



Dear BBIS Primary Families,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the BBIS Berlin Brandenburg International School Primary community! As the new Primary Principal, I am truly excited to get to know you and your children and to work together to make this school year a wonderful one for all. We have a great year ahead with lots of exciting learning experiences and community events for you and your children to look forward to.

BBIS is an inclusive, international school that embraces research-based best practices to create a nurturing and inspiring learning environment. As an IB Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) school, we deeply value collaboration between families, teachers, and students. When families are actively involved, it strengthens our entire community and supports each child's learning, well-being, and growth. Together, we build a school culture where every child feels valued, safe, and motivated to thrive.

For our returning families, welcome back! We are grateful for your ongoing trust and partnership. I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for a fresh start. For those who are new to BBIS, we are so glad you have joined us. I know you will find a warm and welcoming school community, just as I have.

This year brings plenty of new beginnings, whether it is settling into a new country, starting at a new school, or forming new friendships and learning opportunities. I, too, am experiencing new beginnings, as I have recently relocated from Melbourne, Australia, to join BBIS. I understand firsthand the excitement and challenges that come with moving to a new place, and I want to assure you that we are here to support you and your child every step of the way to make your transition as smooth as possible.

We hope that the information included in this letter, along with the events we have planned, will help make your transition as smooth and worry-free as possible. Closer to the start of the school year, we will share more detailed information by 18 August 2025, to ensure you and your child feel confident, prepared, and excited to begin.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or would simply like to connect, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am looking forward to meeting you, building strong relationships, and partnering with you to create a wonderful year of learning and growth for your child at BBIS.

Thank you for choosing BBIS Berlin Brandenburg International School.

Kind regards,

Kate Mancarella
Primary Principal

Mark your calendars

DATE AND TIME	EVENT
Monday 18 August 9 am-11:30 am	<p>New Primary student and family orientation: If you are a new to BBIS family, please do not miss this important event!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families will have the opportunity to hear from the school leadership, meet new and some returning BBIS families, and learn more about the school. Students will have the opportunity to meet other new students, their teachers, and to see the campus.
Wednesday 20 August 8 am	<p>First day of school for all BBIS students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific information with detailed logistics plans will be sent by Monday 18 August 2025.
Wednesday 20 August 8:15-9:30	<p>Schultüte Making Workshop for Grade 1 families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makerspace in House 2 Details have been sent to Grade 1 families in a separate communication
Friday 22 August 11:45-14:30	<p>Grade 1 'Einschulung' Ceremony and Grade 1 Back to School Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are the family of a Grade 1 student, please join us for this important ceremony to mark your child's start of school. Details have been sent to Grade 1 families in a separate communication
Wednesday 27 August Morning at school	<p>Back to School Event for Early Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off your child at school and remain at school to meet your child's teachers and to hear more about our programme in Early Education Exact details to be shared by Monday 18 August 2025 in a separate communication.
Thursday 28 August	<p>Back to School Event for Grades 2 to 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop off your child at school and remain at school to meet your child's teachers and to hear more about our programme in Grades 2 to 5 Exact details to be shared by Monday 18 August 2025 in a separate communication.
Thursday 11 September 8 am – 4:30 pm	<p>Goal Setting Conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No school for Early Education and Primary School students Families sign up for individual conferences. Information to be sent in the first week of school.