



# BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya

# e-Newsletter

*February 2026 Edition*



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# Celebrating Our First 100 Days' and Looking Ahead Together



Dear BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya Community,

As we close January, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to our students, parents, teachers and staff for the energy, trust, and collective spirit that continue to shape our school each day. January felt especially meaningful as we celebrated an important milestone: **100 days of teaching and learning** at BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya. In just one hundred days, we have built strong routines, strengthened relationships, and, most importantly, grown together as a learning community.

I am also deeply grateful for the successful launch of our Parents Support Group (PSG). Thank you to the families who stepped forward to support this initiative with time, ideas, and sincere partnership. Your involvement strengthens the bridge between home and school, and we truly value the shared commitment to our students' development and wellbeing.

In these **first 100 days** alone, our community has shown remarkable enthusiasm and engagement, with active participation in almost **50+ activities** across academics, co-curricular experiences, and community events. This level of participation reflects not only excitement, but also a powerful sense of belonging.

I also extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supported our first BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya Sports Day. It was a celebration of teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit as well as a wonderful reminder that learning extends well beyond the classroom walls.

As we look ahead, I am hopeful for a joyful and meaningful Chinese New Year celebration, and we wish our community hope, prosperity, and togetherness.

I would also like to celebrate our teachers' participation in the 4th BINUS Educators Conference (BEC 2026) in Jakarta, attended by 750 educators from BINUS and other schools. This reflects our commitment to professional learning, collaboration, and continuous growth, so we can bring back fresh ideas and effective practices to enrich our students' learning.

Thank you once again for making this journey so positive and purposeful. As we step into February, may it bring success, good health, and continued progress for every member of our community.



**Ms. Alexandre T. Nenes**

*Principal of BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya*

Warm regards,

Alex Nenes

Founding Principal, BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya



# A Milestone Celebration

## 100 Days of Learning: Growing Together as One Community



In just 100 days, BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya has grown into a warm and vibrant global learning community, where children feel supported, inspired, and encouraged to learn every day.

Our Binusian community now **represents 9 different nationalities**, creating a rich multicultural environment that helps students develop empathy, respect, and a global mindset from an early age. Through **50+ school events**, students have enjoyed meaningful learning experiences filled with creativity, exploration, and joyful collaboration, both inside and outside the classroom.

We are also proud to **celebrate 22 achievements and accolades**, made possible through our students' enthusiasm, teachers' dedication, and the continuous support from our parent community.

More than numbers, these first 100 days are about precious moments of growth, confidence, friendship, and discovery that shape future-ready learners.

Thank you, dear Binusian parents, for your trust and partnership. Together, we look forward to many more inspiring journeys ahead as one Binusian Community.



## Innovation in Emergency Food Solutions: Silver Medal Achievement at NASPO



Our Binusian Grade 7 students (Haven, Sophia, Caylee, and Clarissa) **proudly won Silver Medals** at the National Science Applied Project Olympiad (NASPO) through an innovative project on alternative food sources during disaster situations.

Using a root plant from the cattail plant found around the school area, students discovered that it contains high levels of glucose, making it a potential emergency food source. This hands-on project strengthened their scientific inquiry, critical thinking, and environmental awareness.

Congratulations to our students for their impressive achievement. May this success inspire them to continue creating meaningful solutions for real-world challenges!

## Learning Through Innovation: Silver Medal Achievement at NASPO

Our Grade 7 students (Wangseya, Kevin, Eldric and Keenan) proudly won Silver Medals at the National Science Applied Project Olympiad (NASPO) through a collaborative Science and Design Technology project on separating trash according to its material.

Using LEGO Spike, students designed and programmed a prototype equipped with a colour sensor to function as a material separator. This hands-on learning experience strengthened their understanding of science, coding, engineering, and problem-solving, while also fostering teamwork, creativity, and environmental awareness.

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding achievement! May this success inspire them to continue innovating and contributing to a more sustainable future!





## Strengthens Human-Centered Learning Through the BINUS Educators Conference 2026



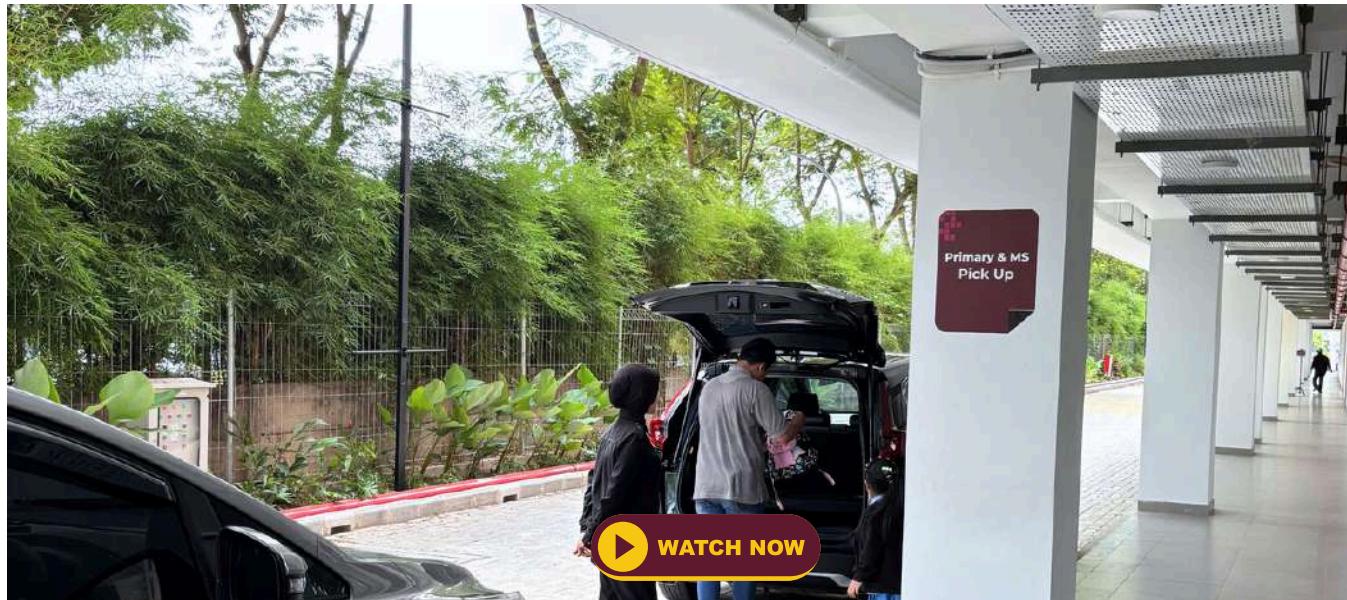
BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya reaffirmed its commitment to delivering high-quality, future-ready education through active participation in the 4th BINUS Educators Conference, held on 30-31 January 2026 in partnership with Mentari Group, under the theme "Celebrating Human Learning in the Age of AI."

A total of 20 educators from BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya joined more than 730 local and international participants from BINUS SCHOOL campuses and 90 schools across Indonesia, fostering collaboration and professional exchange. Mr. Alex Nenes, our principal, and Ms. Richel Langit-Dursin, our vice principal, also facilitated sessions during the conference, held at BINUS SCHOOL Serpong.

Throughout the conference, our educators gained valuable insights into human-centered, AI-powered pedagogy, emphasizing that while technology enhances learning, teachers remain central in guiding students' critical thinking, character development, and ethical use of AI. The highlights include keynote speeches by educators Dr. Justin Zhang and Dr. Jennifer Chang Wathall focusing on the conference theme.

Through continuous investment in teacher development, BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya remains committed to nurturing confident, compassionate, and future-ready learners in the age of AI.

# Building a Safer School Zone Together



## A Few Ways We Can Make a Difference



East Area



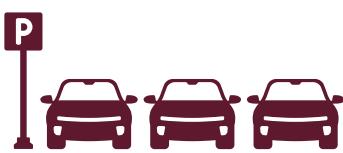
West Area



Drop-Off



Pick-Up



### Drive Safely and Attentively

- East Area: max 20 km/h
- West Area: max 10 km/h

### Follow the Drop-Off & Pick-Up System

Use designated areas and help your child exit on the pavement side.

### Park Responsibly & Be Patient

Use marked spaces and turn off your engine if waiting over a minute. Queues may happen stay calm and sets a great example for our children.

### Respect School Staff & Security

They're here to ensure safety for everyone. Let's cooperate and follow their guidance.

### Car Sticker

Show your official BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya sticker on the front right window.



⚠ Vehicles without stickers may not be allowed to enter



# Middle School Programme

## Learning Beyond the Classroom: Grade 7 Field Trip to Surabaya Zoo



As part of an interdisciplinary learning experience, our Grade 7 students participated in an educational field trip to Surabaya Zoo, integrating Science, Global Perspectives, and Art. This enriching journey provided students with meaningful opportunities to explore real-world contexts and deepen their understanding beyond the classroom.

From a Science perspective, students observed a wide variety of animals to develop their understanding of the characteristics of living things and how organisms are classified. Through direct observation, they also gained insights into the importance of ex-situ conservation, learning how conservation efforts help protect and preserve animal life.

Through Global Perspectives, students explored the drivers and impacts of human and animal migration within urban environments. They examined how urban development affects natural habitats and discussed sustainable solutions that balance societal growth with ecosystem preservation, encouraging them to become thoughtful and responsible global citizens.

In Art, students expressed their learning through visual storytelling techniques, using characters, panels, and sequencing to communicate environmental issues, particularly animal habitat loss caused by human activities. This creative process allowed students to reflect on their observations while developing artistic expression and critical thinking skills.

Overall, this field trip offered a holistic learning experience that nurtured students' curiosity, empathy, creativity, and awareness of environmental responsibility. We are proud to see our Grade 7 students actively engaged in meaningful learning and look forward to more experiences that support their growth as future-ready learners.



# Primary Programme

## From the Earth to the Universe: A Meaningful Learning Journey



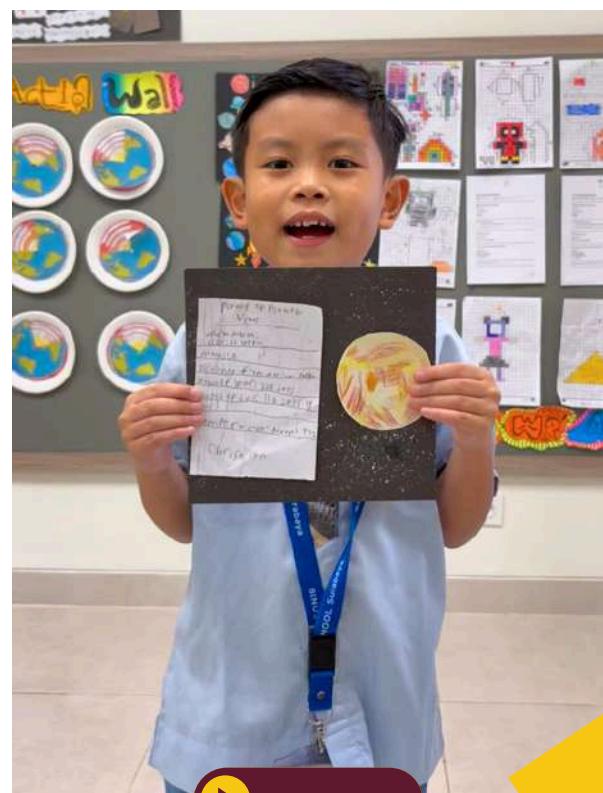
Learning becomes more meaningful when children can explore ideas in a fun and hands-on way. In this unit, Grade 2 students began their learning journey by discovering the Earth before expanding their understanding to the wider universe.

Students first learned about the layers of the Earth by creating clay models of the crust, mantle, outer core, and inner core. This activity helped them understand what the Earth is made of and how it can change over time. By using their hands to shape and build, children were able to turn abstract ideas into something they could clearly see and understand.

Building on this knowledge, students then explored the solar system.

They learned that the Earth is one of many planets and began identifying different planets, noticing similarities and differences between them. These activities encouraged curiosity and helped students see how our planet fits into a much bigger picture.

Through this connected learning experience, students developed a deeper understanding of the world around them while building confidence, curiosity, and a love for discovery. By starting with the Earth and moving outward to the universe, children were able to make meaningful connections that support their growth as thoughtful and enthusiastic learners.





# Early Years Programme

## Math Comes Alive in EY2: Learning to Count Through Our Senses

In Early Years 2, students are learning to count and connect numbers 11–20 with the quantities they represent through fun, meaningful, and hands-on experiences. By engaging their senses, touching, observing, listening, and exploring, students gain a deeper understanding of numbers while enjoying the learning process.

In the classroom, children use a variety of concrete materials such as blocks, toys, and everyday objects to practise counting. This sensory-based approach helps students visualise numbers, build number sense, and strengthen their confidence in early numeracy skills. Learning becomes more engaging when children can see, touch, and interact directly with what they are counting.



 **WATCH NOW**



 **WATCH NOW**

Through these activities, students are not only developing their mathematical understanding, but also improving their focus, fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and independence. Most importantly, they are learning that counting can be fun, meaningful, and part of their everyday experiences.

We are proud to see our EY 2 students actively involved, curious, and excited as they explore numbers through play, discovery, and hands-on learning.



# News & Updates



## Early Years and Primary at a Glance

BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) and is working towards authorization. We would like to share with you the following important information about the PYP implementation at our school.

### **What is the PYP?**

The PYP is an inquiry-based, concept-driven curriculum. It is one of the four programmes offered by the International Baccalaureate, a non-profit organization based in Geneva, Switzerland.

### **Which grade levels are engaged in the PYP?**

At BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya, our early years and primary classes are engaged in the PYP. As part of the programme, our students are explicitly taught the IB learner profile, approaches to learning, and concepts. They explore units of inquiry grouped under six transdisciplinary themes, which have local and global significance.

### **What are the attributes of the IB learner profile?**

We have 10 attributes of the IB learner profile.

The attributes include thinker, risk-taker, inquirer, communicator, knowledgeable, caring, reflective, open-minded, principled, and balanced.

We use the mnemonic, TRICK CROP B, to easily remember the IB learner profile attributes.

### **What are the approaches to learning?**

The approaches to learning (ATL) are life skills, and they include communication skills, research skills, self-management, social skills, and thinking skills.

The ATL with the sub-skills are linked to the IB learner profile. Both the ATL and IB learner profile are embedded in our curriculum.

### **What languages are taught in the PYP?**

At BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya, English is used as the language of instruction. Bahasa Indonesia is taught as the host country language. Mandarin is offered as an additional language, starting from early years 1.

Click [here](#) to access our school handbook that includes our language policy.

### **How are PYP students assessed?**

Students in the early years and primary are assessed using different strategies and tools, which include rubrics and checklists. Examples of our assessment strategies are performance assessments, open-ended tasks, and observations. Students maintain portfolios, which can be accessed from Toddle. We report student learning through written reports and various types of conferences such as Parent-Teacher Conference and Student-led Conference. Click [here](#) to access our school handbook that includes the assessment policy.

**By:**

**Richel Langit-Dursin, PhD**

Vice Principal & PYP Coordinator

BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya



## News & Updates

If you hear or see something that concerns you or makes you feel unsafe, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team or any member of staff.

You **WILL** be listened to

### CHILD PROTECTION LEAD



Mr. Alex



Ms. Richel

### CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS



Mr. Edouardo



Ms. Eva



Mr. Renville

We care about you.  
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or submit a report through

[bit.ly/schoolsbychildprotection](http://bit.ly/schoolsbychildprotection)





## BINUS YogaPila for Mommies

“A joyful wellness session with BINUS YogaPila for Mommies”



## Upcoming Events: Family Sports Day



## A joyful day with the Binusian Community

Saturday, 7 February 2026  
07:00 AM - 12:45 Noon  
 Multi Purpose Hall - BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya

Which  
House  
Are You  
In?



**Anggrek Bulan**



**Melati Putih**



**Edelweiss  
Jawa**



**Titan Arum**

**Not sure which House you belong to?**

Contact our Academic Operations Team  
at 0851-6869-6699

## Upcoming Events: EDUFUN-WEST 2026



## A Special Showcase of our Students' Talents and Performances

- Students' Performances on Stage  
Friday, 6 February 2026  
5:30–6:30 PM  
Main Atrium Pakuwon Mall

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## Upcoming Events: CNY Floral Décor Workshop



**BRUNCHTALKS**

# CNY Floral Décor Workshop

with  
**Febby from Onni House**  
Binusian Parent - Mom of Cara (G2)

Thursday, 12 February 2026 | 08:30-10:00 AM

EYP Arts Studio 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya

RSVP:   
[b1n.us/BTBSSby](http://b1n.us/BTBSSby)



## Crafting elegant blooms to welcome prosperity and new beginnings

 Tuesday, 12 February 2026.  
08:30 - 10:00 AM.  
 EYP Art Studio 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.



[RSVP Click Here](#)

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## Upcoming Events: BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya Open Days



### Step Into Our Learning Community



Class visit for Early Years and Primary  
Friday, 20 February 2026  
09:00-11:00 AM  
BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya



Open House and Trial Class for Early Years 1 and Grade 1  
Saturday, 21 February 2026  
08:30-11:30 AM  
BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya



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## Upcoming Events: Flower Arrangement Workshop



**Flower Arrangement  
Workshop**

**Exclusive for Ascott-Waterplace Residents**

**Sunday, 22 February 2026**  
**10:00 – 11:00 WIB**  
**At BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya**

**Pick-up and  
drop-off  
provided by  
BINUS SCHOOL  
Surabaya**

## Blooming Creativity: A Floral Workshop Experience

- 📅 Sunday, 22 February 2026**  
10:00 - 11:00 AM
- 📍 BINUS SCHOOL Surabaya**
- 🚕 Complimentary transportation service (pick-up & drop-off)  
will be arranged for all participants.**



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Register**

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## Upcoming Events: BINUS YogaPilates



### BINUS YogaPilates

Every Wednesday | 9:30-10:30  
at Dance Studio, 3rd Floor

Bring your Own Mat & Water Bottle  
Limited Seats

RSVP: 0851 6869 6699



## A Mind-Body Reset Designed Just for Our Binusian Parents

📅 Monday at 08.00 - 09.00 AM

Wednesday at 09.30 - 10.30 AM

📞 Kindly contact our team at 0851-6869-6699 or [click this link](#) to register

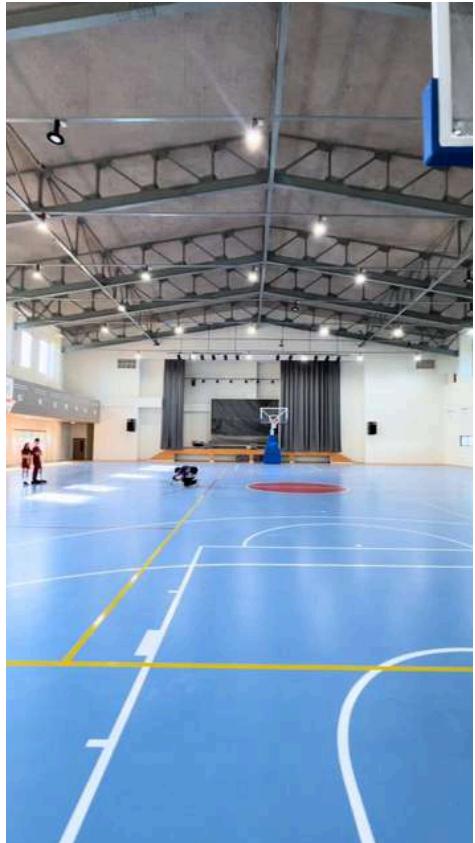


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# Empowering Learning Through Space and Innovation





# Thank You

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