Academic Honesty Agreement Form

Dear SIS Student,

Academic honesty requires that students produce work that is their own. In contrast, academic dishonesty is a student’s attempt to claim and show possession of knowledge and skills that they do not possess. The well-being of the school community depends on each student accepting responsibility for their personal conduct in both social and academic endeavours. In this regard, students are expected to attend SIS ready to learn and, in their learning, demonstrate the ability to discern right from wrong. A student’s moral awareness as it applies to the academic environment is the foundation of success at SIS and throughout life.

Personal integrity and academic honesty are the corner stones in achieving our ESLRs:

- **Communicators** e.g. analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information.
  
  *Write your own ideas. Use your own ‘voice’*

- **Independent Learners** e.g. exhibiting confidence, initiative, and self-reliance.
  
  *Do your own analysis, hard work and research*

- **Collaborators** e.g. actively contributing to their immediate and expanding communities.
  
  *Work with others and contribute your own ideas to the group.*

- **Complex Thinkers** e.g. interpreting and evaluating significant concepts within various contexts.
  
  *Think about what you read, hear, learn and decide for yourself what it means.*

- **Global Citizens** e.g. developing awareness & sense of responsibility to the global community
  
  *Even if you don’t know the person, using their work as if it were your own is like theft or stealing.*
Students must acknowledge all ideas and work of other people. Including:

- Renditions of another person’s words presented in a new style and integrated grammatically into the writing.
- Email messages, Web sites and electronic media.
- Sources of all photographs, maps, illustrations, computer programs, data, graphs, audio-visual.
- Verbatim (“word for word”) quotes.
- Works of art including music, film, dance, theatre arts, and visual arts.

Your work must be your own.

- Never copy another person’s ideas, or work. Do not allow a tutor, parent or student to do your work for you.
- After careful research, reading, and thinking, you should present your own thoughts, in your own words.
- Collaborating does not mean that your work is identical to your partners. Work together but record your own ideas.
- If you suspect someone is copying, or you are not sure if what you are doing is cheating, then it is your responsibility to ask the teacher.
- If you give your work to someone else or know that someone is copying you, then you are guilty of academic dishonesty. Never give your work to someone else to copy.
- SIS teachers and students may use the Turnitin.com website to check that work is original.

Consequences
SIS takes Academic Honesty very seriously – plagiarism, cheating or any form of academic dishonesty are considered inappropriate at SIS. Procedures and consequences for dealing with plagiarism are outlined in the SIS Student-Parent Handbook. If you are involved in academic dishonesty, your work will be considered ‘Incomplete’ and you will not receive a proficiency level. You will be asked to repeat or do a new assignment. At the discretion of the Principal, consequences may include: a parent meeting, behaviour contract, suspension from school and reference on your school record (which may be disclosed to future schools if requested). Students who continue to cheat or plagiarise will receive escalating consequences.

I have read and understand the SIS Academic Honesty Agreement:

Student Name (print)____________________________________________________________

Student Signature_________________________ Date __________________

Parent Signature__________________________ Date __________________