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A letter of Introduction from Our New Principal

Dear SIS @ Vung Tau Students and Parents,

My name is Mr. Timothy Scott Dalzell (Mr. Tim), and I am proud to be your new principal for the 2026-2027 academic year.

While I am a long-time resident of Vietnam, having lived on and off in Saigon and Hanoi since 2011, this is my first time living in Vung Tau! And what can I say? I have felt very welcomed by the teachers, staff, students, and parents alike. The air and seafood are fresh, the community is tightknit, and the ocean is in full view from my balcony! With how idyllic Vung Tau is, it is unsurprising that Singapore International School has built up such a positive school culture.

There is no way I can replace Mr. Dudley, but what I can do is try to safeguard the school culture of trust and respect he fostered. As the premier school in Vung Tau, and indeed the city's only fully accredited international school, Singapore International School has a reputation of academic rigor and unparalleled support for its students. It is both a responsibility and an honor to carry SIS @ Vung Tau forward in the years to come.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you. Let's make this another great year together!

Mr. Tim
Principal SIS @ Vung Tau



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Getting to Know our New Teaching Staff

Apart from our new principal, Mr Tim, SIS @ Vung Tau has a number of new teachers joining us this academic year. We would like to introduce them to you now, and learn a little bit more about them.



From left to right - Please meet Ms. Lan, Ms. Tam, Ms. Maddie, Ms. Tarryn, Mr. Christopher, Ms. Jodie, Ms. Zhu Li, and Mr. Tim.



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Ms. Maddie is excited for her first year at SIS @ Vung Tau as the Year 3 teacher. She is from the United States and has a B.A. In Early Childhood Education with an Endorsement in Gifted Education. Her favorite parts about living in Vung Tau are the sea, the sun, and the coffee!



Ms. Tarryn is from South Africa, and has over 25 years of teaching experience. She has travelled to many Asian countries for international Mathematics competitions, however this is her first international appointment. She is currently studying towards her Master's Degree in Mathematics Education, with a focus and interest in problem solving



Mr. Christopher is thrilled to become a part of the SIS @ Vung Tau family. Originally from the beautiful state of Hawaii, he has spent the last 15 years living and teaching here in Vietnam. He holds a BBA along with a Master's in General Education. For the past 11 years, he has worked as an international school educator, primarily teaching Geography and English Language Arts (ELA), while also serving as an IELTS instructor. When not teaching, he is usually cycling, hiking, reading, enjoying Aqua Sports and Fitness, or spending time with his wonderful Vietnamese family and their small dog, Kuri.





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Ms. Jodie is delighted to return to SIS @ Vung Tau, as a Nursery & K1 teacher. Having fallen in love with Vung Tau in 2019, she is thrilled to be back from South Africa with her husband and daughter, enjoying the beautiful people and sunsets. She is especially excited about the wonderful little people she has the privilege of teaching this year.



Ms Zhu Li is from China and is the new Chinese teacher for Years 1-5. She comes with over 15 years of experience teaching Chinese and creates fun and engaging lessons for her students. She is not new to Vietnam as she spent some time teaching at the SIS @ Binh Duong Campus. She enjoys reading and listening to music



Ms. Lan joins us as an AT in the KIK program and is looking forward to getting to know all the sweet faces of our young learners.



Ms Tam will be a Literature Teacher. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Literature Education from Ho Chi Minh City University of Education. Outside of teaching, she is a calm and creative person, and deeply enjoys reading books to explore new perspectives and listening to music to unwind after a busy day. She is very happy to be joining SIS @ Vung Tau and looks forward to sharing more with everyone!





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Welcome to All the Young Learners!



Welcome back! Nursery and K1L made the most of the beautiful display at the school entrance on the first day of school.



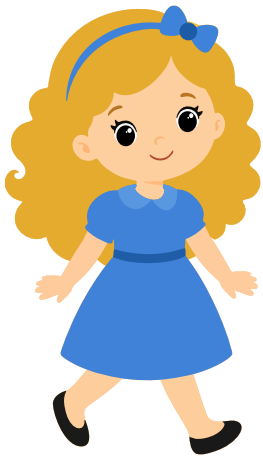
Pre Nursery and Nursery Integrated were very excited to wave their stars while singing “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.”



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Prep L and K2 learners had a wonderful time retelling Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Through this engaging activity, they developed their listening comprehension skills and gained confidence in performing and bringing the fairy tale characters to life.



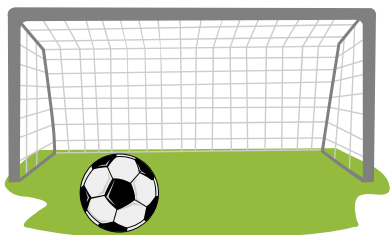
K1 Intergrated learners enjoying their time on the outside playground equipment!



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K2G students had lots of fun during their PE lesson. They enjoyed moving through the colorful hoops and completing the fun obstacle course. The activities helped them practice their balance, coordination, and gross motor skills. The children took turns, followed instructions, and encouraged their friends. They were active, excited, and happy throughout the lesson.



The Prep Integrated learners enjoyed a fun outdoor activity playing football. They ran, kicked and passed the ball to their friends. The learners worked together as a team and tried to score goals. This activity helped them to improve their gross motor skills, coordination and teamwork.



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First Steps in a Primary Learning Journey

The first day of school is a very special milestone for every Grade 1 student. At SIS @ Vung Tau, our young learners began their new journey with excitement, curiosity, and bright smiles. There may have been a little nervousness as they stepped away from their families, but they soon became more confident as they met their teachers and made new friends. Every curious look and joyful smile captured the precious moments of their first day at school. We wish all our Grade 1 students a wonderful school year filled with happiness, exciting experiences, and beautiful memories.





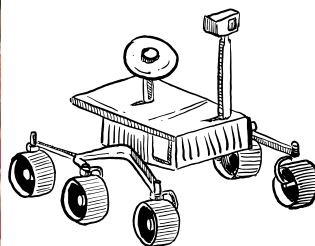
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VEX Binh Duong Scrimmage

At the end of the last academic year, students from the VEX Robotics team travelled to our sister school in Binh Duong for a full day of exciting VEX competitions. In preparation for the event, the team took on the challenge of rebuilding the robot they had originally designed for last year's Pushback game, using the opportunity to refine their design, improve functionality, and enhance overall performance based on their previous experience.

The competition brought together a strong field of teams, including a highly successful VEX team from Ho Chi Minh City, as well as two competitive teams from Binh Duong. Throughout the day, students demonstrated impressive teamwork, problem-solving skills, and resilience as they tested their upgraded robots in a series of matches.





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The event provided a fantastic learning experience, allowing students not only to apply their engineering knowledge in a real-world setting, but also to collaborate, observe different approaches, and gain inspiration from other talented teams.

Although the competition was fierce the Vung Tau team didn't come away empty handed, the team managed to pick up the Design Award for their robot Hi Jack.



Looking ahead, the team is excited to continue developing their skills as they prepare for this year's VEX V5 Override competitions in Ho Chi Minh City. With new challenges to tackle and fresh strategies to explore, the students are eager to build on what they have learned, refine their designs even further, and compete against a wider range of talented teams. The upcoming competition promises to be another fantastic opportunity for growth, innovation, and teamwork.



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Let's Make This Year Amazing!

Singapore International School in Vung Tau begins the year with renewed energy under new Principal Mr. Timothy Dalzell, whose vision is already inspiring. Fresh classrooms welcome new teachers and excited learners, including the youngest students, with Cambridge-aligned lesson plans strengthening academic foundations.

A cheerful back-to-school banner framed by white and gold balloons set a welcoming tone. On the first day, stationery was distributed, expectations outlined and routines established. The atmosphere is electric, filled with optimism and collaboration. We look forward to exciting new developments.

