## PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SECONDARY 1









## **Presentation Flow**

- Principal's Welcome Address & Overview of School
- Information on First Day of School and S1 Level Camp
- Administrative matters
  - Student Smart Card
  - Purchase of books and uniforms.
  - PDLP Locker Provision + Locker rental
- School Rules & Regulations
- Briefing on PDLP
- Partnership with Parents
- Q&A





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Enter passcode PRSS2112

Scan the QR code to post your questions. We will address them at the end of the presentations.

### **Introduction- School Leaders**



Ms Santha Sukumaran Vice-Principal (EO) Since Dec 2023



Mrs Grace Chua Principal Since 2017



Mdm Lee Beng Choo Vice-Principal (Admin) Since 2019

#### **Student Development Team (SDT)**



Mr Mohd Ashiq Year Head (US)



Ms Parvin Bibi Marican Year Head (LS)



Mr Sim Chun Siang HOD Student Development



Mr Muhd Hafidz Khan HOD Student Mgmt



Mr Joshua Tan HOD CCE



Mr Amir Hamzah HOD PE & CCA



Mr Andy Law SH PE & CCA



Mr Daniel Ng SH CCE



Mr Rifaii SH Discipline



Ms Lorraine Teo AED (Counselling)



Mdm Mazirah FAJSC (Counselling)



Mdm Nur Atiqah AED (LBS)

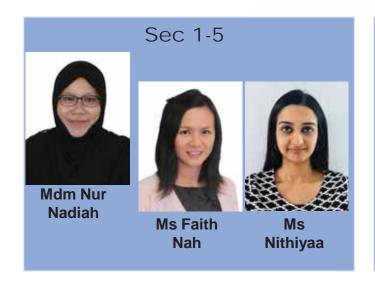








#### 2024 Home Teachers







## **STUDENT PROFILE 2024**

Posting Group	AL score	Number of students
G1	25 - 27	37
G2	21 - 23	74
G3	10 - 18	140

251 students



Gender	%
Boys	<b>59</b>
Girls	41
Total	100

## Home Class Allocation

	PG3	PG2	PG1	Class Total
S1-1	20	9	7	36
S1-2	20	10	6	36
S1-3	20	10	6	36
S1-4	20	10	6	36
S1-5	20	12	4	36
S1-6	20	11	4	35
S1-7	20	12	4	36
PG Total	140	74	37	251





## STAFF PROFILE

Staff	Number
Teaching Staff	82
HODs / Subject Heads / Level Heads	19
Senior Teachers	5
Lead Teachers	3
Allied Educators - School Counsellor (SC) + 1 FAJSC - Learning & Behavioural Support - T&L	2 1 2
EAS	18

## Teachers as Designers of Learning



- Accolades:
- OYEA Award
- MOE Innergy Award
- Inspiring EL Teacher Award
- Distinguished CL Teachers Award
- Outstanding History Teacher Award
- Associate of AST Award
- National Day Award
- MOE Service Excellence Award
- Caring Teacher Award (NIE-EXXON)

#### Presentations & Publications:

- Overseas Research Paper Presentations (ALARA-USA 2018, 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pac Symposium for Music Education Research 2019)
- Presentations @ NIE Redesigning Pedagogy International Conference 2022, EZ ICT e-Conference 2021, Arts Education Conference 2020, Teachers' Conference 2019, AST Learning Study Symposium 2019, Tech Summit 2019 @ SST Lab School
- Teacher-led Workshops 2019, 2020
- SG Learning Designers Circle Virtual Meet Presentation 2022, 2023
- Teachers' Conference and ExCEL Fest Presentation 2023



# Supporting your child through their Secondary School Journey

## **TRANSITING TO SECONDARY 1**

#### Differences between Primary School and Secondary School:

- Longer school hours
- Increased commitment to CCAs
- More subjects and school programmes
- Making new friends
- o Greater peer influence
- o Greater independence

#### A smooth transition is made when your child:

- o feels safe and comfortable in their new environment.
- o is able to manage the daily challenges of school life.

#### **Overview of Full SBB**

#### Secondary school experience

- 1. Mixed form classes upon entering secondary school
- 2. Common curriculum subjects at lower secondary
- 3. Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively
  4. Greater flexibility to offer subjects at various subject levels
- 5. Shift away from stream-based subject offerings

After PSLE	Start of secondary school	End of secondary school	Post-secondary
Entry to Secondary 1 Through Posting (i.e., PG1, PG2 or		Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examination	Revised post-secondary admission criteria

#### Rationale of Full SBB

Full SBB aims for students to:



Have greater ownership of their learning according to their strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs



Develop a **growth mindset and an intrinsic motivation** to learn for life



Have more opportunities to interact with friends of different strengths, interests, abilities and talents

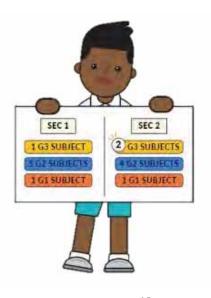


Have more options for postsecondary pathways, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway

#### **Subject Levels under Full SBB**

- Students are required to take compulsory subjects at G1, G2 or G3.
- Subject level at the start of Secondary 1 is based on their PSLE Score and indicated by Posting Groups.

PSLE Score	Posting Groups	Indicative level for most subjects at start of Secondary 1
4 – 20	PG3	G3
21 and 22	PG2 or PG3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	PG2	G2
25	PG1 or PG2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	PG1	G1



#### **LOWER SECONDARY LEVELS**

#### **Curriculum Guidelines**

#### Intent:

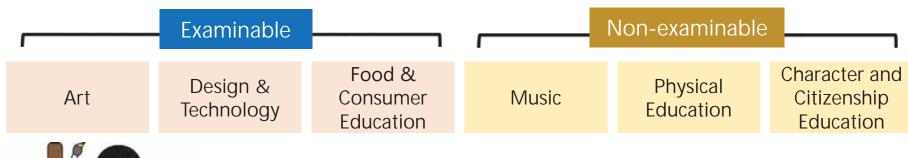
w.e.f. 2024 Sec 1 cohort

Ensures that students have a strong foundation in lower secondary

- Students are required to take English Language, Mathematics, Science,
   Mother Tongue Languages, Humanities and Common Curriculum subjects in lower secondary
- At the start of Sec 1, students will offer English Language, Mathematics,
   Science, Mother Tongue Languages, Humanities subjects at the subject level (i.e. G1, G2 or G3) determined by their PSLE Score
  - Eligible students may offer the subject(s) at a more or less demanding level

#### **Common Curriculum Subjects**

 Students will take six common curriculum subjects with their form class classmates:





 These subjects take up approximately one-third of curriculum time, giving students time to interact with classmates of different strengths and interests.

#### Offering Subjects at a More Demanding Level

Intent: w.e.f. 2024 Sec 1 cohort

Enable greater customisation based on students' interests, strengths and learning needs

o Eligibility criteria to take subjects at a more demanding level, at the start of Sec 1:

<u>PSLE subjects</u> (English Language, Mathematics, Science, Mother Tongue Languages)			
Indicative level of most subjects at start of Sec 1 PSLE PSLE Foundation offer grade grade subject at			
G1	AL 5 or better	-	G3 / G2
	AL 6	AL A	G2
G2	AL 5 or better	-	G3

#### **Higher Mother Tongue Languages**

An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better or

An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain

- AL 1/AL 2 in Mother Tongue Language; or
- Distinction/Merit in Higher Mother Tongue Language

Note: Students will take Humanities subjects at the subject level corresponding to their indicative level of most subjects at start of Sec 1

## Higher Mother Tongue Language (HMTL)

- Students will be informed of their eligibility via the Eligibility Letter from MOE
- Eligibility
  - An overall PSLE score of 8 or better and offer MTL at PSLE, OR
  - An overall PSLE score of 9 14 (inclusive); and attain AL1 / AL2 in MTL or Distinction / Merit in HMTL
- HMTL lesson venues
  - HCL Pasir Ris Secondary School
  - HML Pasir Ris Secondary School
  - HTL Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School

## Tamil Language (TL)

- All TL classes will be conducted at TL Centres after curriculum hours
- The designated TL Centre for PRSS is Changkat Changi Secondary School (opp Simei MRT)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Lang Studies-Chinese Special Programme

Changkat Changi Sec school – 2 students posted

# Non-Tamil Indian Languages Asian / Foreign Languages

Students to meet HODMTL in week 1 Jan 2024

#### **Art Elective Programme (AEP)**



Art Elective Programme (AEP) aims to nurture students with interest, potential, and passion in art and design.

	AEP
Programme Aims	To develop students with interest, potential, and passion to pursue an in-depth study of art and design.
Programme Duration 4 Years (Secondary 1 – 4)	
Enrolment Period	Beginning of Sec 1
How AEP affects other Subjects	Takes AEP instead of D&T and FCE in lower secondary, hence not eligible for D&T and F&N at upper secondary
Subject Offered	G3 / O-Level Higher Art
Option for Centre-Based Learning	Yes (AEP Centre at National Junior College)
Combined Schools Enrichment	Milestone experience and workshops with invited Arts practitioners, designed in collaboration with institutes of higher learning, biennial student exhibition, etc.

For secondary schools to share with Sec 1 students and parents. Information accurate as of 15 Nov 2023.

## **MOE Art Programmes**





## Art Elective Programme (AEP) 4-year (Sec 1 – Sec 4)

NJC offers in-house AEP and also operates as an AEP Centre which extends the programme to students from all non-AEP/EAP schools. Students will travel to NJC for their weekly lessons throughout the four-year secondary level programme and enjoy the same specialised and rigorous AEP curriculum in studio practice and art appreciation.

#### To apply for AEP @ NJC at Secondary 1:

- ✓ Must pass a selection exercise comprising short <u>art tasks</u> and/or a <u>portfolio</u> interview.
- ✓ Requires endorsement from student's own secondary school.
- ✓ Application window in first two weeks of January.

Official (Open)

## **AEP CENTRES**

#### Schedule & Lesson Timing (2024 cohort)

AEP Centre	Lower Sec	Upper Sec
National Junior College 37 Hillcrest Road, Singapore 288913	<b>Tuesdays</b> (3.00 – 6.00pm)	<b>Thursdays</b> (3.00 – 6.00pm)

#### Find out more!

Programme	Weblinks
AEP	https://moe.gov.sg/aep

The schedule reflected here may be subject to change.

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## MOE Music Programmes



#### Secondary Music Programmes: MEP

	MEP
Programme Aims	To develop students with interest, potential, and passion to pursue an indepth study of music.
Programme Duration	4 Years (Secondary 1 – 4)
Enrolment Period	Beginning of Sec 1
How MEP affects other Subjects  Takes MEP instead of D&T and FCE in lower secondary, hen D&T and F&N at upper secondary	
Subjects offered G3 Higher Music	
Option for Centre-Based Learning  Yes  (Anglo-Chinese School (Independent), Dunman High Sc	
Combined Schools Enrichment	Annual Secondary 3 Combined MEP & EMP Camp Biennial Combined MEP & EMP Concert Biennial Music Higher Education & Careers Fair

<sup>\*</sup>Teachers may recommend students to offer G3 Higher Music depending on students' readiness.

## MEP CENTRES

#### Schedule & Lesson Timing (2024 cohort)

	Centres	Lower Sec	Upper Sec
(Indep 121 Do Singap	Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) 121 Dover Road, Singapore 139650	<b>Thursdays</b> (3.30 – 5.30pm)	Fridays (3.00 – 6.30pm)
MEP	<b>Dunman High School</b> 10 Tanjong Rhu Road, Singapore 436895	<b>Wednesdays</b> (3.30 – 5.30pm)	Mondays (Sec 3) (3.30 - 6.45pm) Wednesdays (Sec 4) (3.30 - 6.45pm)

#### Find out more!

Programme	Weblinks
MEP	https://moe.gov.sg/mep

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## Full Subject-Based Banding (fSBB)

- Eligible students from PG 1 and 2 can offer English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science at a more demanding level based on their PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for each of these subjects. These students will receive an offer letter via Parent Gateway by <u>22 Dec 2023</u>.
- Students are to submit the hard copy forms to their home teachers by 3 Jan 2024.
- Eligibility
  - Option to take subject at G3 level AL5 or better in a Standard level subject
  - Option to take subject at G2 level AL6 or better in a Standard level subject OR AL A in a Foundation level subject

### SCHOOL HOURS

	Morning Assembly students are to be seated in classrooms by:	Ending Time In general, Sec 1 classes end at:
Mon	7.30am	2.00pm
Tues	7.30am	2.00pm
Wed	7.30am	3.20pm
Thur	7.30am	2.00pm
Fri	7.30am	12.40pm



**Snack break: 1200 – 1215 on (Mon, Tue, Thu)** 

**Lunch break: 1200 – 1240 (Wed)** 



#### Time-tabling structure:

- Blocks of 20-min
- 1 period: 40 mins
- Maximum for each subject is 2.5 periods
- Students may have some free time in blocks of 20-min n expected to be meaningfully engaged

\*reporting time for first day of school (2 Jan 2023) is at 7.30am and ends at 1.50pm.

#### CCA

- CCAs generally takes place from 3.00 pm -6.00pm, usually twice a week. No CCAs on Wednesdays.
- There will be a CCA selection briefing to students to explain the CCA selection process on 9 Jan 2024. CCA schedule will be made known to students in this session.
- The CCA Bazaar will be held on 13 Jan 2024 from 8.00am to 12.00pm to help Sec 1 students choose their CCAs.







## **OUTCOMES OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

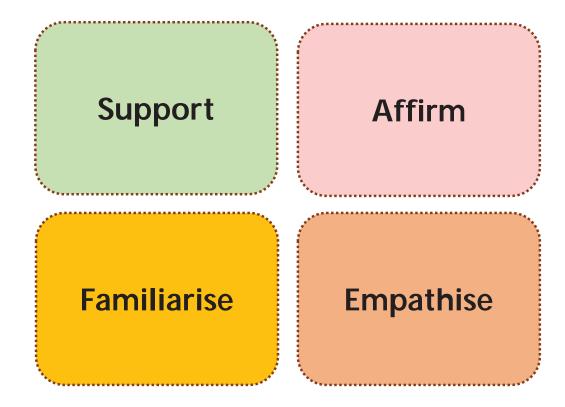
#### At the end of Secondary school, students should:

- Have moral integrity
- Believe in their abilities and be able to adapt to change
- Be able to work in teams and show empathy for others
- Be able to appreciate diverse views and communicate effectively
- Be creative and have an inquiring mind
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Enjoy physical activities and appreciate the arts
- Believe in Singapore and understand what matters to Singapore

At PRSS, we will build on the SKAV acquired in primary school and lay a strong foundation for post-secondary



## How can you support your child?



#### How can you support your child?

Here's how you can journey with your child:

#### Connect with them

- Set aside time to listen and understand how they are coping with school and CCA, their thoughts and feelings.
- Create opportunities outside of school that would help you and your child recognise their interests, skills, strengths and learning styles.

#### Support them to learn for life

- Stay open to the possible education and career pathways that are available and be flexible in discussing these pathways with them.
- Trust their abilities to grow to become better versions of themselves, while being careful not to project your expectations on them.
- Encourage them to take ownership of their goals and plans.

## **HOLISTIC EDUCATION @ PRSS**

## Holistic Development @PRSS

Healthy Individuals

Individuals with Integrity, Pride, Resilience and loyalty To Singapore Physical

Physically competent with skills, aptitude & attitude to maintain a healthy lifestyle

Social & Moral

Resilient and own their learning, rooted citizens with moral courage and integrity Cognitive

Inquisitive, motivated, reflective, innovative learners who think critically

Confident Learners Caring & Resilient Citizens

Morale

Interests, inclinations and aspirations are nurtured and realised Intellectual capacity to navigate life's complexities & bring positive change

Aesthetic

Ability to communicate thoughts, ideas, feelings thro' visual and performing arts

Leadership

Effective
leaders who are
good communicators,
inspiring others
to bring about
positive change

Individuals with Purpose and Zest in Life

Balanced & Creative Individuals

Active Citizens who make a Difference to the community



## Our Beliefs

 Every student can learn and grow in a caring and supportive environment

Teachers hold the key to unlock the hearts and minds of students

 Home-School Partnership is a critical part of a child's educational journey

- Every young person who enters our school gate should be given ample opportunities to grow and be a better version of himself/herself every year
- Teachers must **role model lifelong learning** and vision of SkillsFuture for Educators to grow their professional practice

## Our Mission, Vision & Core Values

- Vision: Confident Learners, Caring & Resilient Citizens
- Mission: Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams
- Core Values: Pride, Responsibility, Integrity, Zeal & Empathy (PRIZE)







## 37 years in education since 1985

## **Strategic Directions 2024**

- Student Agency in the 3Cs (Creators, Connectors, Contributors)
- The world as the school
- EdTech as a multiplier in Teaching & Learning
- Enhancing 21CC in Pasirians

- 3 Key Strategic Thrusts:
- ST1: Quality Learning thru skilful design & delivery
- ST2: Character Building thru a Holistic Education
- ST3: Enhance school capacity & capabilities thru synergistic partnerships

## Given how the operating contexts for our students have changed, there is room for further development of the following Emerging 21CC.

#### **Adaptive Thinking**

- Assesses different contexts and situations in order to make connections and draw new insights
- ii. Manages complexities and ambiguities by adjusting one's perspective and strategies

#### **Civic Literacy**

- Demonstrates understanding of values, ideals and issues of personal, community and national significance
- ii. Plays active and constructive roles to improve the school, community and nation



#### **Inventive Thinking**

- i. Explores possibilities and generates novel and useful ideas
- ii. Evaluates and refines ideas to formulate novel and useful solutions

#### Communication

- i. Effectively communicates information and coconstructs meaning
- ii. Engages empathetically with diverse perspectives

# Key initiatives

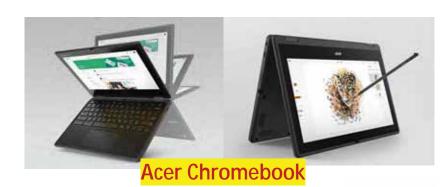
- ALP in Broadcast & Photo Journalism Eye on the world: Stories thru
  journalism
- LLP in Music and the Performing Arts
- Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) every student equipped with a Chromebook for learning
- SBB rollout since 2018 (fSBB in 2024)
- STEAM including Digital Literacies & Makerspace education
- Urban farming in line with Spore 2030 plan → eco Stewardship and Scientist@school programme
- NAC Artist in School Scheme since 2022
- Gear-up & Youth Clubhouse
- I & E efforts in curriculum eg "Scientist@School", Mathematics Trail, Geography Coastal Studies, Computational Thinking and many other authentic learning opportunities



## PERSONALISED DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAMME

All students will own a **Chromebook** as **personal learning device (PLD)** 

- ✓ Support the development of Digital Literacies
- ✓ Support self-directed and collaborative learning
- ✓ Enhance teaching & learning





### Key ICT Initiatives

- ☐ Hybrid Learning for cross-school team teaching
- □ Harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) for greater personalisation of students' learning
- ☐ Tiered System of Support (TSS) to develop Digital Literacy and technological skills
- E-Twinning to foster connections and collaborations



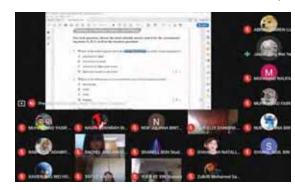




# FORTNIGHTLY BLENDED LEARNING (BL) DAYS

#### Normalising Home-based Learning (HBL)

- ☐ Aligned with MOE's **Learn for Life** movement
- Blended Learning as a permanent and regular feature to complement physical classroom teaching
- ☐ Fortnightly HBL days on even week Wednesdays in 2024 where students can be self-directed, independent learners
  - □ Date of 1<sup>st</sup> BL Day TBC

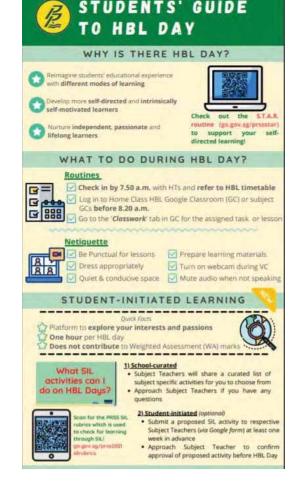




Opening of Comp Lab to support in-school learning during BL Days

Students may inform HTs if they would like to return to school

Some students may be invited back for BL Days



# ALP~ Applied Learning Programme

Eye on the World: Stories through Journalism

- Provide students with opportunities to relate learning to real-life situations
- Increase their awareness of local and global issues
- Develop critical thinking and effective communication skills through various journalism platforms
- Develop students' awareness of the media arts and journalism industry
- Allow students to appreciate multiple perspectives, think broadly and be more open-minded
- Foster students' deeper understanding about the world and society





## Distinctive Programme

10 hours annually

# LLP ~ Learning for Life Programme in Music & Performing Arts

All Pasirians can SHINE THROUGH THE ARTS

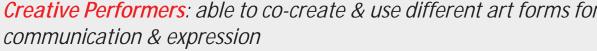
GOALS:

Cultured Citizens: well-acquainted to Global Culture & Arts

Reflective Learners: able to interpret, respond & reflect on their arts

experiences

Creative Performers: able to co-create & use different art forms for



CULTURAL FUSION WORKSHOPS – GAMELAN, HARMONIUM, LATIN GUITAR



POP UP CAFÉ JAMMING



## SIGNATURE PROGRAMME LEVEL CAMPS

S1:Camp Oneiric

S2:Camp Spark

S3:Camp

S4N:Camp Quest & Metamorphosis S4E5N:Camp Conquest



















Camp Oneiric 3-5 January 2024
Strong Start, Start Right

Non-residential

Orientation to new campus

Setting new goals

- Readiness for secondary school life
- Foster new friendships
- Affiliation to Pasirian culture
- Fun start to new school year









**Campus Tour** 

Campfire Night





## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### Performing Arts (5)

Chinese Orchestra
Choir
Concert Band
Modern Dance
English Drama

### Uniformed Groups (3)

NCC (Land) NCDCC NPCC







## Sports (5)

Badminton Basketball Football Netball Volleyball



Clubs (2)
Audio Visual Lights
Tinkers' Club



# PERFORMING ARTS CCAs





Netball (Girls)



Football (Boys)



**Badminton (Boys)** 



Basketball (Girls)

# SPORTS CCAs



Volleyball (Girls)



Volleyball (Boys)



Basketball (Boys)

# **UNIFORMED GROUPS**



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# **CLUBS & SOCIETIES CCA**





Tinkers' Club

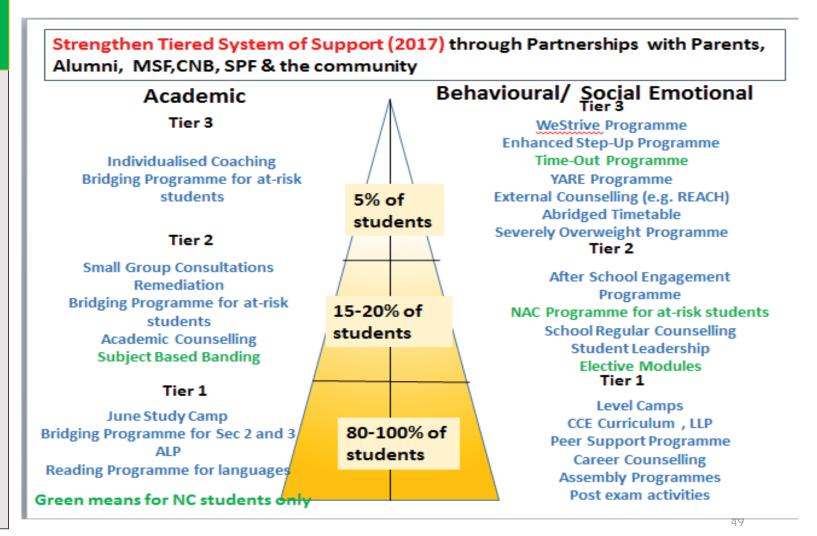
Audio Visual Lights Club

Tiered System of Support helmed by SDT (Student Development Team) in partnerships with the community

# Social, Emotional and Behavioural Development

### Student Development Team

- Year Heads Track & monitor overall student well-being
- HOD (Student Management)
- SH/Discipline
  - Student Discipline
- HOD (CCE) –Character &Citizenship Education
- SENO Special Educational Needs
- School Counsellors Social Emotional Needs



### Caring for Our Children as They Ease into Secondary School Life

Teenage years are full of changes.

As our children transit to secondary school, their lives will get busier, their circles of friends will expand, and we may even notice changes to the way they relate to us.

Throughout this phase and across these changes, show them that our **C.A.R.E** remains the same.



### Communicate like a parent and a friend

Show interest in their friendships, thoughts, and feelings, and listen without judgement.



### Acknowledge that their friends may matter more than before

Understand that their friends' opinions may be very important to them at this age.



### Respect their personal space to learn and grow

Allow them to develop their identity, manage their emotions, and handle challenges responsibly by themselves.



### Eat meals together regularly to check in with one another

Try some conversation starters such as "What did you enjoy doing today?" or "What are you looking forward to in school tomorrow?"

Via PG on 21 Dec afternoon



## Some resources to consider:

Via PG on 21 Dec afternoon



Read more about some key changes in our children's secondary school experiences and how we can support them.



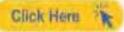






Learn about ways to support our children's mental well-being as they grow into teens.







Try these parenting strategies to bond with our teen-to-be.

#### Parenting Tips: Bonding with Your Teenager

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# SCHOOL-HOME PARTNERSHIP

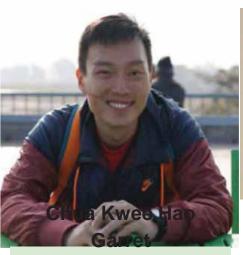
Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them.



To join our PSG in 2024, do scan the QR Code to register your interest.



- Parents-Teacher Conferencing/Meeting
- Parents can make appointment to meet teachers for both academic and non-academic areas; check with teachers when is the best time to meet
- Parents Gateway communications
   /newsletters/updates on school events/SMM, etc.
- PRSS website for latest info and updates on school events/programmes/announcements/ gallery/publications, etc.
- PSG workshops and events; Triple P workshops have scheduled to run in Feb 2024 (tentative dates: 16 & 23 Feb)
- Open House or showcase of students' work online
- School's key **briefings** e.g., Sec 1 registration, CCA bazaar, Sec 2 streaming, Breakfast Sessions, etc.



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Superintendent
Singapore Police





Mr Francis Yeow
Graduated in 1997
Chief Information Security Officer
Parkway Health Singapore



Lucian Teo
Graduated in 1993
User Education and
Outreach Specialist
at Google





Ms Jamie Ng Graduated in 2016 Brand Director



Mohamad Fahamy Koenitz Bin Iskandar Graduated in 1998 Doctor







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