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PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Greetings for the New Year and welcome back to school! We are pleased to share with you the school's broad directions and key initiatives in 2025.



School Directions for 2025

At Pasir Ris Secondary School (PRSS), we are anchored on the mission of Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams. Our goal is to shape our students into **Confident Learners** and **Caring, Resilient Citizens**, equipped with the skills, knowledge, values, and attitudes needed to thrive in a VUCA world.

Guided by three key strategic thrusts, we continue to focus on:

1. Quality Learning through Skilful Design and Delivery
2. Character Development and Active Citizenry through a Holistic Education
3. Enhancing School Capacity and Capability through Synergistic Partnerships

As we move forward into 2025, we remain committed to initiatives that uplift and empower our school community. These include exploring the future of Learning through EdTech, prioritising student well-being, and fostering an inclusive school environment. Collaborating with organisations such as MOE HQ, NIE, A*STAR, NAC, and other industry and community partners, we aim to create meaningful experiences for all Pasirians. These partnerships allow us to enrich learning through interdisciplinary STEAM programmes, overseas learning journeys, and e-twinning projects with schools across Asia and ASEAN, transforming the world into our classrooms. Central to our efforts is the focus on the I AM - I CAN - I HAVE framework, which encourages students to develop self-leadership and resilience, empowering them to face future challenges with confidence.

We will strengthen the Home-School Link to partner parents in ensuring our students have the requisite support for a smooth transition and progression in their

next level of study. Parents are strongly encouraged to join our breakfast sessions to share insights and perspectives on students' school experiences and adolescence development.

Together, we will continue to inspire and nurture our students to be confident learners, caring and resilient citizens.



Attendance and Temperature-Taking Exercise

Attendance in school is compulsory. Students are also required to attend all activities planned for them (e.g. lessons after school, CCA training sessions, enrichment courses, learning journeys, school events) unless certified medically unfit for school or excused due to valid reasons.

Students are to assemble in the School Hall/Parade Square/Classroom and be ready for the morning assembly by 8.30am on Mondays, and 7.30am from Tuesdays to Fridays. The school uses the SC mobile to record and monitor student attendance. Should your child fail to register his/her attendance before each day's stipulated reporting time, an SMS message will be sent to your mobile phone to inform you of his/her absence in school by 9.30 am.

Students are to submit their Medical Certificate to their Home Teacher upon their return to school. The school will take into consideration letters from parents/guardians for non-medical emergencies / urgent family matters. A maximum of **5 letters per semester** will be accepted. Absence without a valid reason for school or CCA is deemed as truancy and students will face due consequences.

The attendance and temperature-taking exercise will be conducted on **Wed, 15 January 2025** for all staff and students. All students are required to bring a functioning thermometer on Wed, 15 January. The exercise allows schools to maintain their preparedness

to re-activate the attendance and temperature-taking regime should the need arise. It will also help to educate students on taking personal responsibility for their own health and practising social responsibility.



School Level Camps

Our annual level camps allow all Pasirians to start the year right with clarity of purpose. Activities are planned to provide meaningful experiential learning for all students to set their goals for the year. The focus for each level camp is reflected below.

Level	Camp Name	Focus	Dates
Sec 1	Camp Oneiric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Transition support Start right 	8 – 10 Jan
Sec 2	Camp Spark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Relations School Pride and Sense of Belonging 	
Sec 3	Camp Metamorphosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embracing Change Team Building Student Agency and Voice 21CC 	
Sec 4E5N	Camp Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth mindset Preparation for post-sec Building resilience 	
Sec4NA/NT	Camp Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Life skills Preparing for post-sec Building Resilience 	



Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

The school will facilitate the purchase of the school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD) for Sec 1 students via the MOE bulk tender. Details regarding the purchase process have been disseminated via Parents Gateway on 20 December 2024. The deadline to indicate intent to purchase the PLD through the school is **3 January 2025**. You may also refer to the [PDLP engagement slides](#) on the school website for more information.

All students are reminded to bring a personal padlock to use the school-provisioned PLD lockers to safe-keep their PLDs and mobile phones when not in use during school hours. All PLDs must be brought home at the end of each school day to facilitate students' learning and charging of devices at home.

Students who need technical assistance with their PLDs, Student iCON and SLS account login, access to the school WiFi network for learning or to troubleshoot installation of educational apps on their mobile devices should visit the ICT Helpdesk located at Blk C, Level 2 (opposite the Main Staff Room) during their respective recess timings or after school hours during the following timings:

- Mon to Thu: 1410h to 1600h;
- Fri: 1230h to 1500h



Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

CCAs play a vital role in our students' holistic development, especially in the area of character building. Regular attendance in CCA reflects a student's sense of pride and responsibility to learn and participate in school activities. Hence, CCA attendance is factored into the assignment of conduct grades to students. CCA attendance below 75% will affect the student's conduct grade adversely. To help Secondary 1 students make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Friday, 17 January 2025 from 2.30pm to 6.00pm** to showcase the various CCAs in PRSS. Secondary 1 students will also be given the opportunity to join up to three CCA experience sessions/trials during the CCA Experience Weeks (**13 - 24 January, 3.00pm to 6.00pm**) to find out more and discover their suitability for the CCA. Secondary 1 students will have to submit their CCA choices between **25 January to 31 January 2025** before the CCA allocation results are announced from **Monday, 10 February 2025**.



Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning (BL) days will continue to be implemented fortnightly in 2025 on even week Fridays in Semester 1. The BL Days in Semester 2 are tentatively scheduled on 4 July, 15 - 17 July and 4 August. More details will be shared later this year.

The BL days in Term 1 will start on 14 February for all levels. Students will stay at home to participate in the learning activities designed by their teachers, supported by their PLDs. In addition, students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about as part of Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) on BL Days. This would empower them to take charge of their own learning and encourage them to be life-long and independent learners. A briefing for all students will be conducted during the Assembly in Term 1 Week 5 where more details will be shared.

BL schedule for all levels

Period	Subject
0750 - 0910	Subject 1 (70mins)
0910 - 1020	Subject 2 (70mins)
1020 - 1030	Break
1030 - 1140	Subject 3 (70mins)
1140 - 1240	Subject 4 (70mins)
1240 - 1430	Lunch & Consolidation
1430 - 1530	Student-Initiated Learning (SIL)
1530 onwards	Active Wellness (exercise for min 30mins)



Road Safety

The school gates will close by **7.30am** daily to limit the movement of cars within the school compound for the safety of our students. For students who arrive after the gate closure, parents are advised to drop them off at the HDB car park opposite the school's main gate and students should enter the school via main entrance Gate B. Please do not drop off your child along Tampines St 21 just outside the school gate as this could cause traffic congestion and pose a danger to other road users and pedestrians. Do remind your child to use the zebra crossings outside the school at all times when crossing the road. Parents driving into the school compound should drive slowly and watch out for students crossing the sheltered foyer area.

If your child is crossing Tampines St 21 (main) to get to the school, please encourage your child to use the designated pedestrian crossing along Tampines St 21 (main) which is specially provided for PRSS students to cross the road safely. Students can enter the school via side Gate C, which will be open in the morning from 7am to 7.30am on school days.

Parents will be allowed to drive into the school compound on rainy days to let their child alight at the sheltered foyer area. For parents who are picking up their children after school, please be advised to wait for your child at the HDB carpark opposite the school.



Recess and Snack breaks

There is one recess slot of 40 minutes for each level between 8.40am to 12pm daily. Parents may refer to the timetable on the school website for more details. The school will continue with the 20-min snack break for all students between 12.00pm and 12.40pm to ensure that they can have a quick energy boost if required. They will remain in class during the snack break. Only plain water and dry, healthy snacks are allowed.



MOE-Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE-FAS)

Singapore Citizen students in financial need may apply for assistance from MOE on school fees and other expenses. The income criterion for MOE-FAS is as follows: *Gross Household income - \$3000 or below OR Per Capita Income - \$750 or below*. Eligible students who wish to apply for financial assistance may visit the school website to apply online via e-FAS or download the application form.



Cashless Payment in School

As the nation moves towards digitalization, our school has partnered POSB to introduce cashless payments via NETS Contactless cards, EZ-Link cards and School Smart Cards at the School Canteen and Bookshop. Parents may also choose to sign up for the [POSB Smart Buddy Programme](#), which allows you to manage your child's allowance and daily expenses. Cash payments will still be accepted in the canteen and bookshop.



Sale of School Uniform

For students who have not purchased the school uniform during the Dec holidays, there will be a sale of school uniform on 7 Jan and 14 Jan 2025, 2.00pm - 3.30pm at the school canteen. Students may purchase or exchange school uniform on the above dates. The school uniform will be sold through the school bookshop from February 2025 onwards.

Alternatively, parents may go to the vendor retail outlet at 4012 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, #01-09 Techplace 1, Singapore 569628 directly to purchase the uniform.

SCHOOL BILL Enrichments etc

School Bill

The school will issue the bill for enrichment programmes and other charges in January. The bill will detail the full cost of the programmes, the subsidies provided by the school, the co-payment required from students, and the refund policy. If cash payment is required, payment can be made via PayNow, at the SAM kiosk, or at the school's general office. Parental consent for participation in the enrichment programmes will be obtained before the bill is issued.



Home-School Partnership

The school believes in partnering parents to provide a quality school experience for our students. Apart from the parents-teachers conferences held at the end of each semester, the school also organises briefings for parents as well as meetings with Home Teachers and School Leaders. You are invited to join us for a Breakfast Session with School Leaders and Key Personnel on the following dates:

1) Breakfast Session with School Leaders and Key Personnel:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
30 May	2 May	16 May	17 Apr

2) Sec 1 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 7 Feb 2025 Friday (5.30-6.30pm)

3) Sec 2 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 14 Feb 2025 Friday (5.30-6.30pm)

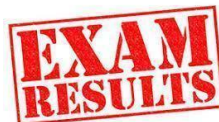
4) Sec 3 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 21 Feb 2025 Friday (5.30-6.30pm)

5) Sec 4 & 5 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 24 Jan 2025 Friday (5.30-6.30pm)

More information regarding the above sessions will be provided nearer the date via PG. Parents can also get regular updates on school and curriculum matters via the school website <http://www.pasirrissec.moe.edu.sg>



GCE N Level Examination Results

Congratulations to our 4NA / 4NT students on the successful completion of their GCE N Level examinations! All our 4NT students qualify for ITE, while 88.2% of our 4NA students qualify for 5NA, with 11 students scoring 5 distinctions and above. There is an improvement in percentage pass and quality grades across many subjects.



Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Richmond Ang Dy	Head of Department (Science)
Mr Ow Kok Meng	Head of Department (Strategic Partnership)
Miss Tan Jialin, Karen	Assistant Year Head
Mdm Zhang Lingjia Mabel	Teacher / Geography
Madam Liu Yang	Teacher / CL
Madam Tan Sai Kee	Teacher / CL
Mr Mohammad Faiz Bin Mohd Tahir	STEM Instructor (Laboratory)
Mdm Hazirah Adilah Binte Sahal	Untrained School Counsellor

We thank the following staff whose service has been invaluable to PRSS and we wish them all the best.

Name	Reason for Leaving
Mr Mohammed Riffai Bin Maidin	Posted to Broadrick Sec Sch as Subject Head (Student Leadership)
Mdm Buganeswari d/o Somo Pillay	Diploma in Counselling at NIE

Important Dates in Term 1 2025

Date	Event
2 Jan	First Day of School
3 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation
8 - 10 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation & Sec 2-5 Level Camps
15 Jan	Attendance & Temperature Taking Ex
17 Jan	CCA Bazaar for S1 Students
24 Jan	Sec 4 & 5 Parents Engagement Session
28 Jan	Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations
7 Feb	Sec 1 Parents' Engagement Session
17 Feb	Total Defence Day
14 Feb	Sec 2 Parents' Engagement Session
21 Feb	Sec 3 Parents' Engagement Session
28 Feb	Cross Country
3 - 7 Mar	EL/Lit Festival Mother Tongue Fortnight
10 Mar	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
15 - 23 Mar	March School Holidays

* A soft copy of the 2025 school calendar will be available on the school website from 3 Jan. Please refer to it for the latest dates on school events and activities.

Key Preliminary & National Examination dates in 2025.

GCE O Level

Date	Examination
2 Jun	GCE O Level Mid-Year MTL / MTLB Written Examinations
14 - 18 Jul	GCE O & N Level EL & MTL Oral Examinations
8 Jul	GCE O Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examinations
22 Aug - 3 Sept	4E5N Preliminary Examinations
1 - 14 Oct	GCE O Level Science Practical Examinations
8 Oct	GCE O Level EL Listening Comprehension Examinations
16 Oct - 10 Nov	GCE O Level Written Examinations

GCE N Level

Date	Examination
14 - 18 Jul	GCE O & N Level EL & MTL Oral Examinations
1 - 6 Sep	4N Preliminary Examinations (Wave 1)
12 - 15 Sep	4N Preliminary Examinations (Wave 2)
16 & 17 Sep	GCE N Level EL & MTL Listening Comprehension Examinations
19 & 25 Sep	GCE N Level Computer Applications Practical Examinations
15 - 23 Sep	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 1)
6 - 14 Oct	GCE N Level Written Examinations (Wave 2)