

FAQ

Q. WHAT SETS SJA JEJU RESIDENTIAL LIFE APART?

A. We are a unique program in the involvement of faculty, the facilities, and in our care for our students. Dorm students have significant access to our faculty through the dorms. In addition to school day interactions, our students work with faculty in required After School Activities, the daily Evening Study period, and on faculty-led weekend activities. This allows our students not only rare access to learn from the faculty, but also to develop deeper relationships as they work with faculty in a variety of areas. In addition, dorm students have access to fabulous music, art, library, and athletic facilities on campus well beyond the regular school schedule.

Finally, our approach to students is to educate the whole student, focusing on our mission of character, inquiry, and community. We value and stress these qualities in our work with our students and encourage them to take risks to develop in these areas, while supporting them and caring for them through both their failures and successes.

Q. HOW MANY PROCTORS DO WE HAVE AND WHAT ARE THEIR ROLES IN THE DORM?

A. This year, with around 130 boarders, we have 12 full-time proctors, including 2 Head proctors. Their role is to help supervise activities, provide support for students, enforce dorm expectations for health and safety, and guide the student in their dorm life. Their work and the program are overseen by the Director of Residential Life.

Q. WHAT KIND OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED FOR DORM STUDENTS?

A. Dorm students attend Evening Study five nights per week. This is a time when all dorm students study with guidance from teachers from the MS and HS as well as proctors. Students also have access to our library facilities during Evening Study. In addition, students have access to music rooms, art rooms, and group study rooms at this time to work on all of their academic responsibilities.

Head proctors attend MS and HS student support meetings so both the school and dormitories are able to best support individual students. Head proctors share this information, privately, with other proctors so we are all able to best support a student's needs.

Q. WHAT DO WE OFFER FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL SUPPORT?

A. We have nursing staff that live in the dorms and are on-call 24 hours, 7 days a week, in addition to their office hours each day (including weekends). Dorm students have access to full-time counselors at the school and the dorm staff is in regular communication with the nursing staff and the counseling staff to provide support for our students.

Q. WHAT SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE?

A. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all of our students at SJA Jeju. Through thoughtful expectations in the Residential Life Guidebook, proctors being a presence in the dorm, the nursing staff, and our relationship with our security team on campus we are prepared to help keep students safe during their time in the dorms.

Q. WHAT KIND OF DORM ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED?

A. We have many activities available. Dorm students are required to participate in the school's After School Activities (ASA) program, which consists of many teachers designed activities such as athletics, Model UN, Debate, Student Council, cooking classes, and more. In addition, we have regular weekend activities that include access to the school's athletic facilities, local hikes and bike rides, visits to Jeju museums and other cultural and historical landmarks, speakers, and more. Teachers from the school each plan 1-2 activities per semester and proctors plan many activities as well, often with student input.

In addition to these activities, in the dorms we have an Art Room, a Builders' Space with woodworking, small motors, and other creative opportunities, and we are in the process of adding a Clay Room for students to do stop motion animation, build, or sculpt with clay. We also have a pool table, billiards table, ping pong and foosball tables, 8 lounges with access to watch movies, karaoke rooms, and a small 1300 volume library in the dormitories. With access to our activities program, these facilities, as well as a track and field right outside the front doors to the dorms, students are never lacking for good activities to do.