



THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI

# GENDER SEGREGATION POLICY

2020-2021

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## Background:

The Australian School of Abu Dhabi (ASAD) is founded on a strong commitment to UAE Culture and Heritage. As such, we are committed to the practice of gender segregation from Grade 5 upwards.

Enrolment numbers in the senior years traditionally decline as a result of selective entry into the IB Diploma Program. Students also choose the subjects they wish to study, resulting in small class sizes in several non-core subject areas. This policy proposes that gender segregation will be maintained.

## Gender Segregation Policy:

This policy endorses total gender segregation in Grades 5 - 12.

Student homerooms are geographically separated in the East and West wings respectively and gender segregation will occur in all classes for every subject, with geographical separation in force.

## Implementation Considerations:

### 1. Geographical Separation:

- Girls' homerooms and classrooms will be timetabled in the East wing.
- Boys' homerooms and classrooms will be timetabled in the West wing.
- Shared facilities will continue to operate, however only one gender will use the shared facility at a given time.

The Gender Segregation Policy will be reviewed annually as part of the ASAD Policy Review Cycle.

### Next review: June 2021

In the pilot year of 2020-21, survey data from all stakeholders – parents, students, teachers - will be captured and analysed and will inform ongoing implementation.

**This policy was endorsed by the ASAD Senior School Administrative Council on Tuesday, 23.06.2020**

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