

THE MANTA

THE UWCT COMMUNITY
INTERACTIVE E-MAGAZINE



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"UWC Thailand is blessed to have teachers and staff who are exceptional in their field, students who are unparalleled in their curiosity for life and for learning and parents who are willing to be true partners in the teaching and learning process. Joining our school means belonging to a broader community committed to doing anything it takes to ensure our students are supported, our teachers are cared for and that our future is bright!" - Kru Lural Ramirez

YOU ARE INVITED!



MANTA PTA COMMUNITY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 19:30 - 20:30PM

Join the Manta PTA, Head of School Lural Ramirez and the CCA/ECA Team in an online community meeting to talk about the year ahead.

Learn about the upcoming "Ideas Hub", opportunities to volunteer in the PTA and an opportunity to ask questions concerning extra-curricular activities.



NEW EP.24 Self-Awareness



Welcome to the 2021-2022 School year and the return of Manta Raydio! Episode 24 on Self-awareness: showing fresh 6 songs including one from one of our very own students, Aila Mackay! Countries represented this week include Kenya, Bhutan, Thailand/Scotland, Brazil, Israel/Turkey, and Puerto Rico!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

New Family Orientation

With the new school year just started we are glad to welcome many new families to our community. On the 11th August 2021, new families were able to visit us on campus in order for parents and students to meet their teachers, principals and the Head of School for a welcoming session.

We were delighted to see many smiling faces, although behind masks, and feel the positive energy that often comes with a new school year. We are grateful to have our new families join us and we hope that they have a fun filled academic year ahead.

Welcome to the UWCT Family!



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A warm welcome to
our new staff!



[NEW STAFF BIOS](#)

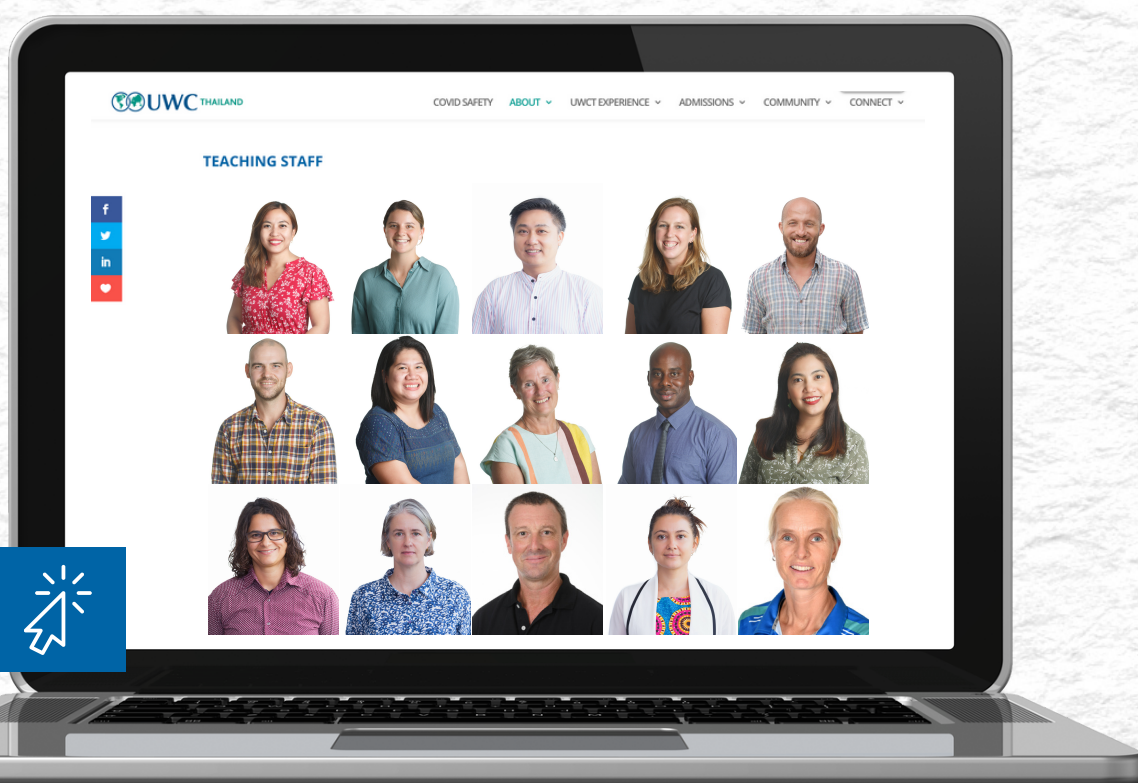
New & Returning Staff

Although we start our school year online, we are thrilled to welcome both our new and returning staff members to the UWCT community. ***You are all valuable members of our school, and we can't wait to see all that you accomplish as you work to deliver a transformative education.***

Our teachers are all qualified to teach internationally. About half of our faculty members have post-graduate degrees, and they are highly trained in the IB. Several teachers are members of the IB Educators' Network: a group who are called upon by the IB to participate in authorisation and evaluation visits of schools, to consult with new schools, and to offer training sessions all over Asia.

Visit our [Teaching Staff](#) page on our website to browse our staff profiles and get to know our staff better.

[EXPLORE](#)



THE GIFT OF PLAY



[Read & Share Our Blog](#)

Since the success of Project Independence, the generosity of our school community continues to impact our campus and the learning experiences of our students.

Last year many of our students, staff and parents were involved in re-imagining many of our outdoor Primary School learning spaces. This summer, our maintenance team and external contractors stayed busy reviving our Lower Primary and Upper Primary courtyards to better align with our vision of learning. Outdoor courtyards have been revamped to extend learning from the classroom into shared spaces. Our wish is for students of various grades, interests and abilities to come together to learn, explore, develop skills and build relationships.

Thanks to the generous funding of one donor, we were able to dramatically improve these courtyards as well as enhance many smaller areas that were in need of repair.

A big thank you goes to Khun Boon Yongsakul, who graciously donated many couches, tables, lamps, etc. to help convert our spaces into cozy spaces for children to learn.

Another thank you goes to new and returning UWCT families including the Miller, Wong-Forhart, Siao, and David families, who all donated gently used items to support our vision of revitalising our areas while still staying true to our mission of sustainability.

It takes a village to raise our UWCT children and we cannot wait for them to explore these areas on campus!



THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

The UWCT Future Women Leaders Scholarship

by Kru Nicki (Chief Advancement Officer)

The start of the new school year has been unforgettable for two UWC Thailand students! After only just a few days on campus, Ungchuthaporn (Kimyong) from Thailand and Mengheang from Cambodia were awarded the prestigious UWCT Future Women Leaders Scholarship.

The yearly selection process identifies two or three female grade 11 students, one of which must be of Thai nationality, who have a chance of receiving a two-year fully-funded scholarship for the IB Diploma Programme at UWC Thailand. The candidates, who have already undergone the rigorous National Committee selection process, are further reviewed to determine which females would reflect the UWCT mission and values and show leadership skills, with intention to act as positive change agents.

The qualities that the selected students should possess are: strength of character, commitment to equality, mindful leadership, service, and academic standing.

Throughout the year, the young women will be invited to attend monthly meetings with female leaders in the school community, allowing them the opportunity to talk and learn from women leaders who have paved the way before them and who will serve to inspire them in the many paths available to reach positions of leadership in the future.

Previous UWCT Future Women Leaders Scholarship recipients include Larissa and Alissa who graduated last year (2021), and Katie, Lethyce and Nice who are currently in grade 12. We look forward to sharing more of their stories throughout the year.

We would like to acknowledge our generous donor for supporting these young women to be able to make a difference in the world!

Supporting the UWC Thailand scholarship program, you contribute to helping us educate the next generation of changemakers, who will go on to contribute to positive change in their respective contexts.

For donors who have a particular profile in mind, please contact our Chief Advancement Officer: nicki.robertson@uwcthailand.ac.th or visit our website <https://uwcthailand.ac.th/supportus/>



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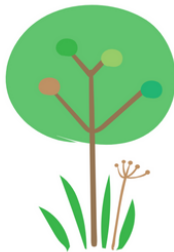
THE GIFT OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Plant a Tree for UWCT

Over the past two years, the Middle Years Program (MYP) student council has been working on a project to **double the number of trees on the UWCT campus**. This project started with counting and mapping out all the current trees on campus and then finding a way to start..

Goal

Our goal is to **double** the number of trees on campus!



Trees on Campus

We have **310** trees on our campus!

Target Number

Our final target number of trees on campus will be **620**!



Angela, Mijke and Hunter plant trees at UWCT

Student Enrichment Fund

Each year the UWCT staff come together to support the National Committee scholars in areas where they may not be able to support themselves. These students, who join us at UWCT, are often on scholarships from their National Committees, private donors, or from UWCT itself. They often do not have the financial means to take part in additional activities, however, they are excited to try activities that they may never have had the opportunity to try before.

Last year some of the activities that the students got to experience were; scuba diving, music lessons, rock climbing, online courses (due to Covid). The funds also went to helping pay for Duke of Edinburgh fees, research projects for student IB courses, transport to activities off-campus. Sometimes it is simply a car ride to Muay Thai that can make all the difference. [READ MORE](#)

Watch this short student video of thanks prepared by the students who reflect on the activities which have been supported by the Student Enrichment Fund.



SUPPORTING UWCT

United World College Thailand International School is a non-profit educational institution that relies strongly on the support of volunteers, partners and donors. By supporting the UWC Thailand you contribute to helping us educate the next generation of changemakers.

LEARN MORE

<https://uwcthailand.ac.th/supportus/>

THE GIFT OF HOPE

"Life Bag" Packing at UWCT

As we began the new school year, we had the opportunity to volunteer in "life bag" food packing. Lead by Kru Heidi and G12 students Lethyce and Elodia the **UWCT community came together to pack up to 2000 life bags, which will be distributed to those who are most impacted by COVID.** A collaborative spirit permeates the island, and we are glad that we are able to contribute time and effort to help our community, to which we belong.

[READ MORE](#)



Read & Share

UWCT students & staff have been able to support One Phuket and 5 Star Marine and Sutai, three organisations that have been working together to support the Phuket Community.



Read to Inspire

On Wednesday 30 June 2021, UWCT School Director Kru Kanok and Kru Ying joined Wat Monkolwararam School. They participated in a range of activities under the **"Read to Inspire" initiative which encourages and inspires students to speak English** and they also awarded 6 scholarships to Grade 1 to Grade 6 students.



"There is more in us than we know"

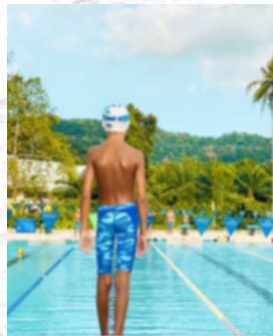
- Kurt Hahn (The UWC movement founder)

A blue-tinted background image showing a group of smiling children, likely students, in a school setting.

THE GIFT OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING

A Hidden Gem

Mireille Barber and her family used to live in Dubai and Bangkok prior to coming to Phuket and were a little hesitant at first. This was quickly put to rest and they feel so fortunate to have found UWC Thailand. It's honestly a hidden gem set on a beautiful tropical island. While the school offers a complete IB program, which was key to them, it is the holistic educational view that makes it an ideal environment. **There are not many places in the world where you can go sailing, surfing, golfing, hiking, trail running and much more, all within reach, and learn how to take in different perspectives from different people all over the world.**



Nurturing kids to be amazing human beings

Ai Jerome's three kids have been attending UWCT for the past 7 years since Nursery school. Their family really can't imagine their kids going anywhere else. **What they absolutely love is that the school focuses not only on Academics but nurturing the kids to be amazing human beings such as being open-minded thinkers, problem solvers who are mindful, caring and responsible citizens of the world.** As a family, they are aligned with United World College mission and values, and it is something that the school really fulfils in their kids' school day, every single day!



Proud to Call UWCT Home

According to Dorothy Macpherson UWC Thailand offers a full and well rounded IB experience for her children. For her, life is not all academics, although they are both doing well. **Life is having the opportunity to meet challenges and diversity, accept differences and seek solutions.** UWC Thailand is our home and we are proud of it!



Why not take the time to share a testimonial, write us a review on our [Google Business Page](#) or review and rate us on our [Facebook Page](#). These simple actions can go a long way in helping prospective families understand our school from a parents perspective.



CLASSROOM NEWS



Curriculum Development in Grades 6,7, and 8

With the start of a new academic year, a new and exciting shift of hour allocation has taken place in our Grade 6 - 8 MYP classes. In order to offer the students a more holistic educational approach, we have modified the weekly time allocations in the Arts and Design. Both subjects are now receiving 4 periods a week, whereas this previously stood at 6 for the Arts, and 2 for Design. We are excited about the increase in our Design hours to allow for an enhanced design programme that looks at both technical and product design. **As a result, the Arts are now offered on a rotation where every grade level will receive 12 weeks of each of the three Art components (Drama, Music and Visual Arts) over the course of the year.** Having four periods a week of the same Arts subject over a 12-week cycle will allow students to have a more in-depth and focused experience in each of the three Arts subjects which was previously difficult to achieve. Our Grade 6 students have started with their Drama classes, Grade 7 with Visual Arts and Grade 8's with Music. In November and in March there will be a rotation of Art subjects to ensure that all students are receiving all 3 disciplines.

G12 Extended Essays

Grade 12 students have been working hard during the summer break to prepare the first draft of their Extended Essay. This 4000-word research paper allows students to go in-depth into a subject that they are passionate about and for many students can inspire their choices of what to study at University. It forms an essential part of the 'Core' of the IB Diploma. Our Extended Essay supervisors find it incredibly rewarding to see thoughts and ideas come to life through this process and we often learn about topics that are completely new to us. **From Japanese anime, to high resonant inductive coupling to oil prices in Timor-Leste, we hope you are as fascinated by the research questions as we are.**

Our Grade 12s would love to talk to you about their research so please feel free to ask them next time they are passing by.



[List of EE Titles](#)

FROM OUR PARTNERS



 [View Schedule](#)

Gymnastic Club Phuket

This past week we started our first class as the students formed into groups of 5. After our warm-up stretches, we started to work on our skills. 15 min before the class ended I thought we could take some videos and photos for their parents. One new student then asked, "Will we go home in 10 minutes?" coach Jessica then replied, "Yes, it's almost home time now". Suddenly another student exclaimed to the boy **"The clock is EVIL in gymnastics, it spins 4 times faster than it should!" I guess as the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun"**. Welcome new and current UWCT students and welcome back to a term of fun and hard exercise!

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2:40 - 3:30 AcroGymn* Pre K - G1	2:40 - 3:30 AcroGymn* Pre Kindy to G1	2:40 - 3:30 AcroGymn* Pre K - G3	2:40 - 3:30 AcroGymn* Kindy - G5	2:40 - 3:30 AcroGymn* G1 - G5 Prerequisite: Cartwheel
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4:40 - 5:30 AcroGymn* Recreational	4:40 - 5:30 WAG / Recreational Gymnastics G1- G12	4:40 - 5:30 Advanced ONLY WAG&MAG Level Training	4:40 - 5:30 Level & Advanced/ Recreational Gymnastics for G1-G12	3:40 - 4:30 Acro/ Gymn WAG&MAGBAR Training Trampoline class G1 - G12
SAT & SUN	11:00 - 12:00 & 12:00 - 13:00 G1 - G12	10:00 - 11:00 Toddler Beginners Class. Up to 5 Years		

Phuket Academy of Performing Arts

Thai Vocal Lessons

Phuket Academy of Performing Arts (PAPA) offers Thai singing lessons at UWCT for Thai students that want to learn how to sing their favourite Thai songs! [MORE INFO LINK](#)

Music Composition and Songwriting

PAPA have an experienced team of teachers that are qualified in teaching Music Composition and Songwriting. The lessons include recording your original songs with our production team. [MORE INFO LINK](#)

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mean to you?

We want to know what you think the world would be like if we were able to "Reimagine Tomorrow".

We will share these ideas on UWC Day.

Submit
Your Ideas

