. This is not a school that stops at textbooks. We are thrilled that he will continue here all the way through Year 9 (Grade 8)."*
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> **Andualem T. | Ethiopian Family**

> *"We moved from Lagos and were very particular about finding a Cambridge school that would give our children a strong academic foundation without losing warmth. Nucleus gave us both. The pastoral care here is remarkable. The school feels like a second home."*
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> **Funmi O. | Nigerian Family**

> *"As a family that moves often with my work, finding a Cambridge school that our children could transition in and out of easily was essential. Nucleus has made that completely seamless. The curriculum is rigorous, the staff are warm, and our children have made friends from so many different countries. It is the kind of international experience we always hoped for."*
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> **Jean-Pierre D. | French Family**

> *"Our daughter was shy when she started at Nucleus. Within a few months, she was performing in the music band and presenting a project to her class. The school does something remarkable here, it builds confidence alongside knowledge. We are proud members of this community."*
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> **Ayse K. | Turkish Family**

> *"The agriculture lab and the workshop are things I had never seen in a pre-school before. My son talks about growing tomatoes and making things with his hands. It teaches children that education has a real-world purpose. We are excited for the primary years ahead."*
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> **Priya R. | Indian Family**

Looking Ahead

Totot Campus, Gerji

Nucleus is growing. For the 2027/28 academic year, we will launch Year 10 to Year 13 (Grade 9 to Grade 12) at our brand new Totot Campus in Gerji, Addis Ababa. This expansion means that students who begin their journey with us in Pre-school will be able to complete their full Cambridge education from start to finish at Nucleus.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT TOTOT CAMPUS

- Cambridge IGCSE and A-Level pathway for Year 10 to Year 13 (Grade 9 to Grade 12)
- State-of-the-art facilities built from the ground up
- Expanded extracurricular and specialist programmes
- Continuity for all students already enrolled at our Vatican Campus



Contact and Visit Us

We would love to meet you and show you our school. You are welcome to book a campus tour at any time during the academic year.

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ADMISSIONS HOURS	Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
OPEN FOR ENROLMENT	Early Years to Year 9 (Grade 8), Academic Year 2025/26


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