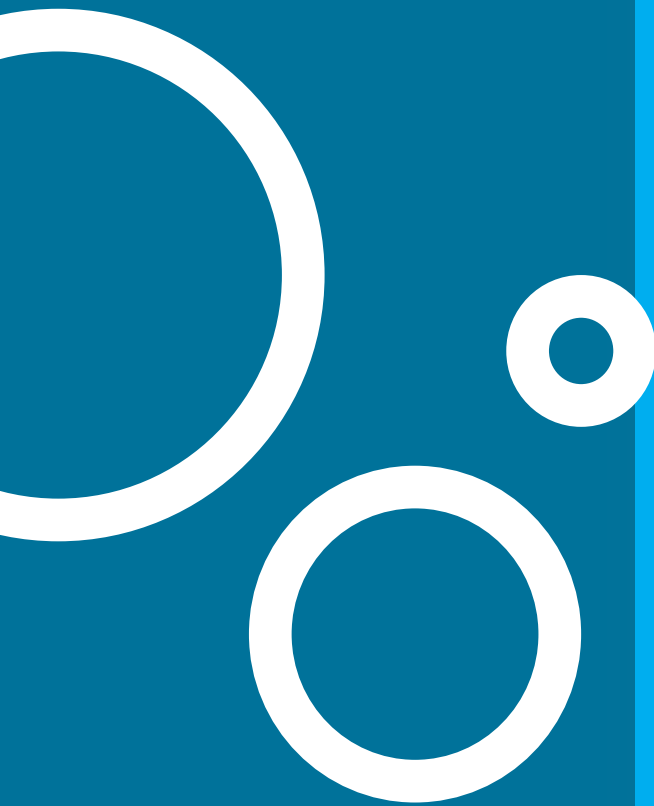




IEB

AT GENERATION SCHOOLS
SOMERSET WEST





WHAT IS THE IEB?

The Independent Examinations Board (IEB) is a respected South African examination body that delivers a nationally accredited, globally recognised qualification. The IEB places a strong emphasis on:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Depth of academic understanding.
- University and career readiness.



WHY CHOOSE SOMERSET WEST FOR IEB?

Somerset West is uniquely positioned to offer the IEB stream within a vibrant, future-focused academic community. Our multi-pathway approach ensures that students can thrive in a setting that values individual learning preferences, academic excellence, and personal growth.

With access to passionate educators, small classes, and a campus culture that encourages curiosity and resilience, students in our IEB stream are equipped to excel both locally and internationally.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE IEB?

The Independent Examinations Board (IEB) is a South African assessment body that offers a nationally accredited Grade 12 qualification.

HOW DOES IEB DIFFER FROM CAMBRIDGE?

While both are academically rigorous, the IEB is rooted in the South African CAPS curriculum, whereas Cambridge is an international curriculum with a UK-based structure.

IS THE IEB RECOGNISED INTERNATIONALLY?

Yes. The IEB is widely recognised by South African universities, including the University of Stellenbosch, UCT, and Wits, and is also accepted by many international institutions.

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT DO IEB STUDENTS RECEIVE?

IEB students at Somerset West benefit from:

- Dedicated subject teachers who understand the demands of the curriculum.
- Individualised academic support and mentoring.
- A nurturing environment that balances academic challenge with emotional well-being.

CAN A STUDENT MOVE FROM CAMBRIDGE TO IEB (OR VICE VERSA)?

Yes, it is possible, especially in the earlier grades (Grade 9-10). Our academic team offers guidance on subject alignment and transition support to ensure a smooth pathway switch, if needed.

HOW ARE STUDENTS ASSESSED IN THE IEB?

Students are assessed through a combination of:

- School-based assessments (assignments, tests, projects).
- Externally set exams in Grade 12, which are supplemented by an SBA portfolio.
- Practical components in certain subjects like Life Sciences or Visual Art.

IS THERE FLEXIBILITY IN SUBJECT CHOICES?

Absolutely. Students can customise their IEB subject package based on their interests, career goals, and strengths - within a structured framework that meets national requirements.

WILL MY CHILD MISS OUT ON INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IF THEY CHOOSE IEB?

Not at all. The IEB is internationally benchmarked and accepted by many overseas universities. Students gain strong analytical and writing skills that help them thrive globally.



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