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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, and Staff,

As the 2025-2026 academic year begins, we are thrilled to welcome all students and families back to school, especially those who are joining us for the first time at both the Saigon Center and West Saigon campuses. Whether you're starting Year 1, stepping into Middle School, or entering the final stages of your high school journey, we are pleased to have you as part of our community.

Looking back on the end of last year, we continue to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students. Our 2025 graduates performed exceptionally in the SACE program with strong ATAR results, and several students received DUX distinctions. Our Graduation Ceremony was a proud and emotional moment for the whole school – students, families, and teachers alike. These achievements are a true reflection of the hard work, dedication, and character we aim to foster at Nam Uc Scotch AGS.

As we begin this new school year, we encourage our students to set meaningful goals and embrace the challenges ahead with resilience and curiosity. This month, we focus on the value of Respect, the “R” that leads our RADl-RAHI character education framework. Respect ourselves, others, and our learning environment.

We are already seeing students settle into their routines with confidence and enthusiasm. Our classrooms are active with learning, and students are engaging deeply with both academic and co-curricular programs. August promises to be an exciting month, with the launch of the S-League and inter-campus sports tournaments, a great chance to strengthen school spirit and camaraderie.

Next month, our character theme will shift to Inquiry, encouraging students to ask questions, seek knowledge, and develop as independent thinkers. Throughout the year, we remain committed to nurturing well-rounded learners through both academic excellence and personal development.

We would like to thank all our teachers for their tireless preparation and care. Thank you, parents, for your continued partnership. Your support is vital in helping us create a vibrant and inclusive learning environment.

Here's to a successful, inspiring, and joyful start to the new school year!

Warm regards,

# LOOKING BACK:AUGUST 2025

Welcome to the 2025–2026 academic year!

Nam Uc Scotch AGS community was thrilled to kick off the new school year with two vibrant Orientation Days on July 17–18, warmly welcoming our students back to campus. Term 1 officially commenced on July 21, and it has been a joy to see our Scotchies, parents, teachers, and staff reunite after the summer break, full of energy and enthusiasm!

Co-curricular activities (CCAs) have also returned in full swing, offering students a diverse range of engaging pursuits – from the Book Club, Art Club, and Mindfulness sessions to Boxing, Pickleball, Ping Pong, Music Band, Choir, and Dance. These activities provide the perfect balance of relaxation, creativity, and physical activity to complement academic life.

The Opening Ceremonies, held on August 12 at the West Saigon Campus and August 14 at the Saigon Center Campus, have officially marked an exciting new chapter for our Nam Uc Scotch AGS family. Though it's only the first month, we've already seen remarkable school events:

- “S-League: Vietnamese” brought Geography, History, and Vietnamese Literature to life, allowing students to revisit classroom lessons while exploring fascinating new insights about Vietnam.
  - “Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)” ignited excitement with over 600 participants! This prestigious contest challenged our students to sharpen their critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills through captivating mathematical puzzles.
- Informative session on SACE journey for Year 10 students, giving them proactive preparation for their university pathway.

Our UniPrep program also got off to a strong start with insightful demo classes and workshops:

- Aug 8: PTE Academic webinar – “Preparing Your University Application with PTE Academic”
- Aug 12: Adelaide University demo class – “From Classroom to Career: Preparing for the Future”
- Aug 19: UTS demo classes – “Shaping the World Through Innovation (Faculty of Science)” and “The Future of Business: AI, Data & Digital Transformation (UTS Business School)”

With such a dynamic start, we're excited for the incredible year ahead!





## KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEP 2025

### \* Sep 3 to Sep 12: Sport Tournament – Table Tennis

Table Tennis provided an energetic break, combining friendly competition, fitness, and a growing passion for the sport.

### \* Sep 15 to Sep 19: Mid-Autumn Spirit Week

Students will celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival through a week of themed activities, cultural performances, and joyful traditions. Parents are encouraged to share stories, crafts, or festive treats with their children to help them embrace the spirit of the season.

### \* Sep 15 to Sep 20: Parent-Teacher Conference

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss children's progress, strengths, and learning goals. Details on scheduling will be provided soon, and we strongly encourage all parents to attend and engage in these important conversations.

### \* Sep 22 to Sep 26: School Break

Students will enjoy a well-deserved school holiday, and parents are encouraged to use this time for family bonding, relaxation, or enrichment activities that nurture both learning and well-being.

## CHARACTER EDUCATION: RADI - RAHI

This September, we're championing Inquiry as our core character value. We'll nurture curiosity in every student through questioning, exploration, and open-minded discussion, while teachers will model inquisitive thinking and design lessons that spark wonder. Beyond academics, this mindset will enrich all aspects of school life, from activities to community interactions. By developing these habits of inquiry, we're equipping students with the critical thinking skills needed for our complex world. Let's make this a month of meaningful questions and deeper discoveries together.

### DEFINITION

How students are willing to learn, receptive to new knowledge, and nurture a passion for learning and curiosity.

### SAMPLE BEHAVIOURS

Ask questions and seek out new information.

### 5 WAYS PARENTS CAN FOSTER INQUIRY AT HOME

Encouraging children to explore new topics of interest.

Asking open-ended questions during daily conversations.

Guiding children to research or read together about something they wonder about.

Simple activities such as cooking while discussing "why" certain ingredients work, or exploring nature and asking "how" things grow, can help children practice inquiry in everyday life.