



Milan  
World  
School



# WELCOME TO MILAN WORLD SCHOOL

Welcome to Milan World School, a place we know will become a second home to your children. As educators and leaders, we are motivated and inspired to build a nurturing school that bridges the inner world within each of us, with the outer world we all share. A world we aim to improve by educating and shaping students into compassionate global citizens who recognize diversity as a strength and approach life with empathy. At Milan World School, excelling academically will go hand in hand with the personal and emotional growth of each child.

Our school is not static - it is “A World in Progress” where we endeavour to adapt and meet the ever changing needs of each single student. We strive to make the world a better place and are committed to helping our students grow into thoughtful, responsible individuals who will shape the future with their critical thinking, international mindset and purpose.

With a vision for innovation, inclusivity and a sense of belonging, where every students feel empowered to unlock their full potential, **OUR SCHOOL BEGINS.**

PRINCIPAL

*Daniela Aquanno*

VICE-PRINCIPAL

*Elena Cipullo*

A young boy with a backpack is smiling broadly in a school hallway. Other children are visible in the background, some blurred. The text 'A WORLD IN PROGRESS' is overlaid in the center.

# A WORLD IN PROGRESS

OUR MISSION

EDUCATION IS  
THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS  
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE  
AND WE ARE ALL PART  
OF A WORLD IN PROGRESS.

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# MILAN WORLD SCHOOL VALUES

Our core values serve as a moral compass and will become part of our students' daily lives. Everything we do is guided by our **CARE** values:

## COURAGE

I have the courage to choose right from wrong and to make honest choices. I have the courage to keep trying even when I face challenges.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

I believe in myself and I am prepared to take responsibility for my actions. I understand that every action has a reaction.

## RESPECT

I treat others with respect by listening and being kind to them. I treat others the way I want to be treated.

## EMPATHY

I am kind towards others and make an effort to understand their feelings. I want to be aware of others' emotions.

# KEY STRENGTHS:

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## CURRICULUM & LEARNING APPROACH

A tailor-made curriculum places the child, their needs, and abilities at the centre. We will cultivate an educational environment that promotes academic excellence while igniting curiosity, creativity, exploration, and joy in our students' learning journey.

## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Each child and their diverse needs are nurtured with individual attention and care. We will create an environment where each child feels safe, supported and loved.

## COMMUNITY

Effective collaboration between the school and families is key for delivering a high-quality educational experience. Open communication and parent involvement is encouraged to establish collaborative relationships.

## CREATIVITY

Nurturing creative skills enables children to enhance their problem-solving capabilities and build self-confidence, while providing practical opportunities to reach their creative potential.

# DANIELA AGUANNO

## PRINCIPAL

Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Daniela is a passionate international educator and empowering school leader. She has extensive experience working in various educational settings as a teacher, curriculum developer, and school administrator. Daniela is committed to student success by creating a safe and positive learning environment, respecting diversity and inclusion which is at the heart of her pedagogical spirit. For the last 9 years, Daniela served as the founding Principal at the Canadian School of Milan, a school from Nursery to Grade 12. Previous to that, she worked for 7 years at Collegio San Carlo where she founded, developed and led the Intercultural Program for Grades 1 to 5.

# ELENA CIPULLO

## **VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Elena is a dedicated educator from Milan with extensive experience in international school contexts. Driven by an innate passion to support students with diverse learning needs, she pursued a specialisation in Special Needs Education. Elena firmly believes that strong relationships are the cornerstone of a successful school, and this principle guides her leadership in creating a cohesive school community with students, teachers, and parents. Elena, most recently, served for 7 years as Head of the Middle and High School divisions at the Canadian School of Milan. Under her effective leadership, the school achieved IB (International Baccalaureate) accreditation. Previously, Elena taught in the Primary division at the International School of Milan.



# CAMPUS AND LOCATION

The campus is located in a historic building founded in 1823, a short walk away from Piazza Duomo and steps from Piazza Vetra. For over 200 years, the building has served as the home of the Canossian Institute, focusing on inclusive education for every child, regardless of their background, race, or religion. Milan World School is proud to carry this legacy forward and embrace its values through an international education.

The facilities include spacious classrooms, laboratories for the arts and sciences, a library, gymnasium, outdoor space and a cafeteria with in-house cooked meals, designed to support all educational needs.





## KEY SPACES INCLUDE:

- **Art Atelier:** To promote creativity through various artistic mediums.
- **Innovation Centre (Science Lab):** To provide opportunities for hands-on learning and real-world problem-solving in STEAM disciplines.
- **Library:** To inspire a love for reading and research, while developing literacy and independent learning.
- **Gym:** To encourage a healthy lifestyle through regular physical activity, while promoting teamwork through sports.
- **Music Room:** To nurture students' talents and creativity in a dedicated space for musical exploration and practice.
- **Cafeteria:** To enjoy healthy, freshly prepared meals in a communal area where lunch can be a social and educational experience.
- **Theatre:** To allow an opportunity for self-expression and confidence building through performances and presentations, enhancing public speaking and creative abilities.
- **Our garden** offers a vast outdoor area for play and exploration, featuring a multi-purpose sports field and educational gardens, for both recreation and experiential learning.

# ACADEMIC

# PROGRAM



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YEARS  
OLD



# EARLY CHILDHOOD

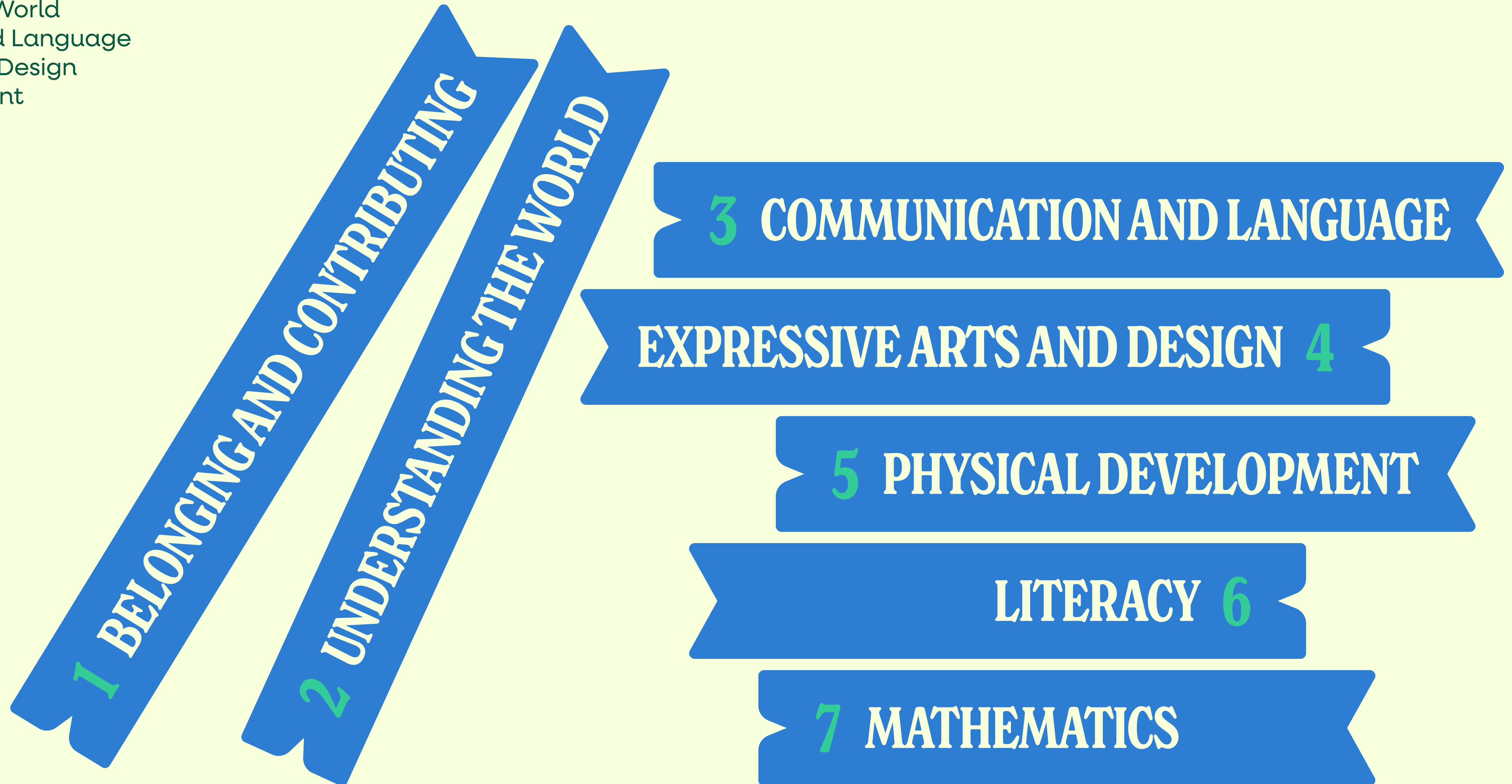
**Early Childhood** is a bespoke program with adaptations from a cross section of Italian and globally respected methodologies including:

The Reggio-Emilia Approach, UK Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the Ontario Kindergarten Curriculum. The program encourages **meaningful exploration of the world** and introduces literacy, maths, music, visual arts and physical education. From an early age, students develop independence, communication and teamwork skills all while having fun.

Our Early Childhood program provides the ideal **opportunity for children to begin learning a second language**. One key reason students learn a new language so easily is that they engage in exploration and play as part of their learning process.

The curriculum combines elements from internationally recognized frameworks that focus on the 7 essential building blocks of learning

1. Belonging and Contributing
2. Understanding the World
3. Communication and Language
4. Expressive Arts and Design
5. Physical Development
6. Literacy
7. Mathematics





YEARS OLD

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## TODDLERS

Children are engaged in a bilingual environment through age-appropriate activities, focusing on structured fun, play, sensory exploration, and creativity in art and music. A specific physical education program will support fine-gross motor skills and cognitive development.



YEARS OLD

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## NURSERY

Children are immersed in a fully English program with more structured activities, introducing early literacy and numeracy. Play, fun, sensory experiences, and creative expression in art and music remain central, fostering both academic and physical development.



YEARS OLD  
**4**

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

The Junior Kindergarten builds on early literacy and numeracy skills with the introduction of more complex concepts, while continuing structured play, creative activities in art, music, and physical education.



YEARS OLD  
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## SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

The Senior Kindergarten program offers a more structured curriculum with subject differentiation, emphasizing inquiry-based learning that nurtures curiosity and critical thinking. In addition to the core elements, students will have Italian lessons, enriching their cultural and language exposure. Guided play and creativity remain essential components, ensuring a joyful and well-rounded learning experience for every child.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHEDULE

<b>BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE</b>	<b>8:15 - 8:50</b>
<b>BELL RINGS</b>	<b>8:50</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE/CIRCLE TIME</b>	<b>8:50 - 9:00</b>
<b>MORNING ACTIVITIES &amp; OUTDOOR PLAY</b>	<b>9:00 - 11:40</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>11:40 - 12:15</b>
<b>NAP TIME - TODDLERS AND NURSERY</b>	<b>12:15 - 13:40</b>
<b>RECESS AND QUIET TIME FOR JK. AND SK.</b>	<b>12:15 - 13:00</b>
<b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES, SNACK TIME AND OUTDOOR PLAY</b>	<b>13:00 - 15:50</b>
<b>GET READY FOR DISMISSAL</b>	<b>15:50 - 16:00</b>
<b>DISMISSAL</b>	<b>16:00</b>



# SWIMMING LESSONS



Children ages 3 to 5 will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons. Children will enjoy a fun experience in the water, helping to build confidence, coordination, and essential water safety skills.

This hands-on approach ensures that every child develops a love for the water and swimming.



# PRIMARY

Primary School begins from Grade 1 to Grade 5. The Primary curriculum is a **holistic and tailor made program** that has been studied and designed to incorporate the best international curricula from around the globe while **providing a comprehensive progressive education.**

Underpinned by an inquiry based approach, our program is student centred and draws upon the learning standards from the Canadian, Italian and UK Ministry of Education's Primary Curriculum. Each of these curricula contribute unique elements that provide **a solid educational foundation, aimed to equip children with a set of "technical" competencies and "soft" skills,** which are important for their daily life.

**English is the main language of delivery at Milan World School with a strong emphasis in Italian and a third language, French. The subjects studied in Primary are:**

- English
- Mathematics
- Italian for native speakers (and non native speakers)
- Science and Technology
- Social Studies (History and Geography)
- Computer Studies
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Health and Social-Emotional Learning
- World Religions
- French





## ITALIAN

The Italian Program for native speakers follows the Italian Ministry of Education guidelines. The curriculum is enriched ensuring students have the option of taking an “Idoneità” assessment at the end of each scholastic year in compliance with the Italian Ministry of Education standards.



## FRENCH

French is taught as a third language in Primary. Our goal is to inspire a love for the language while preparing our students for a diverse, multicultural world.

# PRIMARY SCHEDULE

<b>BEFORE-SCHOOL CARE</b>	<b>8:15 - 8:50</b>
<b>BELL RINGS</b>	<b>8:50</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE/REGISTER</b>	<b>8:50 - 9:00</b>
<b>PERIOD 1</b>	<b>9:00 - 9:40</b>
<b>PERIOD 2</b>	<b>9:40 - 10:20</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	<b>10:20 - 10:40</b>
<b>PERIOD 3</b>	<b>10:40 - 11:20</b>
<b>PERIOD 4</b>	<b>11:20 - 12:00</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>
<b>PERIOD 5</b>	<b>13:00 - 13:40</b>
<b>PERIOD 6</b>	<b>13:40 - 14:20</b>
<b>BREAK</b>	<b>14:20 - 14:35</b>
<b>PERIOD 7</b>	<b>14:35 - 15:15</b>
<b>PERIOD 8</b>	<b>15:15 - 15:55</b>
<b>GET READY FOR DISMISSAL</b>	<b>15:55 - 16:00</b>
<b>DISMISSAL</b>	<b>16:00</b>

# SCHOOL LIFE

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing a uniform plays a role in promoting a strong sense of community, school identity and equality.



## SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

Located in the heart of Milan, we see the city as an extension of the classroom. Field trips are vital to our experiential learning approach, offering hands-on experiences that enhance classroom knowledge.



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

A wide range of after-school activities offers the opportunity for children to pursue or discover new interests, whether they are active, creative, or academically driven. It is a place where they can hone their talents, and make new friends.



## PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

We believe music is essential to students' development. Private lessons are available during the school day, lunch breaks, or after school, allowing students to explore their musical talents and interests.

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Parents can drop off their children as early as 8:15 am with dedicated teachers who will supervise students as they play.

## CAFETERIA

Our meals are freshly prepared on-site every day. We aim to make lunchtime not only a social moment as well as an educational one for our students. That's why we offer international themed menus, allowing students to explore and learn about different cultures through food.

## BUS SERVICE

To assist parents with transportation needs, Milan World School provides access to an affiliated door-to-door bus service for students who require transportation to and from home.



# COMMUNITY NETWORK

At Milan World School, we believe that a strong partnership between home and the school is essential for each child's well-being. We aim to create a welcoming community where everyone feels included in our educational mission.

To support parents, monthly workshops will be conducted by various specialists, such as: speech therapists, psychologists, nutritionists, and pediatricians to enhance the well-being of children and families.





# ADMISSION PROCESS

At Milan World School, the cutoff date for grade placement is December 31st. This policy helps ensure that students are placed in the appropriate grade level for their age group.

We offer continuous enrollment throughout the school year, depending on class availability.

**1** SCHEDULE A CAMPUS TOUR OR A ONE-TO-ONE MEETING USING THE ONLINE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE

COMPLETE THE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM (LINK WILL BE EMAILED AFTER VISIT) **2**

**3** AN INTERVIEW/EVALUATION WITH THE CHILD AND TEACHER WILL BE SCHEDULED

A FOLLOW UP MEETING WITH PARENTS TO DISCUSS ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK, THE CHILD'S NEEDS AND SCHOOL/PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS **4**

**5** PLACEMENT CONFIRMATION



# DISCOVER A WORLD IN PROGRESS

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