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Message from the school

Welcome back for our 2025/2026 academic year. It has been a busy start as we welcome new learners across the school with new classes in Year 13 but also our split of Year 7/8 into Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. The last week has been filled with lots of smiling faces as we get back into the swing of the school year.

Thanks to all our parents who attended our parent meetings this week. We have been working hard to improve our student experience with our new 6 rai sporting development under construction and new phonics, ICT and digital citizenship programmes kicking off this year. We are also working hard to support our first ever high school graduation for Year 13.

This year will also be a big one as we are busy working towards our re-accreditation with the Council of International Schools (CIS) by May, 2026. This is an important process for our community as the standards we work towards help us become a better learning community.

Our sports competitions are kicking off again as well. This weekend we are competing against Don Bosco. Good luck to our football and basketball teams.

Have a great year ahead!

Preschool / K1 : Routines and Rituals

We've had a wonderful start to the school year in our Preschool/K1 classroom! Over the past two weeks, we welcomed new families and learners, explored feelings and emotions, and talked about what it means to be safe. We also began creating our essential agreements, the "Golden Rules", which help us build a caring and respectful community. Our learners are now feeling settled and ready to dive into their learning journey. Lots of exciting experiences are just beginning - stay tuned for our biweekly Toddler observations!

Year 1 : Stepping up into the Primary Years

Our new Year 1 students have made a wonderful start and have settled into their new environment beautifully. This first week has been all about helping them feel comfortable with their classroom, the school, and their daily routines. We are so proud of how quickly they have adapted, and we are truly excited to see all the learning, growth, and fun that the weeks ahead will bring.



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Year 3: Creating essential agreements



Year 3 has had a great start to the year, settling into routines and co-creating our essential agreements to build a positive classroom community. We also began using our new 1:1 devices, learning how to care for them and what it means to be a responsible digital citizen.

Year 5: Getting to know each other

This week has been a busy week with getting to know the students, learning classroom routines and doing some assessments. The students in Year 5 worked collaboratively in groups to develop and share ideas related to our important classroom essential agreements.



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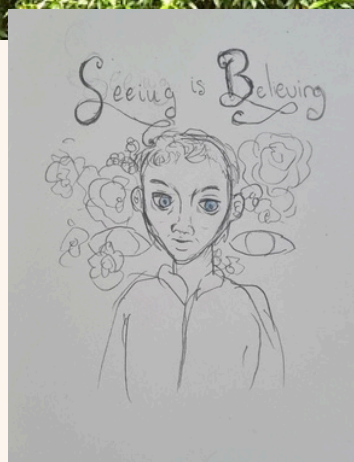
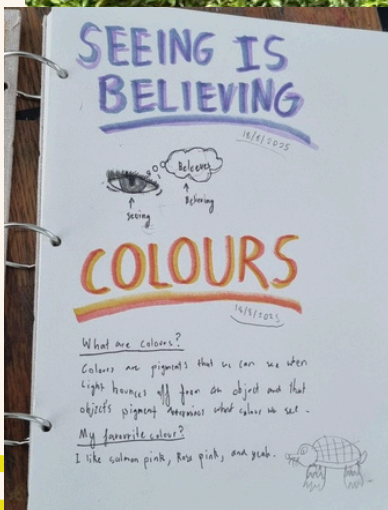
Welcome to our new Year 7's to Middle Years

Despite the short week, the lower secondary really got off to a quick and positive start! We welcomed the new Year 7 students to the campus and they adjusted quickly to the new building and peers. We have started learning how to take notes and are reading about the Samurai.

The Year 8 Individuals and Societies class started with a small group project to get used to being back in school. They are each building an infographic on: The American, Haitian, and French revolutions.

In performing arts for all year groups, we are practising non-verbal communication through games of charades. This also helps with being comfortable in front of others.

The lower secondary have also started units about optical illusions, super alter-egos, and self-portraits.



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Upper Senior School: Icebreakers!



In the Upper Senior School, as an icebreaker activity and introduction to Language and Literature, learners were asked to design a book cover for the story of their own life. The book's genre had to reflect their personality type. On the back cover, they wrote a short blurb to encourage someone to read their life story. Inside, learners drew three emojis that represent their personality and explained their choices. Finally, they wrote about their future plans- what university they hope to attend, where they would like to study, and the steps they plan to take to achieve their goals.

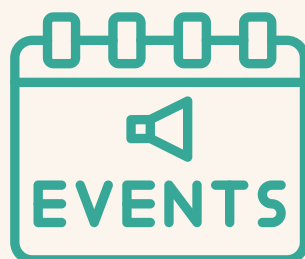


Well done to Baris for performances in swimming

Baris achieved 2nd place in a recent swimming competition, a remarkable accomplishment for someone who only began swimming last year. His dedication, perseverance, and continuous improvement have been truly inspiring. This success highlights the incredible growth and determination of our students at UDIS.

During the first week, the children explored aspects of Thai culture, including the traditional greeting known as the Wai (Sawasdee). Together, they established shared rules and expectations for the classroom environment. They also practised their speaking skills by presenting to the class on the topic "My Holiday". Pupils spoke confidently and joyfully about memorable experiences and places they had visited, expressing their impressions with enthusiasm and clarity.

Thai at UDIS: Welcoming each other for the new year



- Wai Kru Thursday 28 August
- Early Years parent cafe Monday 8 September
- EY stay and play Wednesday 10 September
- Translanguaging parent cafe Monday 29 September
- Half term break 11-20 October, 2025