Sunway's Facilities

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Set up ten years ago, Sunway College in Bandar Sunway, Petaling Jaya can accommodate up to 8,000 students in its academic buildings housing 120 classrooms and 15 lecture halls.

It also has first class science, computer and language laboratories complete with the latest equipment. The Tun Hussein Onn Library which spreads over 40,000sq ft is furnished with state-of-the-art equipment including Internet access and CD-Rom facilities. Also acting as an information centre, the library has more than 33,000 journals and books.

Sunway College also offers a comprehensive residential facility with 144 furnished hostel-apartments with each unit housing eight students. The units are equipped with a lounge area, two bathrooms and a pantry complete with a refrigerator.

The campus grounds have other facilities which includes a multi-purpose football field, badminton, netball, basketball, volleyball, tennis courts, a bookshop, laundrette, convenience store, surau, food court and sufficient parking bays.

On academic opportunities, Sunway College offers a wide range which includes pre-university programmes, twinning programmes as well as professional, financial and language courses.

Three internationally recognised pre-university programmes are available at Sunway College.

These programmes are the GCE A-Level, Canadian Matriculation programme and Australian Matriculation programme.

Being a widely recognised pre-university programme in Malaysia, the GCE A-Level is offered as a 18-month or 15-month programme starting in January, March and July each year.

Students in the college's A-Level programme undergo a two-day orientation and induction session.

Tuition fee for the programme is RM7,500 for three A-Level subjects and the General Paper or English.

If higher education in Australia is the choice, students will have to do the Australian Matriculation programme. They will have to sit for the Tertiary Entrance Examination (TEE) monitored by the Curriculum Council in Perth, Australia at the end of the programme.

It does not, however, limit students to only universities in Australia but qualifies them for entrance to universities in the US, Britain, Canada and New Zealand.

Tuition fees for the Australian Matriculation programme is RM6,500 per year.

Students who work consistently are rewarded as the final examination makes up half of the overall grade while the other half is coursework during the programme. This structure allows good students to excel and at the same time boost the ability of the weaker ones.

A one-year Canadian Matriculation programme is also available at Sunway College.

Providing courses identical to those offered in Ontario secondary schools, the programme undergoes regular inspection by the Canadian authorities in Ontario to ensure compliance with subject guidelines.

On successful completion, students graduate with the Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma (OSSD) which allows them to pursue higher education at various universities around the world.

Tuition fee for this programme is RM1,200 per subject per semester.