



Day 1: Set Your Bearings

Monday, September 7 | Our Commitment to you: From the moment you pull into the parking lot, you are part of a community that prioritizes your safety, your growth, and your sense of belonging. Welcome to the family!

Time	Activity	Description
12:30	COMPASS 26 – We are so thrilled that you’re joining our community. This transition is a big milestone, and we’ve designed your first day to be filled with lots of support and direction, and the first of many "new starts."	The big moment is finally here! Our team is ready and waiting to help you settle into your new space. Once you’ve dropped off your bags and organized your room, head down to the Kat for some refreshments and join a campus tour starting at 1:15 PM. We want you to feel comfortable and confident in your new surroundings right away.
2:00	“The Empty Nest” and “The New Nest”	For Parents: Supporting your student from afar. Join us for a 45-minute session focused on how to encourage and empower your student as they embark on this new and independent journey.

		For Students: The Get-Go! This is your first chance to meet your residential peers. We're jumping straight into building friendships and making connections right away!
2:45	Refuelling Station	After your separate sessions, families will reunite for a casual, late-lunch BBQ. This is a relaxed time to share your first impressions of campus, enjoy a great meal together, and soak in the atmosphere of your new community.
4:00	The Tyndale Blessing	A Tyndale tradition – a special and meaningful moment to mark the transition. We'll gather for a short service with music and a talk to honour the journey your family has taken to get here. It's a time for reflection and a heartfelt "see you soon" before parents begin their journey home.
4:45	A Time to Say Goodbye	
5:30	The First "Family" Dinner	Join your new neighbours, RAs, and other student leaders for an intimate, relaxed dinner. This is a quiet space to decompress after a busy day, share a meal, and begin building the friendships of your residence life.
7:00	The Nest Social	End your first day on a high note! We're keeping things low-stakes and

		high-fun. Join us for board games, Mario Kart, and a DIY Sundae Bar. It's the perfect way to unwind and laugh with your new friends.
9:00	Moonlight Movie	End the day with a classic family flick! We'll have the popcorn popping and plenty of snacks and drinks. Grab a seat, get cozy, and enjoy a movie night with your new campus family.

Day 2: Chart the Course

Tuesday, September 8 | All incoming on-campus Arts and Sciences students

Morning: The Big Launch

9:00	The COMPASS Kickoff: Welcome to the Tyndale family! This new student orientation is designed to help you find your place, build friendships, and begin your journey of faith and learning with us.	Kick off your Tyndale time with an injection of energy! Join our Student Leaders and your new House mates for a morning of music, celebration, and a warm welcome from our President. This is where your House identity begins—get ready to find where you belong.
10:45	Morning Refresh	As a new explorer, take a moment to pause. Drop by for a "cuppa" and a fresh pastry as you connect with fellow travellers.

11:00	Explore the “Tyndale Mind” – Christian Higher Education and the Liberal Arts	Join Academic Dean Dr. Paul Franks and your Arts & Sciences faculty for an inspiring look at the "big picture." Discover how various liberal arts disciplines—from psychology to business to theology—are braided together to tackle the world’s greatest questions. This isn't just about credits; it’s about how your faith and learning come together to shape your Tyndale experience.
12:15	Lunch and Learn	Grab a sandwich in the Dining Hall and join your academic program "crew." This is a relaxed space to chat with your professors and fellow students about the field of study you’ve chosen. It’s your first chance to dive deep into the subjects you’re going to love over a shared meal.

Afternoon: The Navigational Tools

House groups visit important resources that will help you navigate and thrive as a Tyndale student

1:00	“A Word from our Sponsor”	Meet VP Sharon Chuah, our fearless leader. She’ll bring some words of welcome and catch you up on some features that makes Tyndale such an amazing place.
1:10	The Digital Compass (IT)	A 20-minute "hands-on" tutorial to get your digital tools ready. We’ll help you sync your email, log in to the different Tyndale portals, and master

	The Mapping Your Research (Library)	<p>Moodle so you're ready for Day 1. (Boehmer & McRae)</p> <p>Think you can navigate the stacks? Tackle our "Escape Room" challenge! Work with your team to find specific resources and unlock the "key" to the next room. (Adrian, Harris, and Stiller)</p>
1:45	<p>The Digital Compass (IT)</p> <p>The Mapping Your Research (Library)</p>	<p>A 20-minute "hands-on" tutorial to get your digital tools ready. We'll help you sync your email, log in to the different Tyndale portals, and master Moodle so you're ready for Day 1. (Adrian, Harris, and Stiller)</p> <p>Think you can navigate the stacks? Tackle our "Escape Room" challenge! Work with your team to find specific resources and unlock the "key" to the next room. (Boehmer & McRae)</p>

Afternoon: The Urban Trek (Toronto Sightseeing)

2:30	The "6ix" House Scavenger Hunt	<p>It's time to put your navigation skills to the test! Meet in Kimmerle Hall for your orders, then board buses and the "Red Rocket" with your House Leader and mates and head downtown.</p> <p>Your mission: Move across the downtown core to find iconic landmarks like Rogers Centre, the CN Tower, the AGO, and Graffiti Alley.</p>
------	--------------------------------	--

		<p>The Challenge: Take a creative House photo at each landmark.</p> <p>The Logbook: Post your photos to the #Compass26 hashtag to document your team’s progress!</p>
6:00	A “Big Smoke” Dinner	After a day of exploring the city, it’s time to refuel. Discover the hidden gems of Toronto’s food scene with your House. Whether it’s a bustling food court or a unique local eatery, enjoy the flavours of the city as you build deeper connections with your new community.

Day 3: Navigate the (Academic) Map

Wednesday, September 9 | All incoming Arts and Sciences on-campus students

Morning: The Essentials

9:00	TYND 1000 – An Academic Primer (The CAE)	Think of this session as your first official navigation lesson. In the time it takes for a standard twice-per-week class session, we’ll help you decode the academic map and understand the expectations of the journey ahead. It’s the perfect way to get your bearings before the first week of classes.
------	--	--

10:15	Refuelling Station	Join us for a brew and a cookie.
10:30	The Syllabus Survival Guide and "Ask Anything" panel	How do you navigate the workload and everything else about university life without losing your way? Our student leaders share their personal "pro-tips" for life at Tyndale. We'll wrap up with a filter-free Q&A—just students, no staff or faculty. Get the real talk on food, faith, and finding your rhythm.
11:30	The Wellness Hub (The Wellness Centre)	Success isn't just about the destination; it's about how you travel. This session covers mental health, healthy boundaries, and the support systems available to help you stay grounded and "stay human" even when the semester picks up speed.
12:15	Pre-games Meal	Make sure to carbo-load! You'll need every bit of energy for the legendary House competition ahead.

Afternoon: The Golden Lamp Games

1:30	The Tyndale House Olympics	This is where House loyalty is forged! Dive into high-energy team challenges—from giant Jenga and relay races to the infamous icy T-shirt competition and other surprises. Bring the energy, win points for your House, and start your story here.
4:30	The Community Table	Time to gather and "chow down" on a classic university staple. Grab a seat, meet someone new, and enjoy a well-earned meal.

Evening: Get Ready, Set, Go!

6:00	The Evening Chill	As we prepare to begin the journey tomorrow, join us for a relaxed wrap-up. A few student leaders will share their "True North"—the essential wisdom and faith-filled insights they wish they'd known on their very first day. Oh, we'll have snacks, beverages, and some great music too.