

# High School Program

## Morrison Academy Taipei





# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Susanna Myburgh

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Morrison Christian Academy Taipei is grateful to announce that after 15 years of praying and searching, God has blessed us with a property that is big enough for us to begin to fulfill our dream of making the Taipei campus a K to 12th grade school. We are excited to announce the long-awaited addition of a 10th grade class at our current location in downtown Taipei for the 2016-2017 school year. We have fully prepared for this by hiring a highly qualified Chemistry teacher and an experienced humanities teacher.

Although this 10th grade addition is new for Morrison Taipei, it is not new for Morrison Academy as a whole. With over 50 years of heritage, Morrison's Taichung high school and boarding program have developed an exceptional reputation in Taiwan and around the world. This unwavering excellence is the cornerstone for which Morrison Taipei's high school will be built upon. As part of one system, students at Morrison Taipei's high school will have the joy of continuing their Morrison education at home in northern Taiwan while being able to enjoy access to the same academic rigor and programs at the Taichung and Kaohsiung campuses.



I look forward to sharing the many successes your children will experience here as well as celebrating with you beyond their high school years as they become agents of change who will dynamically impact the world for Christ.

Sincerely,

## ACADEMICS

Morrison Academy Taipei's caring educators and dynamic learning environment prepares students to be effective leaders, moral and ethical citizens, and life-long learners. The high school program strives to provide students with an academically rigorous curriculum, which utilizes project-based learning and experiential learning along with technological integration in order to equip the whole student and foster intrinsic learning. The teachers become the facilitators who are there to help drive the students to acquire knowledge, build discernment, and positively impact the world.



### Advanced Placement

Morrison's five standard Advanced Placement (AP) courses are AP Calculus, AP English, AP US History, AP Biology and AP Chemistry. AP courses will be offered face-to-face starting in 11th grade. If students wish to take AP classes in 10th grade, they can do so through the online program.



### Online Electives

Morrison Academy's high school will be offering a variety of online courses as a complement to its standard course offerings. These courses will be provided through Sevenstar, an accredited online private school. There will be an online coordinator who will help students stay on track and to facilitate learning.



### University Preparation

Teachers and guidance counselors guide students to think about career choices considering God-given gifts, strengths, and passions. Different aspects are focused on in workshops and Bible classes to prepare students for important college and career choices. The focuses are study skills for 9th grade and careers for 10th grade.

Our current guidance counselor, along with the guidance counselor from Taichung, will continue to be available for academic guidance counseling. In addition, a Taichung guidance counselor will regularly visit to discuss with parents and students the application process and SAT preparation.



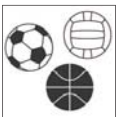
## BEYOND ACADEMICS

High school students have formed a committee which has worked together to plan their high school lounge, jackets, and lockers. High school students will eat lunch or do homework after school in the high school lounge. A weekly high school only chapel will also be offered that is separate from the middle school chapel. 9th and 10th graders will continue to be allowed to leave campus to get their lunch by turning in their ID's with the guard. 9th grade will take a biology trip to Penghu island and 10th grade will have a joint trip with Taichung or Kaohsiung.



### Clubs

Students will have many opportunities to start up, lead, and participate in various clubs based on their interests. Some ideas for clubs that students have already been discussing with potential faculty sponsors are Model United Nations (MUN), Advanced Math Competitions (AMC), and Science Talent Development Program. Students also will be encouraged to participate in Yearbook and various media projects.



### Sports Program

Because we already has a high school sports program, it is ready to compete at the high school level next year in men's and women's soccer, basketball, and volleyball. The high school will compete in established Taiwan sports tournaments with schools across the island at the JV or JVB levels depending on student interest and participation. The school currently is looking closely at the possibility of joining other tournaments off-island. Other high school sports may be provided.



### Other Co-curriculars

Co-curriculars such as music ensembles, art electives, academic competitions, service learning opportunities, mission trips, and clubs will be offered based on student interest and participation level. Students will also have access to many of the Taichung and Kaohsiung programs.



## TEACHER PROFILE

In addition to the current secondary teachers, the school has hired experienced teachers to join our secondary team as 10th grade is added.

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### **Merlvyn Heng**

Education : Bachelor of Science,  
National University of Singapore  
Post-graduate Diploma in Education,  
National Institute of Education (Singapore)

Experience: 8 years in teaching

“Chemistry and math are fun! Chemistry laboratory techniques and mathematical skills are useful in the exciting fields of medicine, pharmaceutical science, materials engineering, water purification, fragrance and flavoring, biofuels, and agricultural science to solve world problems of food shortage, depleting petroleum, and clean water.”



### **Brian vander Haak**

Education: Bachelor of Arts in English Education,  
Western Washington University  
Master of Arts in School Administration,  
Western Washington University

Experience: 20 years in education, 10 years teaching

The best part about teaching students English and history is that they offer interesting portals for exploring creation and the human condition. Literature and history provide many opportunities to challenge students to examine their own lives in a variety of contexts at a time when they are developing their own worldview. Teaching students how to express themselves through writing, presentations, and creative expression encourages them to develop their own “voice” in order to articulate what they know and believe.

## BEYOND 2017

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### Commitment

Since the board approved the development of a High School program at Morrison Taipei, they will commit to provide and support a quality program by supplying it with sufficient resources and opportunities for students.



### Linkou Campus

With our limited amount of space on the current campus, we will only have the space to add 10th grade at this time. However, when we move to our new campus, we will add 11th and 12th grade. At our new campus, students will be able to enjoy larger learning spaces, better sports facilities, and have more green space to explore. We are thankful for our new campus and we cannot wait to see our students and school community blossom in this new environment. For more information about the Linkou campus, please contact our main office.

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### High School

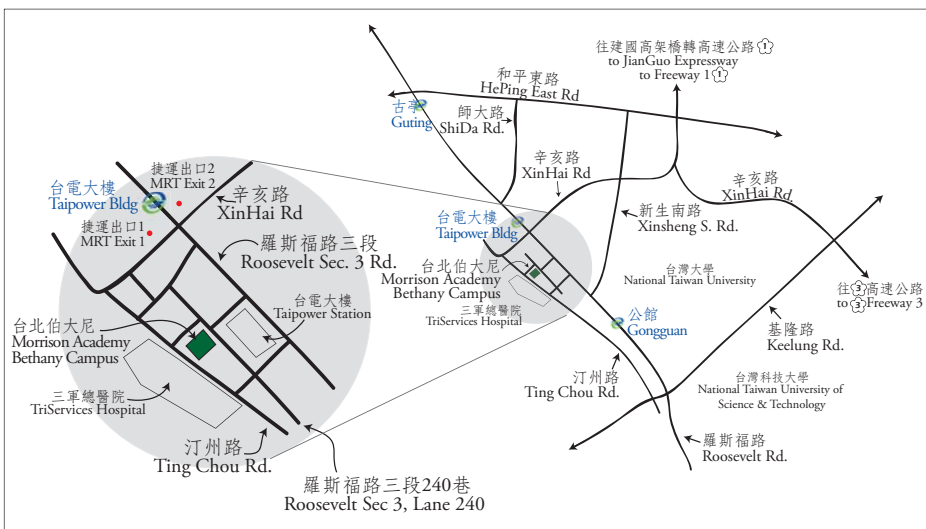
Morrison Academy is a system of three schools, and as a result, high school students are afforded the choice each year to switch campuses. Because each school has a different culture, this multi-campus framework allows the school to best provide for the unique needs of each family.



### Boarding

The Taichung campus has a world-class boarding program which provides a comfortable, Christian homelike environment for students who live away from home for their 11th and 12th grade year.

At the Kaohsiung campus, home stays may be available. Home stays are privately arranged with families and always depend on the availability of staff families.



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