

**Pasir Ris Secondary School
DSA e-Open House 2024
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School Information

1. What type of school is PRSS?

Government / Mixed / Single session

2. Where is PRSS located?

390 Tampines Street 21 Singapore 529400

School Code: 3235

Bus Services along Tampines Ave 4: 3, 15, 21, 27, 129, 168, 298

Bus Services along Tampines Street 21: 3, 291

Nearest MRT: Tampines Station (EW2 & DT32), 300m from school

3. What is PRSS's contact information?

(Tel) 65010800 (Fax) 65010900

Email Address: prss@moe.edu.sg

Website Address: <http://www.pasirrissec.moe.edu.sg>

4. What time does school start and end?

Students report at 7.30am daily. Lower secondary students are dismissed between 2.10pm to 3.00pm from Mondays to Thursdays, and from 12.40pm onwards on Fridays.

5. How many Sec 1 classes will there be in 2025?

Based on 2024 enrollment, we have 7 classes.

6. What is the average class size?

Our average class size for Sec 1 cohort 2024 is 36 students per class. Form classes are capped at 40 students.

Admission Criteria

7. What are the chances of getting a place in PRSS?

*Students will be posted to a secondary school based on **merit using the PSLE Score which will be the sum total of the 4 AL scores**, and their choice order of school. Hence a student would have a higher chance of getting a place in PRSS if he/she meets the PSLE cut-off point and ranked PRSS higher in the choice order of school. Should two students with the same PSLE score vie for the last remaining place in a school, tie breakers would be applied in the following order:*

- *Citizenship – Singaporeans will be given priority*
- *Choice order of schools*
- *Computerised balloting*

Students will be briefed by their respective primary schools on the secondary school posting process.

8. When is the school able to confirm requests for transfers?

By early January. The school will call up shortlisted applicants for an interview.

9. What are the possible valid reasons for MOE transfers (Mass Appeal)?

Serious medical conditions and physical impairments.

10. Can Sec 1 students wear their primary school uniforms to school while waiting for results of their transfer?

Yes.

11. What is the procedure for transfer of International Students?

With effect from 2016, all International Students (IS) seeking admission are to take part in Admissions Exercise for International Students (AEIS) which is administered by MOE. Please refer to the MOE website. IS with at least one Singapore Citizen (SC) parent can write to MOE via <https://www.moe.gov.sg/feedback>. The school is not able to process direct admission for IS.

Subjects Offered

12. Are Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTLs) offered?

Yes. The school offers Higher Chinese Language (HCL) and Higher Malay Language (HML). All Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMT) classes are held in PRSS.

13. Is Tamil Language (TL) offered?

No. Students who offer TL and Higher TL will attend lessons at Changkat Changi Secondary School and Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School respectively.

14. What are the subjects offered in Secondary 1?

<i>English Language</i>
<i>English Literature [Offered at G2/G3 only]</i>
<i>MTL (CL/ML) [Offered at G2/G3 only]</i>
<i>Basic MTL (BCL/BML) [Offered at G1 only]</i>
<i>HMTL (HCL/HML) [For students from PG3 only]</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>
<i>Science</i>
<i>History [Offered at G2/G3 only]</i>
<i>Geography [Offered at G2/G3 only]</i>
<i>Social Studies [Offered at G1 only]</i>
<i>Art</i>
<i>Design & Technology</i>
<i>Food & Consumer Education</i>
<i>Music</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>
<i>Character and Citizenship Education</i>

Key Initiatives:

- *Applied Learning Programme (ALP): Eye on the World - Stories through Journalism*
- *Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in Music and Performing Arts*
- *Annual Level Camps for all cohorts*
- *Overseas Twinning Programme (e.g. ASEAN, Brunei & Penang 2024)*
- *Student advocacy through Student Leadership*
- *GEAR UP*
- *Makerspace & STEAM*

Other school / level-wide programmes:

- *Fortnightly blended learning*
- *NA / NT Elective Modules*
- *Digital Media*
- *IPW*
- *CCE*
- *EL Drama-in-Curriculum*
- *Urban Farming*
- *Sec 3 OBS*

CCAs Offered

15. What are the CCAs available in your school?

Performing Arts	Sports & Games	Uniformed Groups	Clubs & Societies
<i>Concert Band</i>	<i>Badminton (Boys)</i>	<i>NCC (Land) (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>Audio Visual Lights (AVL)</i>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Basketball (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>NPCC (Boys & Girls)</i>	<i>Tinkers' Club</i>
<i>Chinese Orchestra</i>	<i>Floorball (Boys)</i>	<i>NCDCC (Boys & Girls)</i>	
<i>Modern Dance</i>	<i>Football (Boys)</i>		
<i>English Drama</i>	<i>Netball (Girls)</i>		
	<i>Volleyball (Boys & Girls)</i>		

16. How does my child select or get allocated to the CCAs?

A *CCA Bazaar* will be organized for Secondary One students in January to expose them to all the CCAs offered by the school. All students will also go through a *CCA Experience Week* to experience a selected range of CCAs before they submit their *CCA Application* choices. Performing Arts auditions and Sports trials will be conducted for students who are interested in Performing Arts or Sports CCAs. Students will be allocated a CCA based on the results of their audition/trials and their CCA choices, subject to enrolment criteria for each CCA for the year.

National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

17. What is the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)?

MOE launched the NDLP in 2020 for all Secondary Schools to help students strengthen their digital literacy and enable them to acquire the digital skills required to navigate an increasingly digitalised world. Under this programme, every secondary school student has access to his/her own Personal Learning Device (PLD) which is used in tandem with the SLS and other educational technology to personalise and enhance learning. In addition, rapid adoption of education technology by students and teachers has enabled Blended Learning to become a regular feature of school life with fortnightly Blended Learning Days and Student-initiated Learning (SIL) activities supported by the PLD.

18. When will my child get his Personal Learning Device (PLD)?

Students can expect to receive their PLD before the end of Term 1.

19. Do students need to bring their PLD daily or are they allowed to use school laptops?

All students are strongly encouraged to purchase a PLD via the MOE bulk tender through the school when they enroll in January. They are expected to bring their PLDs to school on a daily basis once they have received them. Note: Only devices installed with the school-approved Device Management Application (DMA) are allowed for teaching and learning use in school.

20. What support is provided by the school?

a. Financial Assistance

Subsidies are available for students who require financial assistance to purchase a PLD. All Secondary 1 students who are Singapore citizens will be able to utilise the funds in their Edusave account to offset the cost for their PLD. Singapore Citizens from lower-income families will automatically be subsidised for the PLD.

b. Lockers

Lockers will be provided complimentary for students to safe-keep their PLDs during curriculum time. Students will only need to purchase their own locks for the lockers.

c. Device Management Application (DMA)

The Device Management Application (DMA) software will be installed on all PLD to provide a safe learning experience for students, and to prevent misuse of the device. The DMA will be funded by MOE and will be uninstalled from the device when students graduate / leave the school.

21. What is Blended Learning (BL)?

Blended Learning (BL) aims to provide students a seamless blend of both online and offline modes of learning to (i) nurture self-directed and independent learners; and (ii) develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners. A main aspect of BL is the integration of Home-based Learning (HBL) as a regular feature of the schooling experience.

22. How frequently will BL be conducted?

BL will take place once a fortnight.

Direct-School Admission (DSA) Information

23. What are the DSA Talent Areas and Categories offered by PRSS?

<i>DSA Main Category</i>	<i>DSA Talent Area</i>
<i>Language and Humanities</i>	<i>Humanities</i>
<i>Language and Humanities</i>	<i>English Language</i>
<i>Performing Arts</i>	<i>Concert Band</i>
<i>Performing Arts</i>	<i>Choir</i>
<i>Performing Arts</i>	<i>Modern Dance</i>
<i>Performing Arts</i>	<i>English Drama</i>
<i>Performing Arts</i>	<i>Chinese Orchestra</i>
<i>Sports and Games</i>	<i>Football (Boys)</i>
<i>Sports and Games</i>	<i>Volleyball (Boys & Girls)</i>
<i>Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics</i>	<i>Digital Media (based on ALP's broadcast journalism and ICT unit's new media literacy)</i>

24. When is the DSA application period and how do I apply?

Applications for DSA-Sec can be submitted through the online DSA-Sec Portal. The application is free-of-charge and starts from 7 May 2024. For more details, please refer to the MOE website – www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec

25. How are students shortlisted for an interview?

Students will be shortlisted based on their school and non school-based awards / activities as submitted in their application, which may comprise their school-based projects or assignments and or participation in relevant competitions.

26. How are interviews / auditions / trials conducted?

DSA selection trials/ auditions/ performance tasks/ interviews will be held face to face at Pasir Ris Secondary School.

27. Will I still get a place in PRSS via DSA if I do not meet the cut-off point?

Yes, PRSS will still honour its offer in line with the spirit of DSA, provided that the posting group allocated to you is one of the posting groups we offer (i.e. Posting Group 1, Posting Group 2, or Posting Group 3).

28. Can I change schools after I have accepted the DSA offer by PRSS?

No. Students who are successfully admitted to the school via DSA are expected to honour their commitment to the school, and participate in the activities related to the talent they are selected for from Sec 1 to Sec 4.

School Fees and Financial Assistance

29. What are the monthly secondary education fees for Singapore Citizens (SC) for 2024?

	School Fees	Single-Tier Miscellaneous Fees (deductable via Edusave)	Total
SC	\$5	\$20	\$25

30. What are the monthly secondary education fees for non-Singapore citizens for 2024?

Nationality	School fees	Single-Tier Miscellaneous Fees	Total
PR	\$560	\$20	\$580
IS (ASEAN)	\$970	\$20	\$990
IS (Non-ASEAN)	\$1910	\$20	\$1930

31. Does the school offer financial assistance to needy students?

Yes. Needy students who are Singapore Citizens may apply for MOE Financial Assistance Scheme or School-based (SAC) Financial Assistance Scheme if they meet the income criteria. Both schemes offer a waiver of school fees and single-tier miscellaneous fees as well as the provision of free textbooks and uniforms. The school also offers other forms of financial aid such as the MOE Opportunity Fund and Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund to eligible students to provide additional financial support.

Miscellaneous

32. Is the school scheduled to undergo PRIME?

The school has undergone PRIME in 2008 and the school's facilities are as of now most current and able to meet students' needs. All schools will undergo General Repairs and Redecoration (GR&R) every 5 years, and our school just completed its GR&R in the 1st quarter of 2024. GR&R includes major repairs and paintwork to maintain the school's façade and premises.

In particular, in line with our school vision and in our efforts to nurture future-ready learners, we have recently launched our 21st century lifestyle library, READ@PRSS, to create different spaces, such as a well-being corner where students can enjoy music from Spotify or play on the drums, for students to immerse in a conducive learning and reading environment. Our eco-garden has also been revamped to include more authentic learning experiences for our students in the learning of Science. We have also recently inaugurated an urban farming unit, in line with the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and our nation's agenda to be self-sustainable and forward-looking. In line with Singapore Green Plan, solar panels have been installed in the school in June 2022. Under the programme, the harnessed solar energy is sufficient to meet the energy consumption of the school.

33. Does the school provide affordable and tasty canteen food?

Yes, the food sold in our school canteen is affordable, as the food prices are determined based on MOE guidelines. The school participates in the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme, which encourages students to consume healthy food and beverage, so as to cultivate healthy eating habits in our youths. Our canteen also offers a wide variety of food options, including 2 Chinese food stalls, 3 Malay food stalls and 1 Western food stall. In addition, the canteen has 2 drink stalls, which also sell healthy snacks.