

CIC FACT SHEET 2020



SCHOOL LOCATION. CIC is located in the quiet neighborhood of Los Samanes, in the foothills and safely distanced from many of the concerns found in more urban Caracas. With campus views of El Avila, CIC enjoys near-perfect weather and is 10 minutes from the restaurants and nightlife of Las Mercedes and Altamira. Overseas teachers reside off-campus in private apartments 0.5 miles from the campus gates.

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY. CIC offers the Internacional Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) for students Grades 6-12. In the elementary grades, CIC supports a philosophy similar to the PYP and includes a commitment to constructivist, project-based, and differentiated learning.

SCHOOL HISTORY. CIC is one of the oldest international schools in Latin America (100 years!) and is one of the first schools in the hemisphere to offer the IB programme. CIC is stable and looking to develop with a new overseas teacher cohort, as well as a new strategic plan.

STAFF DEMOGRAPHICS. Our staff is a mix of local and overseas teachers. Internationally, our teachers are mainly from North America, have at least five (5) years of instructional experience, and are certified teachers. Our staff is independent, adventurous, and understand the opportunities (and challenges) one faces in Caracas.

LIFE IN CARACAS. Caracas has a rich history that can be explored if one is careful and willing. Venezuelans are particularly friendly and the local food is delicious and unique. Geographically, the city is located at the base of a valley with an elevation of 3000 feet above sea level, with weather that is arguably the best weather of any major city in the Americas.

THE NATIONAL STATE. CIC is an oasis in a nation facing challenging times. Life in Venezuela (especially outside the City of Caracas proper) offers challenges that cannot, unfortunately, be overlooked. However, for many, CIC and Caracas offer a lifestyle that can still be appealing with many world-class tourist destinations available to travelers.

THE FUTURE. CIC's enrollment is stable and has recently completed a very successful IB-MYP and IBDP accreditation cycle (2018). Next school year, CIC will embrace its 5-year AdvancED/Cognia accreditation visit. CIC's future for the foreseeable future is stable and long-range planning is underway.