

# YANGON ACADEMY

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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**Empowering Students Today Toward Making A Better World Tomorrow**



## Opening Student Assembly

Yangon Academy officially kicked off the new school year August 8th in spectacular fashion with a student assembly. Here, we celebrated and welcomed our new students and reinforced our philosophy of being a community of caring and supportive learners. Students were smiling, happy, and eager to start school.

## Student Council - Elections



Student Council Advisory Representatives were elected on August 19 - 21. Each year, students are given the opportunity to campaign for their nomination by giving speeches and making flyers. These elected representatives will help give voice to each grade in order to support student initiated activities, help with school activity planning, and school wide celebrations.



## Student Clubs & After School Activities

Yangon Academy after school activities officially began on Monday, August 26th. This year we have over 23 clubs and other after school activities for secondary students to choose from. These activities will run every day, either during lunch or after school from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.





An assembly was held on August 23rd to not only honor our newly elected student council representatives, but also our last year's AP Scholars. Twenty four Yangon Academy students earned an annual distinction identified by the College Board.

**AP Scholar:** 10 students

Granted to students who earned an AP score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

**AP Scholar with Honor:** 10 students

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these AP exams.

**AP Scholar with Distinction:** 4 students

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

## Teaching and Learning center

This is the first year that Yangon Academy is implementing the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC). This is an opportunity for students to receive extra help with their studies from a subject area teacher. The TLC is open for appointments or walk-ins on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in room 205. Don't miss this opportunity for extra help!

## IT Policy Implementation

The new mobile and wifi enabled device restriction is showing to be a resounding success, and students have been very gracious about following these new guidelines. As a result, students have become more empowered in their learning at Yangon Academy and can now focus more of their attention on their work.





# MISAC SEASON 1 SPORTS

The Myanmar International Schools Athletic Conference (MISAC) season one has officially kicked off with U14 Basketball and U19 Volleyball. The U14 basketball teams played MISY and MIS at home, and although they're still looking for a win, their skill and teamwork increase each day. A big thank you to U14 girls coach, Thu Ra Soe, and U14 boys coach, Brett Poncia - your hours of hard work and sweat mean so much to the kids! The U19 Volleyball team went to Network on August 29th and the boys and girls easily won both matches 2-0. Of course, much of this success is thanks to our coach, Thein Soe Oo!

You are always welcome to watch the games!  
**MISAC Schedule (upcoming games)**

## U14 Basketball

- Sep. 9 vs. King's Yangon at home
- Sep. 24 vs. SIS at home
- Sep. 27 vs. King's International at King's
- Oct. 1 vs. BSY at home
- Oct. 8 vs. YAIS at YAIS
- Oct. 22 vs. Network at Network
- Oct. 26 MISAC U14 Tournament

## U19 Volleyball

- Sep. 5 vs. BSY at home
- Sep. 12 vs. MISY at home
- Sep. 16 vs. MIS at MIS
- Sep. 20 vs. King's Yangon at King's
- Oct. 3 vs. King's International at King's
- Oct. 5 MISAC U19 Tournament



## Parent Orientation



Yangon Academy held an orientation for secondary and elementary parents who are new to our community on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Here, parents were introduced to the policies and personnel of our school, and were given training on Plus Portal's access to their student's grading and scheduling information. We are very happy to welcome our new families!

Parents of children who graduated to middle school were given a warm welcome orientation on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Here, parents learned some of the differences between elementary and secondary processes, including class credits and scheduling, school policies, and resources available. Welcome to Yangon Academy International School!





# Open House Success: Strengthening the Home-School Partnership

We were delighted to welcome our parents on August 29 and 30 for our Open House. During these sessions, parents were trained on using the Plus Portal and Google Classroom platforms, which will help them stay connected with what's happening at school. Additionally, they had the opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about grade-level expectations for their children.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who attended the Open House. Your presence is vital in showing your children that you support them, and together, we are working towards their success.



## Robotics

Fun and Learn is now providing robotics class after school for elementary students each Thursday. Fun and Learn was gracious to host an introductory information session for students and parents on August 20th in the dining hall. It was a fun time for all as kids were able to play with examples of robots they will soon build themselves.



Here are some highlights from our first Elementary assembly of the year. During the event, we recognized students who demonstrated outstanding communication skills over the past four weeks. It was truly inspiring to see their efforts celebrated.

In addition to these awards, we took a moment to honor our students who celebrated birthdays in August. It was wonderful to see the smiles and excitement as we acknowledged their special days.