KTJ PRIMARY SECONDARY

KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Alia House

2026-27

Message from Head of Houses, Mr Hamish Farquharson



The inspiration for KTJ stemmed from the Founders' experience attending British boarding schools. Their vision of creating a school that encapsulated the strengths and values of a British boarding education, infused with the vitality of Malaysian culture, remains as strong today as it was in 1989. Boarding and the house system are the jewels in Kolej Tuanku Ja'afar's crown, the "secret sauce" that helps our students grow and flourish, and allows the school to provide a truly holistic education.

Our dedicated and experienced Houseparents are devoted to creating a safe, harmonious space that is warm, homely, and nurturing. They, along with their teams, serve as role models for the young men and women in their care. Our houses, both day and boarding, are essential settings to manifest the three key ideals from our school song: loyalty, learning, and leadership. Through the house system, students build a deep loyalty to one another and to their house—a loyalty that's manifested through sport and competition and endures well into adulthood. The house is also a place of learning, where students study and collaborate daily, with support from seniors and house staff. And through the house system comes leadership, with the independence and resilience fostered by boarding life providing a multitude of opportunities for our boys and girls to transform into young men and women who lead their peers with confidence, élan, and pride.

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House Parent:
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Welcome to Alia House! have been the House Parent for Alia since August 2012 and before I was a tutor from January 2010, that is since the creation of this boarding house.

A French national, I have enjoyed living and teaching French in Malaysia for many years, and the welcoming warmth of the Malaysians has helped me feel like home; I have enjoyed as well the climate as I can't stand the cold! I am still struggling with spicy food though…

In my free time, I love reading, walking, practising Yoga and I have a weakness for French detective TV shows; I also discovered a recent enjoyment for climbing. I have one child (Darshini who completed her A level course in KTJ). In the boarding house, students and staff are all proud of the Alia love that can be seen everyday, from minor interactions within the community to major events, where Alians can be seen supporting one another selflessly.

I am known as Ms. E,. and together with the other house staff members and the current students, we look forward to welcoming you and helping you make Alia your new home away from home, build fond memories, and form relationships that will last you a lifetime

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Resident Tutor: Ms Rachel Easaw

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As I continue in my role as Alia Resident House Tutor, I am filled with gratitude for the journey so far. Being part of this house has been an absolute joy—what stands out most is the vibrant energy, the genuine kindness shown to one another, and the strong sense of sisterhood that defines Alia. I have loved watching them support, uplift, and celebrate each other through every challenge and triumph. Working with such dedicated colleagues and being part of the Alia community has been incredibly fulfilling. It is a privilege to walk alongside such an inspiring group of young women, and I am excited for all that is still to come.



Visiting Tutor: Ms Indra Sunda Singh

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I'm Indradewi Sunda Singh, and I am married with one child. My passion is singing and dancing. My KTJ life began some 12 years ago. I started in administration and then moved onto working in the Primary School. I enjoy working with students, and I want to spend time being with them and nurturing them, both inside and outside the classroom. The opportunity to assist as a House Tutor came in September 2021 and I'm very glad to have gotten the position. Living, working, and being a member of the KTJ community, continues to be a privilege. Life here is full of great surprises and is never dull!

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House Coordinator: Ms Erlizawani Jasmi

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Hello and welcome to Alia House!

My name is Ms. Elly, and I am proud to be serving my third year as the House Coordinator of Alia. Over the years, I have had the privilege of supporting students as they grow, achieve their goals, and create lasting memories.

At Alia House, we believe in supporting one another through every challenge, event, and celebration. We are more than just a house; we are a family. My hope that Alia House will become your second home; a place where you feel safe, comfortable, and surrounded by people who genuinely care about your wellbeing.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and being part of your journey here. Welcome to Alia House; your home away from home.



House Captain: Rachel

Hi everyone, I'm Rachel, and I'm so excited to be your House Captain this year! Alia has always felt like a community built on friendship, support and, of course, a little bit of healthy competition. As House Captain, I hope to bring energy, enthusiasm and a strong sense of belonging to our house. I want everyone to feel that they have a place in Alia, whether you're competing, cheering from the sidelines or simply spending time with your housemates. I can't wait to make new memories, celebrate our successes and make this an unforgettable year for Alia. Let's make it one to remember! ♡



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