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DEAN'S ARTICLE

Building 21st-Century Skills Through NHJS Milestone Programmes and Outdoor Adventure

Education in the 21st century goes beyond mastering facts and figures. To thrive in today's world, students need skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication, adaptability, and resilience. While these are often emphasised in formal curricula, research shows that such skills are most effectively developed in dynamic, hands-on environments. One particularly engaging approach is through outdoor adventure challenges, which can be adapted for school and outdoor activities.

Outdoor activities provide fertile ground for experiential learning. As John Dewey, the progressive educator, once said, *"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."* The NHJS Milestone Programmes embody this philosophy by blending real-world problem-solving with active engagement.

For example, in Year 9, the **Habits of Mind (HOM)** program strengthens teamwork and social skills while providing students with access to new outdoor experiences, such as canoeing and high ropes. Immersion in a natural setting fosters resilience and an appreciation for the environment, while structured activities cultivate independence, leadership, and readiness for future learning. At its core, the camp cultivates the 16 Habits of Mind (HOM) for success, helping students develop persistence, creativity, and adaptability – skills vital for thriving in the 21st century.





DEAN'S ARTICLE



At NHJS, our Milestone Programmes are more than just outdoor activities – they are purposeful opportunities to build character, resilience, and lifelong skills. Each challenge is carefully designed to strike a balance between safety and meaningful growth, ensuring that our students are not only prepared for the future but also inspired to shape it with confidence and purpose.

We remain deeply grateful to our parents for their continued partnership and trust, and to our teachers for their dedication in bringing these programmes to life. Together, we are creating a vibrant learning community where every child can thrive.

As we look forward to the upcoming Milestone activities, we are excited to see our students embrace new challenges, deepen their values, and carry forward the spirit of collaboration and perseverance. In doing so, they embody what it means to be true PIAGETians – lifelong learners, active citizens, and future-ready leaders of the 21st century.

Shared by

Jorge D. Alcantara

Dean for Primary Curriculum



Y11 MILESTONE PROGRAMME

Meaning and Purpose – Year 11 Milestone Programme

The Year 11 Milestone Programme “*Meaning and Purpose*,” was an unforgettable journey that encouraged students to pause, reflect, and reconnect with nature and what truly matters before stepping into their final year and a half of high school. This year was our first time at Green Camp Bali. The program combined outdoor adventure, cultural immersion, service learning, and sustainable living to help students see how others build purposeful lives and find direction for their own.

Green Camp Bali

Living at Green Camp Bali demonstrated how organisations and individuals can authentically align their daily practices with their core values. At Green Camp, sustainability isn't just a principle — it's a lived commitment woven into every aspect of their operations.

- Green Camp Bali exemplifies sustainable living through every aspect of its design and operations.
- Accommodation is built entirely from bamboo—a fast-growing, carbon-negative material far more sustainable than concrete. Our bamboo house featured compost toilets, where students actively participated in the composting process by covering solid waste with sawdust to aid its transformation into fertiliser.
- There was no air conditioning, which significantly reduced energy consumption and encouraged adaptation to the natural climate. A strict ban on disposable plastics is enforced across the site: no Grab or Gojek food deliveries, no single-use water bottles, and no instant/cup noodles.
- Meals—including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks—are predominantly vegan, with eggs served at breakfast and occasional chicken dishes. Ingredients are sourced locally from Bali, dramatically lowering the camp's carbon footprint.
- Green Camp also practices organic regenerative farming and permaculture, cultivating a self-sustaining ecosystem. Food and organic waste are composted onsite, reducing emissions, enriching soil health, and helping prevent erosion.

Before the trip, many students admitted feeling apprehensive about the food—especially since it was mostly vegan. Yet by day two, plates were being cleared with enthusiasm, and students agreed it was among the best food they'd ever had on a school trip.

Beyond the meals, Green Camp's entire setup offered a living blueprint for aligning values with action. From its zero-waste policies, to its regenerative farming practices, every detail reflected a deep commitment to sustainability.

Green Camp stands as a powerful role model for how individuals and organisations can live with purpose, integrity, and environmental responsibility.

Mount Batur

The hike up **Mount Batur** came on day 3. It was a morning climb under the sun with a steady ascent in three groups close to each other. It proved to be a true test of endurance and mindset.



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All students faced challenges during the climb, though some struggled more than others. Legs burned, breath grew heavy, the sun blazed overhead, and doubts crept in before, during, and throughout the hike. Yet with encouragement and teamwork, every student reached the summit. What began as shared exhaustion transformed into collective pride, a powerful reminder that resilience grows in discomfort and flourishes through determination. In our reflection and discussions students began to realise that even if they never hike again, they have proven to themselves that they have the resilience to overcome challenges life inevitably throws at them.

PKP Community Centre

There were many meaningful moments throughout the trip, but one that resonated deeply with me—and with several other participants—was meeting **Ibu Sari**, the founder of the PKP Community Centre. Her organisation provides vital support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, offering not just refuge, but dignity, healing, and hope. The morning began with students helping in the garden, mixing and spreading cow dung into the soil. Some grimaced, several were disgusted, and most hesitated, laughing nervously at the smell, unsure why this task was part of their visit. It was not until later, when we met **Ibu Sari**, the founder, that the reason for this became clear.

She spoke quietly, but with deep conviction, sharing her story of growing up in deep poverty and enduring years of physical and sexual abuse and trauma from a very young age. At several points, she admitted she had lost the will to live and tried to commit suicide. But over time, **she began to see that her pain could become her strength - something she could use to help others.**

As the students listened, **she smiled and thanked them for helping fertilise the garden with cow dung.** She explained that while it smells unpleasant and looks messy, it's essential for nourishing the soil. It helps plants grow strong and healthy. Then she paused and gently drew the parallel: our pain, our trauma, our challenges are like that fertiliser. They may feel awful at first, but if we work through them, they can become the very substance that helps us grow.

That moment offered a powerful shift in perspective. What had seemed like an unpleasant, smelly, and messy gardening chore suddenly made sense. As Ibu Sari spoke, several students and teachers grew visibly emotional. Later, students shared that meeting her had changed how they understood hardship — that pain, when faced with courage and purpose, could be transformed into something meaningful.

Annika Linden Centre

Later in the week, the group visited the Annika Linden Centre, where they met people living with disabilities. The centre supports people with a wide range of physical and mental disabilities:

- Providing rehabilitation and education for adults and kids
- Inclusive employment initiatives connecting individuals with meaningful work and helping organisations become more disability-friendly.
- Assistive devices including prosthetic limbs, customised wheelchairs, and mobility aids were ordered, designed and assembled on site.



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Our students gained hands-on experience with the assistive devices – meeting two men who had lost part of their leg and helping to create a gypsum cast on the leg stump necessary to create a prosthetic leg for them. They helped assemble and fit the prosthetic legs – a humbling experience that opened conversations about **empathy, inclusion, and dignity**.

Each day at camp started differently—either with a 4:30 a.m. wake-up for a hike, or morning yoga, wild-fitness or similar and was followed throughout the day with creative, communal and cultural sessions such as Balinese dances, Canang and Gebogan making, permaculture / regenerative farming, a fun MasterChef challenge using ingredients under Rp 50,000 – bought from a local market (supporting local Ibu and Bapak, and buying locally grown ingredients – once again keeping our camp experience sustainable and supporting the local community). Evenings brought laughter, singing, mud wrestling, campfires, and moments of deep reflection on their experiences, leading to creating more meaning and purpose. Highlights for the majority of students included both the activities and spending time together, eating together, and perhaps most surprisingly, having time without their phones to play, talk, laugh and cry with each other.

By the end of the week, the group had grown closer – stronger in spirit and more thoughtful in how they viewed themselves and others. They left Bali not just with memories, but with a deeper understanding that meaning and purpose are something that should guide you in everything that you do in your life.

Student reflections:

Visiting the PKP Centre made me realise that I still have something meaningful to offer this world. Meeting the students under their care was especially powerful—it showed me that even small acts of joy and connection can have a lasting impact. Sharing the light I carry with others, and seeing that light reflected in their happiness, meant more to me than I ever expected.

- Sean Alexander Lau, Y11P

Hiking Mount Batur helped me reflect most deeply on my purpose because the challenge, quiet moments, and view from the top gave me clarity and motivation to keep pushing forward in life.

- Quianna Sharee Francisco Acabado, Y11P

The activity that helped me reflect most deeply on my own purpose was visiting the PKP Community Centre. Listening to Ibu Sari's story made me think about my own life and how fortunate I am to be in my current position. Meeting the children was eye-opening. As they shared their dreams, their incredible passion and determination reflected on my own goals—reminding me what it means to pursue something with heart and purpose. This experience reminded me that pursuing purpose requires dedication and hard work, and it inspired me to reflect on how I can approach my own goals with the same passion.

- Alika Tirtawisata, Y11I

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I believe the Day 3 activities—both the mountain hike and the mud wrestling were two things out of my comfort zone, but doing them showed me how much I can handle when I push myself. I came to understand that my purpose is not to stand still, but to keep evolving—welcoming challenges as opportunities for growth. Other than the activities, I really appreciate the facilitators from Green Camp. They were all very welcoming and patient, making it easy for everyone to open up, try new things, and have fun along the way.

- Gwyneth Faith Liyanto, Y11P

“Meaning and purpose” now means recognising the value in what I do and seeing how my actions connect to something greater. It’s also about being more mindful and present; appreciating life’s moments while being more responsible with my choices, like reducing plastic waste.

- Gabrielle Elaine Humato, Y11I

It means that we all have a path in life. And we need to strive hard to bring it to action, and also we have to be more grateful for the people (family and friends) around us since they are the ones who give us meaning and purpose, and not take them for granted.

- Jasmine Grace Markata Haditono, Y11I

Shared by

Mr Luke Peter Diaz

Person in Charge of Y11 Milestone Programme





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NH Lions Cup 2025: Minion Mayhem

From September 24 to September 27 2025, the Student Council proudly hosted the annual NH Lions Cup, a highly anticipated sports event that brought together schools to compete in a spirit of passion, teamwork, and sportsmanship. This year's theme, "Minion Mayhem," brought extra color and energy to the event, with decorations, mascots, and cheers that captured the fun and lively spirit of the tournament.



Across the four days, the tournament was filled with excitement. Each day brought matches in soccer, basketball, and volleyball that kept the crowd cheering. On the final day, Saturday, the swimming competitions added a fresh wave of energy, while the volleyball finals had everyone watching closely until the very last point. From start to finish, the games brought out thrilling moments that made the Lions Cup unforgettable.

After days of thrilling matches and unforgettable performances, teams and athletes emerged as the champions of this year's tournament. A big congratulations to all the winners, especially our very own NHJS students:

- Soccer U10 Boys - NHJS POWER
- Soccer U10 Boys - NHJS STRONG
- Soccer U14 Boys
- Basketball SD Girls
- Basketball SMP Boys
- Basketball SMP Girls
- Basketball SMA Boys
- Volleyball U18 Girls

Swimming:

- Eliot Tarjanto
- John Jordan Tan
- Hillary Yap
- Lim Shao Liang
- Emily Lois Tanuhandaru
- Ryland Lee
- You Lingzhe
- Tobias Raphael Tanuhandaru
- Rory Soegiarto

Alongside the matches, the Lions Cup was also brought to life by a variety of vendors: Pure Kids, Sushi Tei, Wings, Grab, Mizano, PHD, Mini-melts, Djadoel cake, and Hop hop. From quick bites to refreshing beverages, the vendors kept players and spectators energised—adding vibrancy and warmth to the event's lively atmosphere.

Of course, the success of this year's Lions Cup would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors—Remboelan, Sushi Tei Group, Pure Kids, Golden Rama Tours & Travel, Whitehorse Group, Grab, Aquaviva, Calbee Wings, Ito En, 101 Eats, and Steps Dance Academy—as well as the dedication of the Student Council, coaches, and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.





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More than just a competition, the Lions Cup showcased the values of unity, friendship, and sportsmanship. Through every win and loss, athletes demonstrated perseverance, teamwork, and respect, reminding us all of the true meaning of the game.

The NH Lions Cup continues to be not just an event, but a celebration of community and spirit. We can't wait to see everyone again next year!

***"Great things in sports are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."
- Michael Jordan***



Shared by

Ayana Tirtawisata, Y9G

PREFECT TRAINING

On Saturday, 4 October 2025, the Student Council held a Prefect training session, which was attended by around 40 prefects ranging from Y3 – Y7.

The day began in the auditorium with a brief workshop on leadership, giving the prefects a short glimpse into the good qualities of a leader, along with the common behaviours to avoid in order to be an effective one. Through a few short discussions and icebreaker activities, the prefects were encouraged to share their thoughts and strengthen their bond with one another.



Then, a short presentation by Ms. Nela further reinforced the theme of the training, “Helping Hands: Serving Others First”. Drawing from her experience as a Dean for CDSA, she shared valuable insights on becoming a great leader and emphasising the importance of humility. To lighten the mood, the prefects were asked to stand to learn a few lively “LEADERS” chants, which was followed by a short chanting competition where each of the 4 groups took turns in performing the cheers to compete for a small prize.

“This training has taught me about the true meaning of leadership,” said a Prefect member.

After a quick break, the prefects were introduced to the ‘Make and Play’ activity held in the MPH. Each of the 4 groups was assigned to a station equipped with a limited set of materials where their creativity was put to the test as they were challenged to design an original game that reflected values of communication and problem solving.

A total of 15 minutes were allotted for brainstorming and bringing their ideas to life through short test runs before they rotated stations to experience games created by other groups. Each rotation lasted 5 minutes, allowing all groups to enjoy and learn from each other’s creations.

The morning wrapped up with a quick reflection and feedback session, where the prefects openly discussed their favourite parts of the training and shared suggestions on what could be improved for next year’s session.



***“Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge.”
– Simon Sinek***



PREFECT TRAINING



Shared by

Jayden Leo, Y11P



CHILDREN'S MASS

Our Children's Mass last Saturday, 4th of October, was a beautiful and inspiring celebration where the children had the chance to serve and share their faith. From reading the Word of God to singing in the Responsorial Psalm and helping as altar servers, every child played an important part in making the Mass special.

It was wonderful to see how confidently the children took on their roles, showing respect, joy, and love for God throughout the Mass celebration. Their performance after the receiving of the Holy Eucharist, filled everyone's hearts with happiness and pride. Parents and parishioners were deeply moved by their effort and sincerity.

This experience taught the children that serving during Mass is not only about participation, but also about growing closer to God. It was a reminder that even at a young age, they can share their faith and shine their light for others. We are thankful to everyone who helped guide and prepare the children – their hard work truly made this celebration meaningful and memorable.



Shared by

Ms Meitta Cerillo
Catholic Religion Teacher

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Smiles All Around: NHJS ELC Visits Audy Dental Clinic

Our K1 and K2 children had an exciting and educational field trip to Audy Dental Clinic, where learning about a dentist's work and healthy teeth turned into a fun-filled adventure!

The day began with a dance warm-up and a ventriloquist storytelling session that had everyone giggling while learning an important lesson — what happens when we don't take care of our teeth. Through the entertaining session, children discovered the importance of brushing, eating healthy foods, and visiting the dentist regularly.

Next came a hands-on experience: each child had their teeth checked by a friendly dentist and learned how dental visits help keep our smiles bright. They were so brave and curious throughout the visit!

As a special treat, every child received their very own toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental mirror to continue good habits at home.

This trip was not just about dental care — it was about building confidence, curiosity, and healthy routines in a joyful, real-world setting. Our young learners returned to school proudly showing off their clean smiles and new knowledge about keeping teeth strong and healthy!

Shared by

Ms Sheila Elise Canicula

Person in Charge of K1 & K2 Field Trip





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Smiles All Around: NHJS ELC Visits Audy Dental Clinic



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NHJS Soccer Team Performance Report – Lions Cup 2025

The NHJS Soccer Teams participated in the Lions Cup 2025 with high enthusiasm, strong sportsmanship, and a commitment to developing our players' experience and confidence. This year, NHJS joined in several age categories, including U8 (2 teams), U10 (2 teams), U12 (2 teams), U14 (2 teams), and U18 (1 team).

Unlike previous tournaments, the main objective for this year's participation was not to win the championship but rather to provide game exposure for new and developing players who recently joined the soccer programme. This strategy aimed to provide them with real match experience, improve teamwork, and establish a strong foundation for future competitions.

The Lions Cup 2025 featured a large number of participants, including top schools such as BMS, SLI, Al Amanah, SDN 12, BTB, BBS Kebon Jeruk, Binus, and many others. The tournament provided an excellent platform for young athletes to demonstrate their passion and sportsmanship.

U8 Category

In the U8 category, NHJS sent two teams – NHJS Strong and NHJS Power. Both teams showed great enthusiasm and energy throughout their matches. Despite not achieving top results, the players demonstrated progress in basic techniques such as dribbling, passing, and understanding positioning on the field.

Most of the players in this category were new to competitive soccer, making this tournament a valuable first experience. The coaches focused on encouraging teamwork, confidence, and discipline during matches. While GIS and BMS dominated the standings, our U8 players gained crucial experience that will support their growth in the upcoming seasons.

U10 Category

For U10, NHJS was represented by NHJS Power and NHJS Strong. This category showed one of the most promising developments for NHJS. NHJS Power managed to finish 2nd place in the group stage, recording two wins and only one loss. Their improvement in both defense and attacking coordination was evident.

NHJS Strong, although facing tough opponents, showed determination and teamwork, displaying good progress in communication and defensive awareness. The experience gained here will be very beneficial for next year's tournaments.

U12 Category

The U12 category featured NHJS Strong and NHJS Power, both of which faced competitive teams from BMS, SLI, and Al Amanah. NHJS Strong finished in 4th position, showing good potential through consistent effort and improved passing combinations. NHJS Power continued to show discipline and team spirit despite facing stronger opponents.

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This category highlighted NHJS's commitment to developing players who are transitioning from basic to more advanced tactical play. Players were exposed to real match pressure, helping them understand the importance of teamwork and positioning.

U14 Category

The U14 category displayed solid performances from NHJS Strong and NHJS Power. NHJS Strong secured 3rd place, showing good understanding of tactics and field awareness. The players demonstrated resilience and adaptability, particularly in their defensive structure and counterattacks.

NHJS Power, composed mainly of younger players from the lower age group, focused on gaining experience. Though results were not in their favor, their discipline, attitude, and sportsmanship stood out. Overall, the U14 teams showed clear signs of growth, laying the groundwork for stronger performances next season.

U18 Category

In the U18 division, NHJS competed against experienced teams such as BTB, Steelford, and SMK Remaja Pluit. The matches were physically and tactically challenging, giving our players the opportunity to test their skills against more mature opponents.

Although NHJS did not secure any wins, the players displayed strong spirit, commitment, and teamwork. This age group serves as a vital development stage for leadership and mentoring the younger categories. The exposure from playing high-level teams will be beneficial for building the school's senior soccer program.

Summary

While NHJS teams did not aim for championship titles in this year's Lions Cup, the main goal of player development and experience was successfully achieved. Each category demonstrated progress in skills, teamwork, and confidence. The tournament also helped our coaching staff identify key areas for improvement — such as decision-making under pressure, positioning, and finishing — while confirming the strengths of our players in discipline, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

We are proud of the positive attitude shown by all NHJS players throughout the tournament. Their sportsmanship and willingness to learn truly represent the values of our school. Moving forward, we aim to continue improving training quality, match exposure, and physical preparation for future competitions.

Shared by

NHJS Soccer Coaches



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Queensland Piano Competition 2025



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Hong Kong International Mathematical Olympiad 2025



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Join us for our Open House on Friday, 17 October 2025, from 9 AM to 12 PM! 🕒📅

Discover the heart of our school — meet our passionate Academic Team! 🌟 Enjoy a guided tour, get your questions answered, and learn what makes our school truly special. 💡❤️

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The poster features the National High Jakarta School logo at the top left, with the text 'A Member of P.I.A.G.E.T. Academy' to its right. Below this, it says 'JOIN NATIONALHIGH JAKARTA SCHOOL'. A circular badge on the right side reads 'Secure your spot Early & Save with a special discount *T&Cs Apply'. The main title 'OPEN HOUSE' is in large, bold, orange letters, with a photo of four diverse students in front of it. Below the title, it says 'For Academic Year 2026/2027'. Further down, it lists 'ELC | Primary | Secondary | Junior College'. At the bottom, there is a red box containing the date 'FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2025' and the time '09.00 AM - 12.00 PM', and another box with the location 'Jl. Raya Pos Pengumben No. 41, Jakarta Barat'. The footer includes the phone number '+62 811-7550-1183', the website 'www.nh.piagetacademy.org', and logos for iPSLE, Cambridge International Education, and another school logo.

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10 October 2025

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6 October – 21 November 2025

