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International schools in Phuket

Fees, locations and where families live

The international schools in Phuket, with 2026/27 fees from each school's own schedule, their curricula and ages, and the residential areas nearest each campus.

The main international schools in Phuket are UWC Thailand and Glenalmond Phuket in Thalang, and HeadStart in Cherng Talay and Wichit. The British International School Phuket is in Koh Kaew, Kajonkiet and QSI are in Kathu, and BCIS is in Chalong. Published full-day tuition for 2026/27 runs from about ฿218,000 a year in the early years to ฿982,700 in the senior years. In practice the school decides the area: Bang Tao, Laguna and Thalang in the north, Koh Kaew and Kathu in the middle, Phuket Town, Chalong and Rawai in the south.

Which international schools are there in Phuket?

The table covers seven international schools on eight campuses; HeadStart has two. Fees are each school's own published figures for the 2026/27 year, at about ฿33 to USD 1.

School	Location	Curriculum	Ages	Fees from (2026/27)
UWC Thailand	Thep Krasattri, Thalang	IB from Pre-K to the Diploma; day and boarding	Pre-K (from 2) to Grade 12	฿345,000 (about USD 10,500)
Glenalmond Phuket	Thep Krasattri, Thalang	British	Early years to Year 9 on the current fee schedule	฿270,000 mornings, ฿390,000 full days (about USD 8,200 to 11,800)
HeadStart, Cherngtalay campus	Srisoonthorn Road, Cherng Talay	English National Curriculum	Foundation to Key Stage 3 (about 2 to 14)	Not published online; ask the school
HeadStart, Chaofah campus	Wichit, near Central Phuket	English National and Cambridge; IGCSE, A Level, BTEC	2 to 18	Not published online; ask the school
British International School Phuket (BISP)	Thepkrasattri Road, Koh Kaew	British to IGCSE, then IB Diploma or BTEC; day and boarding	Nursery (3) to Year 13	฿489,000 (about USD 14,800)
Kajonkiet International School (KIS)	Phra Phuket Kaew Road, Kathu	British; IGCSE, A Level	Pre-Nursery to Year 13	฿285,000 full day (about USD 8,600)
QSI International School of Phuket	Chalermprakiat R.9 Road, Kathu	American, English medium	2 to 18	USD 6,600 (about ฿218,000)
BCIS (Berda Claude International School)	Chalong	Cambridge to A Level, or the French programme to the Baccalauréat	2 to 18	฿302,000 (about USD 9,200)

Smaller schools are listed too, including Oak Meadow (American, Wichit), Lighthouse (Canadian, Rawai and Chalong) and Montessori House (Chalong). Ask each for its current fee schedule before you plan around it.

How much are international school fees in Phuket for 2026/27?

Full-day tuition in 2026/27 runs from about ฿218,000 for QSI's youngest classes to ฿982,700 for the senior years at BISP. Every school charges more as the child moves up. Each school's published range is below.

- **BISP:** ฿489,000 in Nursery to ฿982,700 in Years 9, 10 and 12 (about USD 14,800 to 29,800).
- **UWC Thailand:** ฿345,000 to ฿933,000 for Grades 11 and 12 (about USD 10,500 to 28,300). Boarding is ฿653,000 on top.
- **Glenalmond Phuket:** ฿270,000 for early-years mornings, rising to ฿950,000 for Years 7 to 9 (about USD 8,200 to 28,800).
- **BCIS:** ฿302,000 to ฿502,500 (about USD 9,200 to 15,200), the same scale in the British and French sections.
- **QSI:** USD 6,600 to USD 15,100 (about ฿218,000 to ฿498,000), plus a USD 1,600 capital fund fee each year in the secondary classes. QSI bills in dollars.
- **Kajonkiet:** ฿285,000 to ฿454,000 (about USD 8,600 to 13,800). A half-day Pre-Nursery place is ฿200,000.
- **HeadStart:** its own 2026/27 schedule was not reachable when this was written. Phuket 101's October 2026 summary puts it at ฿347,000 to ฿540,000; confirm with the school.

Budget for the one-off fees as well as tuition. BISP charges a ฿200,000 placement fee for one child (฿250,000 for families with more than one) and a ฿150,000 refundable bond. Glenalmond charges a ฿200,000 placement fee and a ฿150,000 refundable deposit. UWC asks for ฿100,000 plus a ฿165,000 development fund contribution. Kajonkiet's entrance fee is ฿60,000. Buses, uniforms and exam entries are usually extra. Glenalmond gives new pupils a free uniform pack, and BISP includes educational trips in tuition.

How fees sit against the rest of a family budget is in the cost of living piece.

Where do families live near each school?

I would look for a home on the same side of the island as the school. The drive between north and south runs through the busiest junctions. The distances below are road distances from OpenStreetMap routing, rounded.

Thalang and Cherng Talay: UWC, Glenalmond and HeadStart Cherngtalay

UWC sits at the foot of the national park on Thepkasattri Road in Thalang, a few minutes' drive from Thalang Hospital and about 12 km by road from Laguna and Layan. The school says it is a 10-minute drive from the airport. Glenalmond's address is in the same subdistrict, Thep Krasattri. North London Collegiate School has also announced NLCS Phuket in Cherng Talay for 2028; more in what NLCS Phuket means for families.

HeadStart's Cherngtalay campus opened in August 2023 on Srisoonthorn Road, about 4 km from Bang Tao beach. It teaches up to Key Stage 3, with no sixth form. If your children are close to IGCSE age, ask the school where they would sit them before you choose a house around this campus.

The residential areas nearest these three are Bang Tao, Laguna, Cherng Talay and Layan, and the villages around central Thalang. I live in Bang Tao. In February 2025 Cherng Talay's local mayor told The Phuket News he was seeing a surge in private cars on the area's roads. So a short drive to school counts for a lot here. The area guide for Thalang covers the inland side.

Koh Kaew: BISP

BISP is on Thepkrasattri Road in Koh Kaew, about 4 km from Boat Lagoon and 5 km from Royal Phuket Marina. The Loch Palm golf course in Kathu is about 6 km away. Laguna is about 14 km away.

The nearby residential areas are the housing estates of Koh Kaew and Kathu, the marina side at Boat Lagoon, and Pa Khlok and Cape Yamu further up the east coast. BISP runs its own buses at ฿99,900 a year.

Kathu and Phuket Town: Kajonkiet, QSI and HeadStart Chaofah

These three sit in a tight cluster between Kathu and Phuket Town. HeadStart's Chaofah campus is under 2 km from Central Phuket, and QSI and Kajonkiet are about 3 to 5 km from it. Phuket Old Town is 5 to 7 km from all three.

The nearby residential areas are Kathu, Wichit and Phuket Town, with the housing estates along Chaofah Road between them. Families do commute in from the beaches: Kajonkiet adds 20 percent to its bus fare for routes to Cherng Talay, Surin, Kamala, Patong, Kata and Rawai.

Chalong: BCIS

BCIS is about 2 km from Chalong circle, and about 8 km from Rawai and from Kata. The school puts Nai Harn, Kata and Karon at 15 to 30 minutes away. The nearby residential areas are Chalong itself, Rawai, Nai Harn and Kata, and the school mentions the Land & House estate as minutes away.

What is the school-run traffic like?

The Tha Ruea junction at the Heroines Monument on Thepkrasattri Road is, in the words of Thalang's traffic police chief to The Phuket News, Phuket's most severe bottleneck. It links the airport road with Phuket Town and the south. A school run between the north of the island and Koh Kaew, Kathu or Phuket Town usually passes through it.

The Department of Highways cancelled the ฿2.38 billion Heroines underpass in October 2025 over fears of flooding and gridlock during construction. A flyover from Pa Khlok to Kathu is in the 2026 budget, but no construction date has been set. For a family, I would put a home that keeps the school run off that junction ahead of a bigger garden.

Should you rent or buy near a school?

Rent for the first year if the school place is new. Children change schools, and a family that buys near one campus before term starts sometimes finds it wants another. How a long lease works here is in Renting Long Term in Phuket.

Letting a home near a school

A house within a short drive of a school has a second pool of tenants: families on a school-year lease. They tend to want a bedroom per child, some outdoor space and a short morning drive. Most of these schools start the year in August, which is when those families need a lease to begin.

A family let is a long let. It suits an owner who wants steady occupancy and can do without the house at Christmas. A house that suits holiday guests may suit families less well, so decide which buyer or tenant you are pricing for. For a sale instead, see Listing Your Phuket Property.

International schools in Phuket: questions families ask

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Published 2026/27 full-day tuition runs from about ฿218,000 a year in the early years to ฿982,700 for the senior years at BISP. One-off admission fees of up to about ฿265,000 for one child, plus refundable deposits, come on top.

Which international schools in Phuket teach the IB?

UWC Thailand teaches the IB from Pre-K to the Diploma. BISP follows the British curriculum to IGCSE and then offers the IB Diploma or BTEC in the sixth form.

Is there a French school in Phuket?

Yes. BCIS in Chalong runs a French programme from Maternelle to Terminale, leading to the Brevet and the Baccalauréat, alongside its Cambridge programme.

Which international schools are near Bang Tao and Laguna?

HeadStart's Cherngtalay campus is about 4 km from Bang Tao beach and teaches up to Key Stage 3. UWC Thailand and Glenalmond Phuket are in Thalang, about 12 km by road from Laguna.

Which international schools in Phuket take boarders?

UWC Thailand and BISP both offer boarding. UWC's boarding fee for 2026/27 is ฿653,000 a year, and BISP's full boarding runs from ฿473,550 to ฿509,300 on top of tuition.

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I would settle the school before looking at a single house. If a new villa is on your list, more of them are now being built near the schools; see Phuket's new villas are being built inland. Fees for the same year group differ by more than ฿500,000 a year between schools, but the drive is what a family lives with every day.

Once the place is confirmed, rent near the campus for a year. Buy once you know the school run.

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