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Upcoming Dates

Saturday 11th October:	Y3 to Y5 Athletics Vs EDP UNA Heredia
Saturday 11th October:	Y1/2 Football Vs Golden Valley (Home fixture)
Saturday 11th October:	Y7 to Y9 Football Vs Lincoln School (Home fixture)
Monday 13th October:	Start of Primary STEAM Week
Monday 13th October:	Start of MEP Exams for Year 6
Saturday 18th October:	2025 Taekwondo Combat Festival
Tuesday 21st October:	Year 6 Induction Fair for current Year 5 parents
Wednesday 22nd October:	Last day of classes for Year 11NB students
Thursday 23rd October:	Last day of classes for Year 12 students
Monday 27th October:	Start of MEP Exams for Year 11NB
Tuesday 28th October:	Start of IB Exams for Year 12



BSCR NEWS - GENERAL

2026 School Calendar

Please click on the following link to access the confirmed calendar for students for the 2026 school year - [2026 Student Calendar](#)

BSCR NEWS - EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY

MEP Maths Olympics

Congratulations to the following students on finishing in the top 6 for their year level in the 2nd round of the OLCOMEPE tournament in the San Jose West section. Due to their high finishes, both Kai and Julian will now participate in the final which takes place this week.

Year 1: Kai Larionov

Year 2: Alejandro Bonilla

Year 3: Julian Barquero and Atharv Marwaha

Year 5: Harold Wang

Cultural Week in the Primary Library

As part of the on-going activities organised by Teacher Adi in the Primary Library, Teacher Irena from Year 4 was invited to speak with the students about the history, traditions and culture of North Macedonia, which is her country of birth. The students were fascinated learning about the geography of the country, traditional food, festivals and were even given an opportunity to write their own names using the Macedonian alphabet! Thank you Teacher Irena for promoting "global awareness" amongst our students which is a key component of our school mission statement.



Year 4 Planetarium Visit

On Friday of last week, Year 4 classes visited the UCR Planetarium as the entry point to their new topic, Mission to Mars. Students enjoyed an immersive journey through the Solar System and learned facts about constellations. It was an exciting start to their space adventure.



Child Protection Workshop - Year 1

Our Year 1 students participated in a Child Protection Workshop, where they learned about caring for their minds, feelings and bodies. Through dynamic activities, they reflected on the value of responsibility, the people in their circle of trust, and the importance of staying safe and being aware of their surroundings. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen their self-esteem, confidence and well-being.



Year 7 History Trip to the National Museum

Our Year 7 students visited the National Museum to explore the importance of artefacts in understanding the past. The trip focused on how objects can act as evidence for historians, helping us piece together stories about people and societies. Students also considered the role of museums in preserving cultural heritage and promoting knowledge, gaining a deeper appreciation of how history is protected and shared with the public.



University Visits

Last week, we were delighted to welcome representatives from two prestigious institutions: the University of British Columbia (Canada) and Rice University (Texas, USA). UBC's presentation attracted a large group of high school students eager to learn about one of Canada's top universities. Rice University offered an engaging session for our Year 11 and 12 students, where the representative provided valuable advice on writing essays and listing activities in the Common Application.

Lincoln School University Fair

Last week, interested Year 11 and Year 12 students attended the annual Lincoln School University Fair, which featured representatives from more than 100 universities from around the world. The event provided students with an excellent opportunity to explore a wide range of academic programs, speak directly with university representatives, and gather valuable information to help guide their future study plans.

SAT (for Year 11 and 12 students)

This year's next SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) will take place on Saturday, November 8th. The British School of Costa Rica will serve as a test center on this date. The registration deadline is Friday, October 24th. The test fee is \$111, payable online. For more information on 2025'2026 test dates and deadlines, please visit the [International SAT Dates](#).

The SAT is a standardized test administered by The College Board. Many universities worldwide, particularly in the United States, consider it either a requirement or an optional part of the application process. The SAT is now digital, and students are allowed to use their own computers or tablets. For practice and preparation resources, please visit the [SAT Practice and Preparation Information](#). [Khan Academy](#) is an excellent free resource for SAT preparation. We recommend that students registering for the first time, schedule a meeting with Ana Lourdes Baumgartner, University Counselor, to complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact Ana Lourdes at abaumgartner@bscr.ed.cr.

House 3D Pumpkin Design Competition

The Art and Houses Department is pleased to invite all Secondary students to participate in the 3D Pumpkin Design Competition. For more information, please click on the following flyer - [3D Pumpkin Competition](#)

Mentor Exchange Activity

On Wednesday, October 8th we gathered to formally celebrate the great job done by our current mentors and recognize those students who were selected by the faculty of our school to become mentors for the next 12 months. The ceremony served to remind all students about the high standards of leadership and service that elected students are expected to fulfill as members of the mentorship program. Election to this exclusive programme is an honour and is based on the conduct and academic performance which students have shown throughout their time in the senior school. We hope that their participation in future service-learning activities, leadership programmes, and their final senior year journey will enable them to continue to flourish as dedicated leaders and role models for the rest of our student body.

Mentors 2024-2025

Cecilia Poll, Cristel Haaversen, Mariana Gallegos, Emmy Bullock, Maripaz Asís, Daniela Martínez, Diego Sánchez, Luisana Gómez, Rania Canales, Roberto Zúñiga, Andrés Mora, Diego Viquez, Isabella Moya, Ally Lin, María Paula Vega.

Mentors 2025-2026

Leila Campabadal, Camila Vásquez, Ana María Arciniegas, Marco Jop, Sally Fung, Ariana Rojas, Santiago Calvo, Nina Kierszenon, Vivian Bravo, Marcella Patel, Sofía Morice, Lauren Rubinstein, Nicolás McCrea, Ignacio Blanco, Julián Pontigo.

