



THE STORY OF... OUR NAME

PUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL:

We all know our school was founded in 1996. What not everyone knows is that we were first known as PFS or Pusan Foreign School. Why is that?



Pusan



Busan

FROM PUSAN TO BUSAN:

In the year 2000, the Korean government decided to switch the system they used to represent the Korean language in Latin script (Korean romanization system) from MR (McCune-Reischauer in use since 1939) to RR (Revised Romanization). The main changes were moving from a system that used diacritics (breves and apostrophes) to one that did not. This meant the standard QWERTY English language keyboard could be used.

The main criticism to the 1939 MR system was that it changed the meaning of the word it was romanizing.

BUSAN FOREIGN SCHOOL:

At PFS, it took us a little longer to transition. The current site of BFS was opened in 2001 and still bore reference to PFS and Pusan Foreign School. It was only in 2002 that we saw changes in the school signage and the P becomes B.

And because institutional history is important, we have kept one of our original brass logos on what used to be the school lobby and is now the Elementary aisle exit to the school's main field.

