2020/2021 Staff Introduction

We are very pleased to announce our teaching lineup for the 2020/2021 academic year.

Management staff



Head of School - Dr. Lindsay Stuart

Video introduction for learners

Lindsay is an experienced school administrator with over 15 years experience working in education in Thailand. Lindsay hails from New Zealand, where he graduated from the University of Canterbury with Bachelor degrees in Arts and Science before completing a PhD in Information Systems. He also holds a Masters degree from Mahidol University in Thailand and a Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Administration from Massey University in New Zealand. Lindsay has an excellent understanding of educational administration, learning and technology and uses that knowledge to guide and shape exciting learning programmes for the students of UDIS.



Principal - Robert Taylor

Video introduction for learners

Robert (Rob) has over ten years of experience as an educator in IB schools and holds both a Canadian Principal's Qualification and a Masters of Science in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. He has worked in educational leadership, as both a Principal and Curriculum Coordinator, at international schools in a variety of countries around Asia, including Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand. Rob has a keen interest in leading the process of continual school improvement, through CIS and IB evaluation and authorisation, and is excited to have the opportunity to do so within the UDIS community. He is a life-long learner who enjoys classroom teaching very much and will be designing and facilitating the MYP curriculum in Year 7 and 8 Science for the academic year 2020-21.



Deputy Principal - Emmi Hines

Video introduction for learners

Emmi holds a Master's Degree in Administration of Education. She has over 17 years in education and 6 of those in the IB settings. Emmi has a passion for approaching students with creativity, flexibility, openness, care and compassion. She supports the ongoing commitment to UDIS teachers to be critical, reflective practitioners who value lifelong learning and this is reflective in her management style. Emmi is continuing her teaching journey for her 7th year at UDIS.

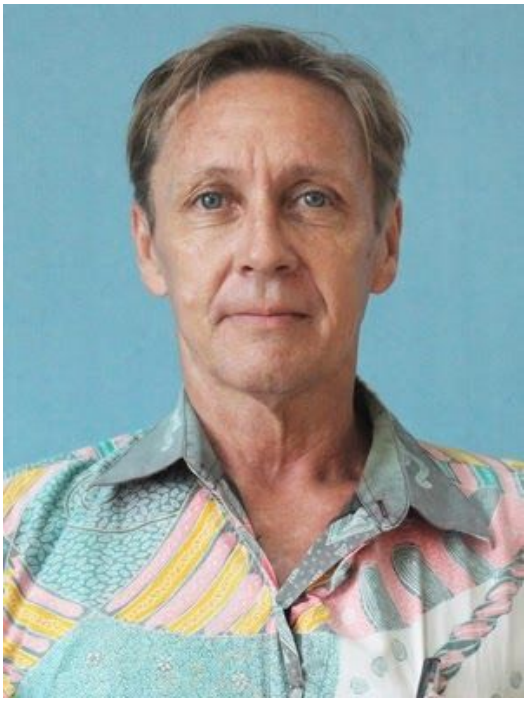
In my personal time, I enjoy traveling around the world to meet new people, love reading all types of books and kicking back at the beach for some relaxation.



Thai Director - Sineenad Chamat

Video introduction for learners

Sineenard (Nard) comes from Khon Kaen and holds a Bachelors Degree in Computer Education from Rajabhat Institute of Suan Dusit in Bangkok. She also holds a Masters of Education from Khon Kaen University. She has over 18 years of experience teaching a range of subjects in Thai schools including Thai language, social studies, Thai history and computing. Nard is a patient, hard working teacher who is always willing to learn new things and pass those onto her students.

	**Terry Renton - MYP Coordinator** **Video introduction for learners** Terry is a qualified teacher from Australia with a Bachelor degree of Fine Arts and a Diploma of Education both from the University of New South Wales. He has over 20 years of teaching experience from working in leading schools in Australia, Indonesia and now Thailand. He has taught art, art and design, drama, drama studies, music production and recording to students from preschool to secondary students. Terry has experience with the International Baccalaureate with previous positions as an MYP arts teacher and was the Curriculum Development Advisor of the Lombok Learning Village which was an innovative, inquiry based school in Indonesia which he helped design and develop. Terry is passionate about the arts, he loves learning and has a passion for creating things so he will certainly have his hands full with the blank canvas he will have at UDIS!

Homeroom and middle years teachers

	**K1 - Phibzia Siddiqui** Video introduction for learners Phibzia holds a Master's Degree in Education (TEFL) from the National University of Laos. She has also completed a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) and an Advanced diploma in "Early Childhood Development" from ECD-Affiliated Edith Cowan University (Australia). She has 13 years of teaching experience around Asia and has training and experience in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). Phibzia comes to us from a teaching position at Vientiane International School. Phibzia has a passion and the energy for English language learning and teaching across all levels of students. She has been with the school for a number of years and brings an experienced, inquiry approach to our teaching in the Early Years.
	**K2 - Charlie Ramsey** Video introduction for learners Charlotte (Charlie) is from York in North Yorkshire, England. She completed her Primary Education degree at the University of Sunderland in the North East of England. Charlotte has taught in both primary and secondary schools including work in learning support settings. Charlotte is enthusiastic and passionate about teaching and learning. She has a love for drama and performance, especially musicals. Charlotte is fully committed to providing essential learning opportunities and strategies to all children.



Year 1/2 - John Kelly

Video introduction for learners

John was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where it is usually cold wet and windy and lived there for the first 16 years of his life before immigrating to Australia with his family. In Western Australia he was awarded a Bachelor of Education at Curtin University. John has taught in Australia, England, Turkey, Thailand, Qatar and Kuwait over nearly three decades. During his time in these various countries he has taught all grades of primary school and worked with students and teachers from across the globe.

John considers himself an open, creative, friendly and reliable teacher who is a keen advocate for the development of community within a school. In past schools, he has taken pride in being able to utilise parents in the development of students learning. John believes that students must be engaged, challenged and able to reflect independently and collaboratively about their learning.



Year 3/4 - Kane Fawcett

Video introduction for learners

Kane comes from New Zealand and he graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with a Bachelor of Science before completing his Post Graduate Diploma in Primary Education at Massey University. He has taught internationally in Nepal, Thailand and New Zealand. For the past 8 years, Kane has taught Years 2-6 in New Zealand and has experience in curriculum leadership, as an acting principal. Kane is looking forward to returning to Thailand with his wife, son and daughter.

Kane believes that the best learning happens when it is authentic because it makes sense to children, and they want to learn. He is passionate about music and loves to play guitar and sing songs. He also has a love of science, mathematics, making movies, football and food. Kane is looking forward to applying his skills in inquiry based learning teaching the Primary Years Programme (PYP).



Year 5/6 - John Eastham

Video introduction for learners

John holds a Masters degree in International Education from Oxford Brookes University in the UK and has taught throughout the Primary age range (5 to 11) in the UK, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand and most recently in Myanmar. John has worked in a variety of roles including Principal, curriculum leadership and class teaching. He is delighted to be at UDIS at a time when it is developing its membership of CIS, and has become an IB Primary Years World School, as this will ensure quality internationally based learning for all UDIS students



Year 7/8 - Individuals & Societies, English
Year 4 - Mathematics
- Mark Abbadessa

Video introduction for learners

Mark holds a Bachelor degree in Sociology and Elementary Education with a specialisation in Special Education from William Paterson University. He holds dual Highly Qualified Teaching Status Licenses from America and has received a Masters Degree in Literacy from the University of New England. He has attended additional postgraduate teaching courses at North Dakota State University. Mark has also received PYP and TEFL course certificates of completion. He has worked in both public and international schools settings in the USA and China and has taught children from 4-16 years old from a variety of different teaching roles throughout his 10 year teaching career.

Mark enjoys teaching in an international school setting and continues to research new and innovative teaching strategies to use in creating motivational teaching activities to engage his students. He uses a vast variety of technology platforms during classroom lessons to capture the minds of his students and to also build real world

	technology skills needed in today's society and workforce.
	**Year 7/8 Maths and Science - Robert Taylor** **Video introduction for learners** Robert (Rob) has over ten years of experience as an educator in IB schools and holds both a Canadian Principal's Qualification and a Masters of Science in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. He has worked in educational leadership, as both a Principal and Curriculum Coordinator, at international schools in a variety of countries around Asia, including Taiwan, Hong Kong and Thailand. Rob has a keen interest in leading the process of continual school improvement, through CIS and IB evaluation and authorisation, and is excited to have the opportunity to do so within the UDIS community. He is a life-long learner who enjoys classroom teaching very much and will be designing and facilitating the MYP curriculum in Year 7 and 8 Science for the academic year 2020-21.

Specialist teachers

	**Arts teacher, Year 7/8 Design teacher - Terry Renton** **Video introduction for learners** Terry is a qualified teacher from Australia with a Bachelor degree of Fine Arts and a Diploma of Education both from the University of New South Wales. He has over 20 years of teaching experience from working in leading schools in Australia, Indonesia and now Thailand. He has taught art, art and design, drama, drama studies, music production and recording to students from preschool to secondary students. Terry has experience with the International Baccalaureate with previous positions as an MYP arts teacher and was the Curriculum Development Advisor of the Lombok Learning Village which was an innovative, inquiry based school in Indonesia which he helped design and develop.

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	**PSPE - Ranouver 'Xavi' Pereira** Xavi is a qualified teacher from Brazil and holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from the Federal University of Ceará. He is a professional physical education and swimming teacher who has over 6 years experience in Brazil, Thailand, the Philippines and Laos. Xavi is also a licensed football coach by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) with experience in youth football in Brazil with clubs like Cruzeiro Esporte Clube. He is also responsible for the Brazilian methodology of teaching football at the Cruzeiro Soccer School Asia which has branches in Thailand, Laos and the Philippines. Xavi is a huge fan of football and sports culture around the world and is also passionate about music, films and literature.
	**EAL Teacher - Liza Magbanua** Liza is a qualified teacher from the Phillipines holding a Diploma in Teacher Education and a Bachelor's degree from the Philippines' last ecological frontier, Palawan. She has also completed her 120-hour TEFL certification and her level 1 PYP training. Liza has worked as an EAL teacher at different international schools in Bangkok including St Andrews International School at both 107 and Sathorn campuses and Rasami British International School. Liza has been working as an EAL teacher for more than ten years and she has also gained a lot of experience supporting children with learning difficulties especially in Mathematics. Liza has also helped organised school events such as the World Education Games and Tournament of Minds to give learners an opportunity to demonstrate their collaboration and problem-solving skills in creative ways.

	**Thai Teacher - Sineenad Chamat** Video introduction for learners Sineenard (Nard) comes from Khon Kaen and holds a Bachelors Degree in Computer Education from Rajabhat Institute of Suan Dusit in Bangkok. She also holds a Masters of Education from Khon Kaen University. She has over 18 years of experience teaching a range of subjects in Thai schools including Thai language, social studies, Thai history and computing. Nard is a patient, hard working teacher who is always willing to learn new things and pass those onto her students.
	**Thai Teacher - Hattaya Sirito** Video introduction for learners Hattaya (Doum) holds a Bachelor of Art in English from Udon Thani Rajabhat University in Udon Thani and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from Santapol College. Doum has worked as a teaching assistant and classroom teacher for 7 years at Paramin School and Tumble Tots in Udon Thani. Doum enjoys reading, drawing, Thai dance and handicrafts.



Year 7/8 Chinese, Learning Support - Jiang Chen

Video introduction for learners

Chen has a Bachelor of Arts from Ludong University in China and a Master of Arts in TESOL from the University of York in the United Kingdom. She has over 8 years experience teaching both Chinese and English to students in China from primary to university levels.

Chen is familiar with teaching Chinese to both non-Chinese speakers and Chinese language speakers using art, music, pictures, videos and resources. She believes that the best way to teach Chinese is through speaking Chinese to the students. She enjoys traveling, photography, reading and swimming.