



KTJ PRIMARY
SECONDARY
KOLEJ TUANKU JA'AFAR



Alia House

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Message from Director 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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The Alia House Team



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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Welcome and Selamat Datang to NQHG! This is my third year at KTJ, and during that time, I've had the privilege of serving in three different boarding houses—NQHB, Alia House, and now, NQHG.

My own journey in boarding life began when I was just nine years old. At the age of twelve, I was given the opportunity to attend one of Malaysia's top all-girls boarding schools, located nearly 400 kilometers away from my family. Despite the distance, I found a second home in boarding school—and I truly loved it. It is my hope that our girls will come to feel the same way about their time here in NQHG. I look forward to getting to know each of you and creating a warm, supportive, and memorable experience together.



House Captain: Ella

Becoming a member of this enriching community has helped shape who I am today. During my years at KTJ, I have learned to become more independent whilst being supported in the welcoming atmosphere of ALIA house. For many of us, boarding can feel like a huge step, but from the moment you step into ALIA, you realise you're not alone. Whether you're laughing with your roommates or having a quiet chat with your tutors, there's always someone around who truly cares.

Even if you just want a snack, someone will be there. In my opinion, house events are a real highlight as they foster our support for each other, whether it's on the sports field (my personal favourite) or during performances and competitions. In this house we welcome you with open arms and treat each other like sisters.

I am forever grateful to KTJ for all the opportunities it provides and I am immensely proud to be able to lead this house in the upcoming academic year.



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