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## Celebrating Local Culture and Traditions

International schools have a dual responsibility when it comes to cultural development and exposure in the community. Not only are we responsible for developing a global mindset, but we must also support the respect and learning of local traditions and culture.

Khmer New year is a celebration of what it means to be Cambodian. With stories that have been handed down to us from ancient times, of angels and gods combined with the teachings of the Buddha, we are able to meditate and reflect on the deeper meaning of what this festival is about. And we can see the beautiful correlation between the festival, the Khmer people, their values and their heritage.

The Khmer New Year is about renewal, rebirth, new chances, community, celebrating what's good... and looking forward to what is possible.

**Ms. Louisa CONDORELLI, Head of School**



## SISC Celebrated Sankranta 2025 In Grand Cultural Style



On Friday 11 April 2025, the campus of SISC was filled with joy, color, and cultural pride as the school community came together to celebrate SISC Sankranta 2025, a cherished occasion that our community had been eagerly anticipating.

Throughout the day, the school grounds came alive with a wide array of vibrant activities. The celebration began with a student-led Trot dance performance, followed by a series of on-stage Khmer traditional performances, including classical dances and songs. Students also took part in traditional games such as clay pot hitting, tug of war, bos angkunh, chol chhoung and leak kanseng, which filled the atmosphere with energy and fun. A lively cultural market was held to raise funds for charity, adding a meaningful touch to the festivities. The event also featured SISC's Got Talent and other engaging Khmer cultural activities. Dressed in colorful Khmer attire, our students proudly showcased their talents and cultural pride, earning enthusiastic applause from the audience.

SISC Sankranta 2025 celebration was a resounding success, bringing together students, staff, and families in a joyful and educational celebration of culture and community. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

**Mr. Thol PICH, Khmer Programme Principal**





## Blast Off Article

Our young explorers embarked on an exciting journey through space in our IRYC unit titled "Blast Off!" Students became little astronauts, scientists, and artists as they dove into the wonders of the solar system — and what an adventure it has been!

From the fiery surface of the Sun to the icy edges of Neptune, our space-themed activities sparked curiosity, creativity, and a whole lot of fun. The classroom was transformed into a mini-universe, filled with colorful creations and out-of-this-world imagination.

Students used their artistic talents to bring the solar system to life. They crafted:

1. Sparkling stars and constellations using glitter, string, and dark construction paper.
2. Astronaut helmets and space suits made from recycled materials, perfect for imaginative play.
3. Rocket ships, satellites, and space stations are designed with incredible detail and creativity.
4. Collage planets using diverse materials, including colored rice, kinetic sand, pom-poms, and sawdust from sharpened pencils.
5. Jetpacks made from plastic bottles, which the students decorated, increasing their creativity.
6. During a treasure hunt around the playground, "Moon Rocks" were discovered scattered on the ground. The students used their imaginations with different-shaped stones, and they were later used to compare sizes and weights.
7. Galaxy spirals were created using pastel colours and a smudging technique to enhance the swirling effect.



Through these hands-on activities, students not only learned about planets, moons, and stars — they also practiced teamwork, storytelling, and critical thinking. Discussions about gravity, orbits, and space travel sparked big questions and even bigger dreams.

It has been a truly stellar experience, and we couldn't be more proud of how our students launched themselves into learning with such energy and enthusiasm.

As we bring this unit to a close, we can safely say: the future of space exploration is in good hands!

**K2 Homeroom Teachers**



## High School Football Girls



Our high school football girls team is on a mission for a historic medal at the ISSAPP tournament this May.

After a well-managed qualifying round, the players will compete in the final stages at the beginning of May. They have shown great determination and commitment throughout their preparation.

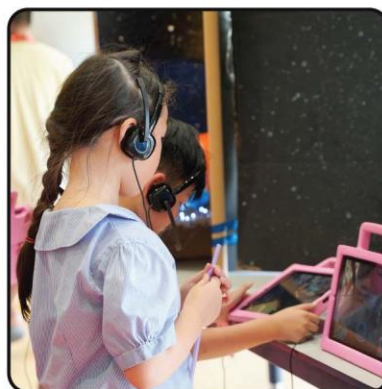
This is a team that truly gets along — the players demonstrate strong team spirit and solidarity. Individual talents are put at the service of the group, which gives its best in every match.

Are we the favorites? Perhaps — but there will be some excellent teams on the other side (like NISC, ISPP...) who know how to play the game. That's why our team will need to stay focused and determined — because they've earned their place here.

*Mr. Jean-Rémi ENG, Athletic Department Manager*

## Southbridge STEAM Fair: A Showcase of Inquiry and Innovation

Inquiry-based learning continues to drive creativity and deep understanding among our primary students at Southbridge. This term's STEAM Fair served as an exciting exit point, where students took the lead in presenting projects across Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics.





Every class contributed to the event, with displays that reflected curiosity, critical thinking, and hands-on problem solving. From inventive machines to artistic models and scientific experiments, the fair clearly showed that Southbridge is serious about delivering 21st-century education.

What stood out most was the way students confidently explained their learning, demonstrating not just knowledge but a real passion for discovery. The STEAM Fair was a proud moment for our community and parents, a true celebration of student voice, innovation, and inquiry.



*Primary Years Department*

## SISC Upper Secondary Prom 2025: A Night of Celebration



On 29 March, 2025, the Student Council of Southbridge International School Cambodia hosted its much-anticipated Upper Secondary Prom at the Fairfield by Marriott Hotel in Phnom Penh. Themed “Happily Ever After,” the event brought together students from across Upper Secondary for an evening of joy, connection, and celebration.

The prom served as a well-deserved break before the upcoming Cambridge IGCSE, AS, and A-Level examinations, offering students a chance to unwind and enjoy each other’s company in a relaxed, festive setting. It was also a special farewell for our senior students, marking the end of their school journey and the beginning of exciting new paths.

With stunning outfits, an elegantly decorated ballroom, music, dancing, and heartfelt speeches, the evening was truly magical. Laughter echoed, cameras flashed, and memories were made as students celebrated their hard work and the friendships they’ve built over the years.

A highlight of the night was the crowning of the Prom King and Queen and Prom Prince and Princess adding a touch of enchantment to the occasion. The event beautifully captured the spirit of community and celebration at SISC, making it a night our Upper Secondary students—and especially our seniors—will never forget.



*Secondary Years Department*