

## JANUARY 2026

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear AGS Parents and Students,

As Semester One comes to an end, the school would like to extend its warmest congratulations to all our students. Completing a semester is never just about finishing classes or exams; it is about the perseverance, resilience, and growth that happen along the way. Success is when you keep moving forward, even when the path is not so easy. This semester, many of you have done exactly that, facing challenges, adapting to new expectations, and continuing to put in effort day after day.

Throughout Semester One, our RADI - RAHI character framework has continued to guide the way we learn and live together at AGS: Respect - Appreciation - Discipline - Integrity - Resilience - Achievement - Helpfulness - Inquiry.

We have seen these values in action in classrooms, corridors, school events, and daily interactions. As we close this semester, we encourage all students to take RADI - RAHI beyond the classroom, to practice respect and appreciation at home, show discipline and integrity in your personal choices, build resilience when plans don't go as expected, aim for meaningful achievement, be helpful to those around you, and keep a spirit of inquiry alive in everything you do. These values matter not only for school, but for real life.

For our Year 12 students, this is a particularly important milestone. You have completed the first half of a crucial year, and Semester Two will bring a more demanding phase with the SACE Trial Examinations in January and the SACE Examinations in April. We encourage you to keep moving forward, one step at a time. Remember: you are not alone in this journey. Always seek help when you need it, reach out to your teachers, school leaders, counsellors, and your families. Asking for support is a sign of strength and maturity, not weakness. With consistent effort, good planning, and the right support, you can navigate this challenging period with confidence.

As we approach the break, we invite all students to embrace three important words: Rest - Recharge - Reflect.

- Take time to rest your mind and body after a busy semester. Recharge by spending quality time with family, friends, and in activities that bring you joy and balance. And most importantly, reflect on what you have learned, about your subjects, about yourself, and about how you can grow even further in Semester Two.
- To our students: well done for everything you have achieved so far.
- To our parents: thank you for your ongoing trust and partnership with the school.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready, for Semester Two.

Warm regards,

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### LOOKING BACK : DECEMBER 2025



December is a time for reflection and sharing. In the warm atmosphere at the end of the year, the school and its students created many memorable moments through meaningful learning and experiential activities.

#### Understanding Emotions in the Teenage Years – Teenagers' Love Workshop



Students from Years 8 to 12 at the Central Saigon campus recently took part in a series of well-being activities organised by the School Counselling team,

aimed at supporting real-life, everyday emotional aspects commonly experienced during adolescence.

Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, students explored how to recognize, understand, and express emotions in a healthy and respectful way within the school environment. The workshop encouraged self-awareness, empathy, and positive connections with peers.

Key objectives and content:

- Understanding emotions: Normalizing teenage emotions and helping students develop a healthy perspective on their first romantic feelings.
- Setting standard boundaries: Distinguishing between appropriate and inappropriate displays of affection within the school context.
- Enhancing social skills: Suggesting ways to express affection and care subtly, respecting oneself, others, and the social environment.

#### Demo Class with the University of Adelaide

At the West Saigon campus, students take part in an inspiring demo class with the University of Adelaide, where they explore economics topics which are relevant to everyday life under the guidance of university lecturers.

Professor Tony Cavoli led the "From Pho to Finance: The Economics of Everyday Life" seminar, which covered essential ideas in public finance,





economic policy, and the digital economy. Using real-life examples from Vietnam and the ASEAN area, the seminar helped students comprehend how economic decisions affect both society and individuals.



### Semester I Closing Ceremony Academic Year 2025–2026

The Semester I Closing Ceremony for the 2025–2026 academic year was held at both the Central and West Saigon campuses, marking a significant milestone in the school year.

The ceremony offered a wonderful opportunity for both teachers and students to celebrate achievements and efforts from the first semester. It served as great encouragement for all students to strive with even more effort in the coming semester. Beyond academic recognition, students also received awards for Character Development in RADi-RAHl for their consistent and dedicated demonstration of certain virtues.





## Christmas Fair 2025 – Celebrating Connection and Community

The Christmas Fair 2025 brought a joyful festive spirit to both Nam Uc Scotch AGS campuses. Through creative activities and shared experiences, students and teachers connected, celebrated, and enjoyed the warmth of the holiday season together.

Nam Uc Scotch AGS wishes all students, teachers, and families a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year ahead.



## KEY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR JANUARY 2026

### SACE Trial Exams | 12–16 January

The SACE Trial Exams is designed to help Year 12 students become familiar with the exam format, assessment criteria, and academic expectations of the SACE program. This trial provides an opportunity for students to review their knowledge, reflect on their readiness & prepare more confidently for the upcoming official examinations.

### Tet Fair 2025 | 6 February

The spirit of Lunar New Year will come alive at Tet Fair 2025, where students can take part in cultural experiences, traditional games, and festive activities that celebrate the values and traditions of Tet. The event promises joyful moments and meaningful connections within the school community.

### Parent–Teacher Conference | 2–7 February

The Parent–Teacher Conference provides an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss students' learning progress, development, and future goals. Detailed schedules and meeting formats will be promptly sent to parents through official email.

## RADI – RAHI : DISCIPLINE

**Definition:** Students are expected to maintain a high standard of discipline through effective time management, adherence to rules, and the upholding of principles that enable them to excel academically and in extracurricular activities.

### Key Actions:

- Creating clear study plans and allocating time appropriately for each subject
- Reflecting on and assessing personal discipline in daily learning and routines
- Being recognised for demonstrating positive discipline in class & school activities
- Receiving encouragement and support from family while building disciplined habits
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### 5 Practical Ways for Students to Build Discipline:

- Plan each week ahead and prioritise important tasks before less urgent ones.
- Take a moment at the end of each day to reflect: Did I follow my plan today?
- Follow classroom and school rules consistently to develop positive routines.
- Acknowledge personal progress, even small improvements, along the way.
- Speak up and seek support when facing challenges in staying disciplined.

