

Dear Parents,

Why should I send my child so far away to study is clearly the question that is going round in your head as you read this. Well, you already know about the program's high level of science and technology studies or you wouldn't even be reading this. You also know that this is an opportunity for your gifted child to choose high study while still at high school. And it goes without saying that you are aware that by learning and living in Israel, the Jewish homeland, the youngsters on the program will be assuring their future as they integrate into our country's modern, vibrant lifestyle. But do you really know what your child will actually be going through after he waves you goodbye. Let us try and explain.

Once your child arrives in Israel, the home for the next four years is the youth village in Nahalal, a moshav (an agricultural village) in the beautiful Jezre'el valley not far from Haifa. This can actually be described, as a boarding school set among lawns and pathways with school buildings on one side, a dining room and recreation rooms on the other, and dormitories across the road.

Each Anières age group is in a separate dorm. Other youngsters attending the school and living in the youth village will be in nearby dormitories. The dormitories are not identical however; most buildings are 2 floors high and average 6 rooms, with 3 children to a room. Each child has his own bed, desk, bookshelves, and wardrobe. Every room has an en-suite shower, washbasin, mirror and toilet. Each dormitory also has a recreation room for the use of its residents with a television, computers, armchairs, sofas, games, books and kitchenette. Your children are individually responsible for making their beds and changing their sheets and jointly responsible for tidying and cleaning their bedrooms and bathrooms together (yes, really!!). Dormitories have laundry rooms with washing machines and dryers and the youngsters are taught how to use them. They are responsible for keeping their clothes clean.

Each age group has a female and male counselor who make sure of your beloved's well-being, because we think it is important to ensure that your child is protected and cared for in the youth village and stimulated and encouraged in the classroom. The counselors sleep nearby and are on call 24/7. They make sure that everyone participates in the cleaning rota and that everyone has everything they need with regard to bedding, towels, toiletries, hygienic products, medication, when necessary, are of course, monitored by the counselors. The counselors also escort the youngsters to and from the dining room at meal times and ensure that they eat well. Anières participant receives a small stipend for personal expenses. The dorm counsellors hold a group meeting at least once a day in order to ensure that everyone is aware of new or ongoing activities, keeping to the rules and regulations and is healthy and happy. Night watchmen are on guard throughout the whole night and the youth village residential area and school areas are fenced in.

There is a nurse on campus for when children are feeling under the weather and each participant has regular dental check-ups as well as a periodical doctor inspection. The school also employs additional social workers and counselors to ensure that participants are looked after carefully. Anières' teachers, admin staff and social-welfare staff meet regularly to ensure that each participant is happy and confident and fulfilling his or her potential.



The school has designated an Anières coordinator from among its teaching staff who is responsible for all the educational aspects pertaining to the youngsters in the Anières program as well as for maintaining ongoing contact with their dorm counsellors. The school Anières coordinator is also a point of contact for all parents - from Israel and abroad. The school will provide you an access to an application in Hebrew and English, which regularly updated information about your child's school portfolio, allowing you to be up-to-date.

In fact, you are probably also wondering what are the exact benefits of choosing Anières over a regular Na'ale program. To put it simply, Anières is 'Na'ale plus' and is open only to gifted teenagers who meet its specific criteria. Anières takes the basic Na'ale program - free education, board and lodging in Israel and adds on a free university degree in science or engineering. Participants are nurtured and encouraged. They interact with peers from Israel and all over the world giving them a global outlook on life and the skills needed for the 21st century. Being surrounded by other gifted children from all corners of the globe, including Israel, who are also interested in science and technology, will give them the opportunity to hone their social skills now and eventually integrate into the international world of academia, industry and commerce.

The top quality high school education that your child will receive at the Anières Elite Academy combined with the warm and nurturing Anières upbringing and the immersion in a stable group of Anières peers will serve as a strong basis for your child's successful integration into Israeli society.