



NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

2 JANUARY 2024

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 for 2024.



School Directions for 2024

Pasir Ris Secondary School (PRSS) is committed to our mission - Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams, to nurture our students to be Confident Learners, Caring and Resilient Citizens who have the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values to navigate the complexities of the VUCA world.

The school's key strategic directions are encapsulated in our 3 strategic thrusts:

- ST1-Quality Learning through Skilful Design & Delivery;
- ST2-Character Development & Active Citizenry through a Holistic Education;
- ST3-Enhancing School Capacity & Capability through synergistic partnerships

There are several new initiatives to uplift the school community in 2024 which include our work on the Future of Learning leveraging EdTech, student well-being and fostering an inclusive school. To this end, we will continue to partner MOEHO, NIE, ASTAR, NAC as well as the industry and community partners to improve the quality of school experience for all Pasirians. With these collaborations, we will be able to provide authentic experiences in interdisciplinary programmes such as STEAM, overseas learning journeys and e-twinning with schools in Asia and ASEAN, making the world our classrooms. High on our agenda is to foster student agency in growing self-leadership and developing every student as a Creator, Connector and Contributor.

The school is also committed to strengthening the Home-School Link where we partner parents to ensure a smooth transition and progression of our students. The breakfast sessions with parents will continue to be an important platform for us to exchange views on the school experiences of our students.

Let us strive forward, hand-in-hand, to prepare our youths for tomorrow!



Emergency and Health Matters

School will be conducting an attendance and temperature-taking exercise on **Wed, 10 January 2024** for all staff and students. All students are required to bring a functioning thermometer on Wed, 10 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.

In view of the rise in the number of local Covid-19 infections and the possible surge due to year-end festivities, the school would like to seek parents' support to keep our school a safe environment for our students.

If your child is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise social responsibility (e.g., by wearing a mask, minimising social interactions with big groups). Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.



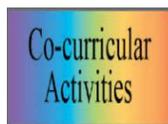
School Level Camps

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 	3 – 5 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 	
Sec 4E5N	Camp Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth mindset • Preparation for post-sec • Building resilience 	
Sec4N4NT	Camp Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills • Buiding Resilience 	

- 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 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 students make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, 13 January 2024 from 8.00am to 12.00pm** to showcase what the various CCAs. Secondary 1 students will also be given the opportunity to join up to three CCA sessions/trainings during the CCA Experience Weeks (**8 - 12 & 15 - 19 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 by **Tuesday, 23 January 2024** before the CCA allocation results are announced by **Friday, 2 February 2024**.



Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDL)

For Sec 1 students, the school will facilitate the purchase of the school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD) via the MOE bulk tender. Details regarding the purchase process have been disseminated via Parents Gateway on 21 December 2023. Parents without SingPass login may obtain a hard copy of the PLD Procurement Letter from the General Office via their child. The deadline to indicate intent to purchase the PLD through the school is **5 January 2024**. Please refer to the [school website](#) for more information on the programme.

All students are reminded to bring a personal padlock to use the school-provisioned PLD lockers to safe-keep their PLDs 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 can visit the ICT Office located at Blk C, Level 2 (opposite the Main Staff Room) after school hours during the following timings:



Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning (BL) days will continue to be implemented fortnightly in 2024 on even week Wednesdays. The BL days in Term 1 will start on 24 Jan for all levels. Sec 1 students who require a digital device during home-based learning may loan one from the ICT Office.

Students will stay at home to participate in the learning activities designed by their teachers, supported by their PLDs. For Student-Initiated Learning (SIL), students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about. 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 3 where more details will be shared.



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 entry gate B. 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. Remind your child to always use the zebra crossings outside the school when crossing the road. For parents who are driving, please exercise extra caution near zebra crossing and watch out for students crossing the road.

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.



Attendance

Daily Attendance Taking

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.



Recess and Snack breaks

There is one recess slot of 40 minutes for each level between 8.40am to 11.20am daily. Parents may refer to the timetable on the school website for more details. The school will continue with the 15-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.



Enrichments etc

School Bill

The school will be issuing the school bill for enrichment programmes and other charges in January. The bill will show the full cost of the enrichment programmes, subsidies borne by the school, co-payment required from the students and refund policy. If cash payment is needed for the enrichment programmes, you can choose to pay via PayNow, at the SAM kiosk or the school's general office. Parental consent will be sought for the enrichment programmes before the school 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 the following sessions with School Leaders and Key Personnel on the following dates:

1) Parent Engagement Session (Friday, 5.30-6.30pm)

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
2 Feb	23 Feb	19 Jan	12 Jan

2) Breakfast Session with School Leaders and Key Personnel:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
12 Apr	26 Apr	19 Apr	03 May

More information regarding the above sessions will be provided nearer the date via PG.



Counselling and Learning Support

The school takes an active approach in providing our students with the knowledge and skills to take care of their mental wellness and know when and how to seek help and support. For students who need to speak to someone about their concerns and challenges or who need specialised learning and behavioural support, they can approach their Home Teachers or contact the School Counsellor / Special Educational Needs Officer (SENO) at the following email addresses and contact numbers.

Name	Contact No.	Email Add
Ms Lorraine Teo (School Counsellor)	6501 0839	lorraine_teo_pek_lian@moe.edu.sg
Ms Atiqah (SENO)		nur_atiqah_nasir@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, with one student scoring 5 distinctions, while 72.7% of our 4NA students qualify for 5NA, with 7 students scoring 4 distinctions and above.



Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Ms Santha Sukumaran	Vice-Principal
Mr Sim Chun Siang	HOD/Student Development
Mr Muhammad Hafidz Khan Surattee	HOD/Student Management
Mr Robert Lee Teck Hock	Subject Head/Maths
Ms Nithiyaa Rajaratnam	Level Head/EL
Mr Ong Ting Kai	Teacher / Music
Ms Fam Hui Yuen	Teacher / Music
Mr Ernest Yeo Yingcai	Teacher / EBS
Ms Maryam Binte Anuar	Teacher / EL
Ms Ong Yan Lin	NIE Trainee / Bio & Chem

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

Name	Posting wef 1 Jan 2024
Mr Lin Pei	Junyuan Sec Sch
Ms Jasmine Peh	St. Hilda's Sec Sch
Ms June Ho Wei Wei	Yuying Sec Sch
Mr Gan Chun Seng	Bedok South Sec Sch

Name	Reason for Leaving/Absence
Ms Hannah Lum	No-pay Leave
Mr Ong Rui Wen	No-pay Leave
Mr Seah Kok Thuan	End of Contract

Important Dates in Term 1 2024

Date	Event
2 Jan	First Day of School
3 - 5 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation & Sec 2-5 Level Camps
10 Jan	Attendance & Temperature Taking Ex
12 Jan	Sec 4 & 5 Parents Engagement Session
13 Jan	CCA Bazaar

19 Jan	Sec 3 Parents Engagement Session
2 Feb	Sec 1 Parents' Engagement Session
9 Feb	Chinese New Year (CNY) Celebrations
15 Feb	Total Defence Day
13 - 20 Feb	Safety & Security Week
29 Feb	Sec 3 NRIC Registration