

Proposed Annual Schedule

August 2025

Overview

Introduction

This schedule ensures that Villa Nola complies with the KHDA requirement of a minimum of 182 instructional days per academic year while providing a structured calendar of academic, professional, and community activities. It supports transparency and planning for staff, students, and parents

Schedule Details

KHDA Academic Year Framework

The purpose of this policy is to define the admissions criteria and procedures at VNEC. It applies to all children seeking admission from the age of 45 days to 59 months (0 – 4 years). The policy guides families, staff, and external agencies in understanding how places are offered, prioritized, and confirmed

KHDA Academic Year Framework

Villa Nola adheres strictly to the KHDA-issued academic calendar for international schools, specifically the September-start timeline:

- School Start: Monday, 24 August 2026
- Winter Break: 13 December 2025 – 4 January 2027
- Spring Break: 22 March – 11 April 2027
- Academic Year Ends: No earlier than Friday, 25 June 2027
- Minimum Instruction Days: At least 182 days must be completed

Public holidays—such as Eid Al Fitr, Eid Al Adha, and UAE National Day—are observed per government announcements and may be incorporated into term breaks or communicated separately.

Additional Key Dates & Activities

Term	Key Activities
Term 1 (Aug–Dec)	• Staff induction and professional development • First day for students • Parent–Teacher Introduction Evenings • National Day celebrations • Internal assessments and term reports

Winter Break	• 14 Dec – 4 Jan: Students on break; optional staff development days
Term 2 (Jan–Mar)	• Resumption of classes • Learning conferences / progress meetings • Midyear assessments • Inclusive Education week / wellbeing initiatives
Spring Break	• 22 Mar – 11 Apr: School closed; families notified of exact dates based on government holidays
Term 3 (Apr–Jun)	• Return from break; end-of-year preparations • Final assessments and student portfolios • Sports day or community event • Closing ceremony and parents' open day
Post-Year Break	• Teachers' end-of-year administrative and planning days • Strategic planning for next academic year

Professional Development & Planning

Villa Nola dedicates strategically timed days for staff development (e.g. curriculum training, safeguarding updates). These are scheduled on professional development days when students are not in school, typically at the start of Term 1 and immediately after Term 3. These remain part of staff contracts and are not counted as instructional days.

Communication & Transparency

The complete calendar—highlighting all term dates, event days, assessments, and school closures—will be published to parents and staff before the start of the school year. Any updates (e.g. changes to public holiday dates) will be promptly communicated.