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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Students,

Following the short break after Term 1, Nam Uc Scotch AGS is delighted to welcome all students back with renewed energy and a positive spirit as we begin the new journey of Term 2. We trust the term break offered our students the time to recharge and prepare themselves to pursue new goals in both academic and personal growth.

September was a vibrant month with both academic and sporting highlights. The S League competition series for the Vietnamese subjects sparked enthusiastic academic atmosphere. At the same time, the Sports Tournament: Table tennis drew strong participation across year levels.

As we move into October and Term 2, we seek to reinforce the value of **Helpfulness**, encouraging students to actively support one another in learning and in everyday life. Helpfulness is not just about doing big things; it's about the small, thoughtful acts that build a caring and connected school environment. When every individual is ready to lend a hand, listen, and contribute, our learning community becomes stronger, kinder, and more inspiring.

This is also a key moment for students to look back at their progress in Term 1, evaluate their study habits, and set clearer, more focused goals for the months ahead. We encourage all students to be proactive, open to feedback, and willing to step out of their comfort zones to explore their full potential.

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all parents for your continued trust and partnership. Your support remains an essential foundation in helping students grow with confidence and strive for their best in all aspects of school life.

We wish all students a joyful start to Term 2.

Warmly,

Principal Board

LOOKING BACK: SEPTEMBER 2025

September was a month buzzing with energy, competition, creativity, and community spirit across both of our campuses. Let's take a moment to celebrate our Scotchies' fantastic achievements!

S League & Sports Tournaments kick off!

The competitive spirit was in full swing with the "S League: Vietnamese Subjects" and the "Sports Tournament: Table Tennis." Our four houses - Quokka, Eagle, Kangaroo, and Koala - brought their A-game, filling the campuses with incredible energy and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our participants!

Heartwarming Mid-Autumn Festival at West Saigon campus

Our little Scotchies celebrated an early Mid-Autumn Festival with lantern decorating and exhibition activities, along with adorable performances by representatives from the Primary and Secondary schools.

Student-led assembly inspires us all

A huge round of applause for our Year 7 Scotchies at the West Saigon campus! They hosted the 1st student-led assembly of the year, and their performance was nothing short of excellent. They brilliantly demonstrated how the spirit of Inquiry can guide not just learning, but our approach to everyday life.

Grith University visits Saigon Center campus

The Saigon Center campus was honored to welcome representatives from Grith University, Australia, on September 18 for a sharing session on the topic "Olympics 2032: The Future of Queensland's Tourism Industry." This meeting was part of career orientation and university readiness activities, helping secondary-level Scotchies explore career opportunities in the Tourism industry and related training programs at Grith University.

Parent-Teacher Conference Week wrap-up

As Parent-Teacher Conference Week comes to a close, we sincerely thank all parents for attending. Your commitment highlights the vital collaboration between home and school, which is crucial for student success. We encourage any parents with outstanding concerns to schedule a one-on-one follow-up meeting directly with your child's teacher.





KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2025

University preparation: Connect with top universities

Elevate your future this October with our exclusive university preparation program, designed to give our students a decisive edge.

- **October 3 – Macquarie University Demo Classes:** Experience interactive sessions on compelling real-world topics: "Personality Traits to Teamwork" and "From Kodak to TikTok: How Media Technology Designs Your Emotions."
- **October 8 – The University of Melbourne Masterclasses:** Dive deep into specialized subjects with a diverse range of master classes, including "Thinking in English," "Engineering Innovation, Unfolded," "Crisis Communication in a Zombie Apocalypse," "From Prompt to Profession: Mastering Digital Storytelling with AI," and "Thinking Like an Economist."
- **October 13 – Monash University Faculty Meet & Greet:** Connect directly with academic representatives from a wide spectrum of faculties, including Art, Design & Architecture; Education; Business & Economics; Information Technology; Law; and Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences.
- **October 15 – University of Toronto Information Session:** Discover the academic programs and vibrant campus life at this prestigious Canadian university.
- **October 23 – Western Sydney University Demo Class:** Explore a fascinating topic at the intersection of science and nutrition in "How Food Affects Your Genes."
- **October 27 – Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Info Session:** Learn about innovative programs and global opportunities at one of Asia's top technological universities.

We encourage all students, particularly in Years 9–12, to take this opportunity to explore their passions and gain invaluable insights for their future studies.

Our upcoming Assemblies in October

We invite our school community to come together for our October Assemblies, where we will focus on the RAD! RAHI value of Helpfulness. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to recognize recent student achievements and celebrate the collective efforts that strengthen our school spirit.

Important Health Check-up

This is a reminder that our annual mandatory Student Health Check-up is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15** (West Saigon campus) and **Tuesday, October 21** (Saigon Center campus). Attendance is required for all students on this day. Students should have a normal meal the night before and the morning of the check-up; no fasting is required. All results will be promptly distributed to parents once they have been processed. We extend our sincere thanks to all parents for your partnership in this important wellness initiative.

Halloween week

Get ready for a spooktacular time! We are thrilled to announce our Halloween Spirit Week, running from **Monday, October 27, to Friday, October 31**. Students can look forward to a week of fun and frights, including:

- A Costume Contest
- "Treat or Cheat" interactions with teachers
- A Halloween Quiz in the Hall

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This month, we're also highlighting **Helpfulness** as a guiding principle for our school community. We aim to nurture in every student the willingness to offer support, share knowledge, and lift others up, whether in class, during activities, or in day-to-day interactions. Teachers will model this value by creating collaborative learning opportunities where students can practice empathy, teamwork, and mutual respect. Beyond academics, helpfulness builds a culture of care, connection, and resilience, ensuring that every student feels seen, supported, and empowered. Together, let's make this a month where kindness in action becomes our shared habit.

DEFINITION

How students assist and support others in their community.

SAMPLE BEHAVIOURS

- Offers to explain a concept to a peer who is struggling.
- Shares notes or learning resources with classmates.
- Volunteers to help clean up the classroom or set up materials before/after lessons.
- Assists classmates during group projects without being asked.
- Notices when someone is left out in class discussions or activities and invites them in.

5 WAYS PARENTS CAN FOSTER HELPFULNESS AT HOME

- Assign daily tasks like setting the table or watering plants to build responsibility.
- Model helpful actions in everyday life – children learn best by example.
- Praise specific behaviors when your child offers help to others.
- Do acts of kindness as a family, such as donating items or helping a neighbor.
- Encourage empathy by asking, “What could you do to help someone today?”

