



International School Bangkok

ISB School Calendar Revisions: April, May, June (Communication 32)

Dear ISB Community,

As many of you will know, we have been considering the best option for our community with respect to Spring Break (currently scheduled for 13-17 April).

With the postponement of the Songkran Holiday, government advice against travel between provinces, the closure of many tourist locations & activities, and the importance of social/physical distancing, we do not believe a nine day break (two weekends and five week days) makes good sense for our community at this time.

To help us make the best decision, we have surveyed the opinions of parents and faculty. Please see results copied below.

Question	Parent Survey (692 Respondents)	Teacher Survey (172 Respondents)
Keep the current Spring Break as scheduled	22.4%	31.4%
Take a 2 or 3 day break in April and then a further 2-3 daybreak in May	23.4%	24.4%
Spread the 5 days out over the remainder of the year	54.2%	44.2%

After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees has approved the following calendar changes for the period 6 April to 12 June:

- April 6 (Chakri Day) will be a student learning day (not a Professional Learning Day)
- 13/14 April - School Holidays
- 24 April - School Holiday
- 4 May - School Holiday (Coronation Day)



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- 15 May - School Holiday
- 29 May - School Holiday
- 3 June - School Holiday HM Queen's Birthday

The updated school calendar can be [found here](#)

Notes:

- April 6 (Chakri Day & Professional Learning Day) will now be a student learning day
- 6 May (Visaka Bucha Day) will be a student learning day.
- We will have a total of 181 Learning Days for the year - an addition of one learning day for this academic year.
- This is based on the assumption that the campus will be closed for the remainder of the semester.
- We have received confirmation from the Governor of Nonthaburi that schools are to remain closed until at least 30th April 2020.
- We are waiting to hear from the Ministry of Education as to when international schools can reopen
- Should the situation in Thailand change, we may have to reevaluate this schedule and adjust to respond to the needs and requirements of the community.

The restructuring of the originally scheduled Spring Break allows for a more balanced calendar for the remainder of the school year, provides opportunities to recharge or catch up on work, and supports wellbeing.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We understand that this decision will not suit everyone's needs, but we do believe it represents the wishes of the majority.

All the best,

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Andrew Davies - Head of School