

SEPTEMBER 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Students,

The 2026–2027 academic year is well under way, and Term 1 will soon come to a close. We warmly welcome all parents and students to the new school year — particularly those joining our community for the first time — and would like to share a few reflections as we look ahead.

The RADi RAHI value we would like to focus on at this point in the year is Resilience. Resilience does not mean never falling, nor does it mean enduring difficulty in silence. It is the capacity to get back up after a disappointing result, to look honestly at the reasons behind it, and to begin again with a better approach.

The opening weeks of any school year bring their share of challenges. Students adjust to new teachers, new subjects, higher academic demands and, for many, an entirely unfamiliar environment. There will be assessments that fall short of expectations, lessons where a student feels behind their classmates, and moments when giving up feels easier. That is normal — and it is the response to those moments, far more than the moments themselves, that shapes who a student becomes.

Resilience is built through small, deliberate choices: reworking an assignment that received a low grade instead of putting it away; asking a teacher about the part you did not understand instead of letting it pass; returning to your desk after a tiring day; and, most importantly, speaking up and asking for help when you need it. We remind our students that approaching a teacher, a homeroom teacher or a school counsellor is not a sign of weakness — it is a clear sign of strength.

The close of Term 1 also brings the first academic results of the year. We encourage students to look at those results honestly and calmly: they are information to act on, not a verdict on ability. A difficult start can absolutely be turned around, and teachers will work alongside each student to review progress, reset goals, and prepare for the term ahead.

To our Year 12 students, this is your final year of school and the year that will test your endurance most. We encourage you to approach it with initiative: speak with your teachers early, make full use of the university guidance sessions available to you, and maintain a steady rhythm of work from these early months rather than leaving everything to the final stretch. Consistency sustained over time will carry you considerably further than intense effort followed by exhaustion.

To our parents, a child's resilience is shaped in large part by how the adults around them respond to setbacks. We would be grateful for your partnership in helping your child see academic results as a starting point for improvement rather than a reason for self-blame.

Thank you, parents, for your trust and partnership as we begin this new academic year. Let us continue to live our RADi RAHI values — every day, in every action.

Warm regards,

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LOOKING BACK : AUGUST 2026

August marks a significant transition as we conclude a lively summer and begin an exciting new academic year. We invite parents to look back at the memorable milestones and achievements of our Scotchies over the past month.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The conferences, which took place on August 7 at the Saigon Center and West Saigon campuses, united families and the school at the beginning of the new school year.

In addition to hearing from parents about their expectations and viewpoints, school administrators and teachers discussed the year's top priorities. This continuous conversation offers a crucial basis for helping every child all year long.





Opening Ceremony for the 2026–2027 School Year

On August 14, 2026, the Opening Ceremony was held at both campuses to mark the official opening of the 2026–2027 academic year. This year marks the implementation of our "The Rising Lion" educational philosophy, aiming to partner with families to unlock and nurture each student's intrinsic potential, empowering them to thrive academically and personally.

Taiwanese Students' School Tour at the Saigon Center Campus.

Serving as student ambassadors, Scotchies at the Saigon Center campus warmly welcomed a visiting student delegation from Taiwan. Our students guided their international peers through campus tours and joined interactive cultural exchange activities. This immersive experience enhanced their cross-cultural competencies and global communication skills.



UniPrep Masterclass: Exploring Design in Media & Communication with Macquarie University

Scotchies at the Saigon Center campus participated in a masterclass taught by Macquarie University representatives, learning about design and its function in media and communication. Students were given a more profound understanding of how their interests and strengths could influence their future academic and professional choices by being introduced to pertinent degree pathways and the university setting.

Sports Tournament 2026

The Sports Tournament 2026 officially launched across six sports: Table Tennis, Basketball, Football, Chess, Badminton, and Pickleball, starting strong with Table Tennis and Badminton. Congratulations to our Scotchies for their outstanding achievements in these first two events:

Table Tennis: **Minh Nhat (Class 10.1) – Champion** | **Anh Thu (Class 10.1) – Runner-up**
 Badminton: **Gia Bach (Class 11.1) – Champion** | **Nguyen Khang (Class 9.1) – Runner-up**



Semester 1 Mid-Term Parent-Teacher Conferences (14-19/9)

This is a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss your child's academic progress, highlight their strengths, and set upcoming learning goals to ensure effective, tailored support for their development.

Mid-Autumn Festival Week (14-18/9)

Scotchies will immerse themselves in the vibrant Mid-Autumn atmosphere through a series of traditional festive activities on campus. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to craft their own lanterns, enjoy the traditional feast, and learn about the meaningful values of family reunion.



Semester 1 Mid-Term Break (21-25/9)

Following the dynamic start of the new academic year, students will enjoy a short mid-semester break to recharge, rebalance their study routines, and prepare for the upcoming journey. Parents are kindly requested to remind students to take the initiative to review

RADI - RAHI : RESILIENCE

This September, our school community is actively cultivating Resilience through everyday learning and personal habits, from persisting through setbacks and embracing mistakes, to taking the initiative to overcome challenges in both academic and daily life.

Throughout the month, our teachers will guide Scotchies in exploring a core question: What does Resilience look like in action?

Understanding Resilience: Resilience is the determination to keep trying through difficulties, the readiness to adapt when an initial approach falls short, and the emotional regulation needed to face challenges with composure.

Resilience in Action: Taking ownership of assigned tasks, problem-solving through academic difficulties, experimenting with new learning strategies, and seeking support from teachers and peers when needed.

HOW PARENTS CAN FOSTER RESILIENCE AT HOME

- **Encourage Perseverance:** Motivate your child to keep trying when things do not go as planned, rather than stepping in to complete the task for them.
- **Praise the Process:** Celebrate your child's effort, dedication, and growth mindset, rather than focusing solely on the final outcome.
- **Reflect and Reframe:** When your child encounters a roadblock, guide them to analyze what did not work and brainstorm alternative strategies together.
- **Promote Autonomy:** Allow your child opportunities to resolve age-appropriate challenges independently, helping them build confidence in navigating obstacles.
- **Support Help-Seeking Behavior:** Encourage open communication when your child faces difficulties, empowering them to actively seek support from teachers, friends, or family.
- **Reinforce Positive Behavior:** Offer sincere praise whenever your child demonstrates patience, tries again, and refuses to give up in the face of a challenge.

