

YOYOGI IS

A LOT TO BE EXCITED ABOUT

NEW CAMPUS

New floors open at Jinnan Campus and Yoyogi redesigned

**Celebrating
Growth**

WELCOME TO THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Campus Change

In the spring of this year, we closed two of the Tomigaya Buildings and moved into the new Jinnan Campus. It was a very busy time, but it was well worth the effort for our students.

We have been steadily outgrowing our facilities over the past few years. The school has taken action to provide safe access for new students and excellent resources and spaces that enhance the learning experience for all students.

The Yoyogi Campus will remain a focused facility for Kindergarten and Grade 1 with its strong connection to Yoyogi Park and nature. The classrooms have been enlarged and the lower level serves as a play and creativity space. Staff will also have access to the new Jinnan facilities when needed.

The Jinan Campus now has a second floor and features natural light and open spaces. Our new library is the hub of learning for students. Large rooms for art, music and technology will help improve the student experience. A new indoor studio will provide students with a fun space for movement and exercise.

We are proud of our new look and the resources brought to support quality student learning.



CEO and Founder
Yuko Muir



25 Years A Bright Future

The 2024-2025 school year was filled with celebration and growth. In the fall, we invited parents to the 25th Anniversary Gala Event for a fun evening to mark 25 years of quality education in Tokyo. It was wonderful to see some images from the school's early days and to toast its future.

The school has grown in size and scope over the years and changed significantly from the early years focused on younger students to the present, and a well-established program that continues up through the Middle School.

It is not a time to rest on what has been accomplished. The Board is focusing on the next five years and the opportunities continue growing and improving the education for our students.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Together, we'll keep striving, growing, and shaping a future full of possibilities for our students.

by Kevin Haggith, HoS



LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I am excited for our students as we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year.

This is my third year as Head of School at Yoyogi International School. Over the past two years we have worked hard to develop a positive learning culture for students. Yoyogi families can look forward to more special events that include sports team, colour house events, trips and opportunities for parent involvement. Our students need to experience authentic learning opportunities in the community as much as possible.

The new facilities change our school day greatly. There is less time spent transitioning between classes and the larger spaces provide opportunity for collaborative work as well as individual learning situations. Large bright classrooms are more pleasant to be in. Students will enjoy the addition of tech dedicated spaces, resources and a larger indoor play area. The larger classrooms at Yoyogi are wonderful.

Thank you for your wonderful and kind support in the past. I am excited to share this year with you and will work hard to provide a great year for the students.

Kevin Haggith
Head of School





New Staff for 2025-2026

The teacher-student connection is the most critical aspect of your child's experience. Throughout their education, your child will experience different teaching styles and personalities. By changing the experience and the classroom each year, your children learn to adapt to different work environments. Not every class fits every student perfectly every year. Your child learns to adjust to the style of the classroom and get what they need to know each year.

As a school, we work hard to recruit staff who are best equipped to deliver positive and supportive learning experiences to your child. We have recruiting processes that ensure a high standard in the classroom, and then we work with them to build the best school environment for all. Child Safeguarding supports help maintain safe practices and spaces for children.



We were very successful in retaining most of last year's teaching staff and will add new staff, primarily due to the introduction of four new classrooms and additional support services for students. The high quality of our staff is our greatest resource.

**One book, one pen, one
child and one teacher
can change the world.”
– Malala Yousafzai**



Focus On Technology

Technology is critical to student learning and is a life skill for achieving future goals. Staff work to embrace AI and other technologies for student benefit and for their own lives.



AI, 3D Printers and Robotics

My first computer was 1/10 the power of my current iPhone. Progress is constant and fast. It is not hard to get left behind or become comfortable at one level and not evolve further. In August, we open new technology spaces to explore using technology to apply the design process and improve problem-solving skills. The technology itself is the vehicle to teach students good methods that can be applied to a variety of situations. Students will learn design processes, e-commerce, coding and much more.

In the dance of digital learning, teachers lead and AI follows

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is bringing a lot of changes to education. Our approach to AI is to embrace it and find a way for students to access it in an ethical, safe and efficient manner.

We will seek professional development and guidance to navigate this tool. I use it on a daily basis for support in my own writing and problem-solving.





Parent and Student Orientation August 18 9:30-1:00

Join us on August 18 for our Annual Parent and Student Orientation. We invite all parents, from Kindergarten through Grade 8, to join us at 9:30 in the Auditorium, located on the B1 Level of the Jinnan Building, to meet the staff and hear opening remarks and instructions for the new year. There will be a chance to speak with staff about the services we provide, join our parent group - Yoyogi Friends and take a tour of the new facilities, which are accessible to all of our students.

For parents and students, we will be providing shuttles to and from the Yoyogi Campus throughout the morning. Yoyogi teachers will be introduced first at the Jinnan Campus and then travel immediately to the Yoyogi Campus to receive parents and students by 10:30.

If you are new to Yoyogi IS or just want to get your child warmed up for the new school year, join us for a coffee and a light chat while we all get acquainted before the school year begins.



August 18
9:30 - 1:00,
beginning at the
Jinnan Campus
(Yoyogi Campus 10:30-1:00)





Terry Fox Run for Cancer

Student service learning is a focus for our staff, and we are always looking for opportunities for students to be supportive and contribute to the community where they live.

Raising money for Cancer through the Terry Fox Run is an excellent opportunity for us to give back as a school and for students to learn more about service to a greater cause.

All students will participate by either raising funds or walking/running the 5K course in Yoyogi Park.

Parents can participate in many ways. We will need some volunteers to help manage the course and the actual event. Parents can also donate to the cause through an account we will set up. You can also run with us!

If you would like to know more about Terry's story, please go to TerryFox.org and read about a Canadian and Cancer hero.



5K Fun Run
September 12 in
Yoyogi Park
• more details coming



Technology Changes for Middle School in 2025-26

Technology is a powerful learning tool.



Bring Your Own Device

2025-2026 in Middle School

We have notified all of the middle school families that we will move to a BYOD or Bring Your Own Device system in the 2026-2026 school year.

The flexibility that this will provide for students will benefit them in their learning. Students can now tailor the tool to their own learning needs. If apps need to be added for a project or approach that is specific to a student, they can do so with parent consent. Each student can also bring their device to and from school as needed.

Parents need to continue their own diligence in the monitoring of the use and content exposure in the laptop they use. It is wise to set standards with your child before the year begins for inspecting the device, browser and other content. The teachers will also inspect the device and supervise its use.

Student and parents will sign a user agreement at the beginning of the school year.

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important,"
by Bill Gates.

IMPORTANT AUGUST EVENTS

Please note these events on your calendar as we prepare for the new school year.



AUGUST 4-15

- New Class Lists released to parents
- After School Activities (ASA) catalogue released for Term 1
- New Student Testing for EAL
- Information Sharing for health and safety
- Staff Training and school preparation
- Classroom Preparation



AUGUST 18 (9-12 AM)

We will host a whole school Parent and Student Orientation for all to attend on August 18. We begin at 9:30 on the Jinnan Campus with welcome, tour and information from the whole team. Shuttle busses will take families to the Yoyogi Campus. The Yoyogi Campus will open at 10:30 for families to visit. We look forward to welcoming all of our families to the new school year.

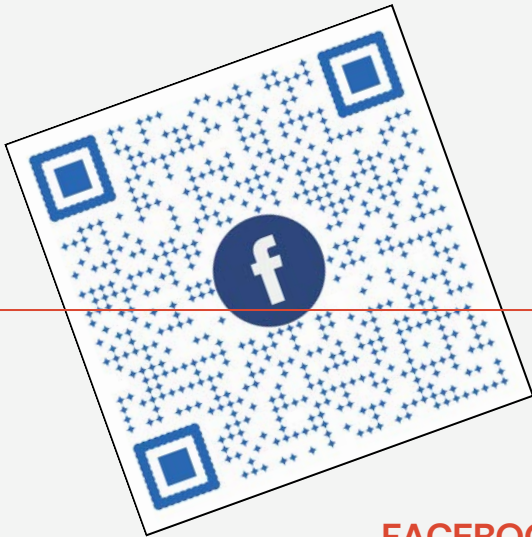


AUGUST 19

First Day of school. Homeroom teachers will help prepare students for the first day with communication about routines and needed items. School begins at 8:30. All staff will be on hand to give support and directions. The first days of school will be focused on building classroom connections and routines.

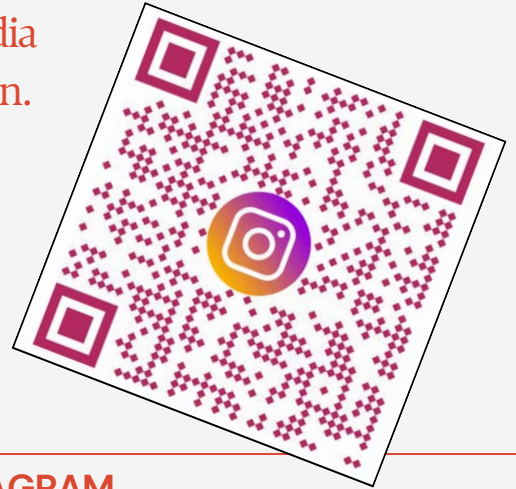
FOLLOW US!

We regularly share photos of events on our social media platforms. Follow us and keep up with what is going on.



FACEBOOK

Instagram and Facebook are used for sharing images from past events and day-to-day happenings around the school. Don't be afraid to leave a comment or give us a like.



INSTAGRAM



WEBSITE

The website hosts a lot of information about the school. We update fees, school calendar, host all HoS newsletters and have current events posted on the site.



UNIFORMS 2025-2026

We have added some options for uniforms and we require a dark blue bottom of shorts, pants or a skirt.



1 NEW SYNTHETIC PE SHIRTS

We consistently look at improving our uniforms for wear, cleaning and longevity. The new PE shirts are made of sports team materials that are easy to wash and maintain. Students will also receive a House Shirt with a bright colour that identifies House Teams.



2 DARK BLUE BOTTOM

This year we will strictly enforce wearing a dark blue bottom without logo or patterns. You may purchase skirts, shorts or pants from the school or purchase your own items that meet the same standard. No logos or stripes please.



3 SCHOOL POLO OR SWEATER

Each day students must wear a school purchased polo top or PE uniform. During cold weather school hoodies are available. There will be special dress days when students can wear costumes etc. according to a theme.



2025-2026 CALENDAR

Aug 11-15 All Staff Training
Aug. 11 National Holiday/ Staff
Work Day
Aug 18 School Open House
Aug 19 First Day of School

AUGUST 2025						
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Feb 11-13 Mid-Term Break
Feb 23 National Holiday/
Regular School Day

Sep 15 National Holiday/
Regular School Day
Sep 23 National Holiday/
Regular School Day

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Mar 9 First Day of Term 3
Mar 20 National Holiday/
Student-Led Conferences
Mar 23-27 Spring Holidays

Oct 13-17 Autumn Holidays
Oct 24 United Nations Day

OCTOBER 2025						
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Apr 29 National Holiday/
Regular School Day

Nov 3 National Holiday/
Regular School Day
Nov 18 First Day of Term 2
Nov 24 National Holiday/
Student-Parent-Teacher
Conferences

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May 4-6 Golden Week Holiday/
No School

Dec 19 Last Day of School
Dec 22-Jan 12 Winter Holiday

DECEMBER 2025						
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June 10 Final Day of Classes
June 15 Summer Camps Begin

Dec 22-Jan 9 Winter Holiday
Jan 12 Staff Professional
Development/ No School
Jan 13 First Day of Classes
2026

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July Summer Camps/ No
School

180 school days