

**Pasir Ris Secondary School  
e-Open House 2021  
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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](mailto:prss@moe.edu.sg)*

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

**4. What time does school start and end?**

*In view of existing SMM due to COVID-19, the school has implemented staggered reporting / dismissal times. In general, students report between 8.10 to 8.25 AM on Mondays and between 7.30 – 7.45 AM from Tuesdays to Fridays. Students are dismissed between 2.10 to 3.00 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays, between 2.10 to 3.20 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 12.40 PM onwards on Fridays.*

**5. How many Secondary 1 classes will there be in 2022?**

*Based on 2021 enrolment, we have 7 classes – 4 Express; 2 Normal Academic; 1 Normal Technical.*

**6. What is the average class size?**

*Capped at 40 students per class and may vary for SBB and MTL lessons.*

## **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 will the Secondary 1 registration exercise be conducted?**

*The day after the release of the Secondary 1 posting results. A Secondary 1 registration webinar will be conducted and parents will also be furnished with further details via Parents Gateway. A toolkit on Secondary 1 registration will be made available for parents via our school website.*

### **9. When and how can Secondary 1 students purchase their books?**

*Parents will be briefed on the purchase of books during the Secondary 1 registration webinar. Parents are strongly encouraged to make their purchases online (by appointment only).*

### **10. When is the school able to confirm requests for transfers?**

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

### **11. What are the possible valid reasons for MOE transfers (Mass Appeal)?**

*Serious medical conditions and physical impairments.*

### **12. Can Secondary 1 students wear their primary school uniforms to school while waiting for results of their transfer?**

*Yes.*

### **13. 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 also write to [contact@moe.gov.sg](mailto:contact@moe.gov.sg). The school is not able to process direct admission for IS.*

## Subjects Offered

### 14. Are Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTLs) offered?

*Yes. The school offers Higher Chinese Language (HCL) and Higher Malay Language (HML). In the event where enrolment is low for HML, students will attend classes at a designated HML centre.*

### 15. 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.*

### 16. What is Subject-Based Banding (SBB)?

*Subject-Based Banding provides an opportunity for students to nurture their strengths and opens up multiple pathways in their learning journey. Starting from Secondary 1, SBB allows your child to take specific subjects at a higher academic level, if he / she is deemed suitable. For instance, if he / she is in the N(A) or N(T) course and is eligible for SBB, he / she will be able to take some subjects at the Express or N(A) level.*

### 17. What are the subjects offered in Secondary 1?

<b>Express / Normal Academic</b>	<b>Normal Technical</b>
English Language* English Literature	English Language*
MTL* (CL/ML) HMTL (HCL/HML) [For Express students only]	Basic MTL* (BCL/BML/CL/ML)
Mathematics*	Mathematics* Computer Applications
Science*	Science*
History Geography	Social Studies
Art Design & Technology Food & Consumer Education Music	Art Design & Technology Food & Consumer Education Music
Physical Education	Physical Education
Character and Citizenship Education	Character and Citizenship Education

*\*Subject-Based Banding subjects*

### 18. What are the subjects offered in Upper Secondary?

<b>Express</b>	<b>Normal Academic</b>	<b>Normal Technical</b>
English Language English Literature	English Language*	English Language*
MTL (CL/ML) HMTL (HCL/HML)	MTL* (CL/ML)	Basic MTL* (BCL/BML)
Mathematics Additional Mathematics Principles of Accounts	Mathematics* Additional Mathematics Principles of Accounts	Mathematics* Computer Applications
Biology Chemistry	Combined Science (Physics / Chemistry)*	Science*

<i>Physics</i> <i>Combined Science (Physics / Chemistry)</i> <i>Combined Science (Chemistry / Biology)</i>		
<i>Geography</i> <i>History</i> <i>Humanities (Social Studies / Geography Elective)</i> <i>Humanities (Social Studies / History Elective)</i> <i>Humanities (Social Studies / Literature Elective)</i>	<i>Humanities (Social Studies / Geography Elective)</i> <i>Humanities (Social Studies / History Elective)</i>	<i>Social Studies</i> <i>Elements of Business Skills</i>
<i>Art</i> <i>Design &amp; Technology</i> <i>Food &amp; Consumer Education</i> <i>Music</i>	<i>Art</i> <i>Design &amp; Technology</i> <i>Food &amp; Consumer Education</i> <i>Music</i>	<i>Art</i> <i>Design &amp; Technology</i> <i>Music</i>
<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>
<i>Character and Citizenship Education</i>	<i>Character and Citizenship Education</i>	<i>Character and Citizenship Education</i>

*\*Subject-Based Banding subjects*

<p><i>Key Initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Applied Learning Programme (ALP): Eye on the World - Stories through Journalism</i></li> <li>● <i>Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in Music and Performing Arts</i></li> <li>● <i>National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) - Pilot School for Personal Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) in 2019</i></li> <li>● <i>Level Camps &amp; Sec 3 OBS</i></li> <li>● <i>Overseas Twinning Programme</i></li> <li>● <i>Student Leadership</i></li> </ul>
<p><i>Other school / level-wide programmes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>NA / NT Elective Electives</i></li> <li>● <i>Digital Media</i></li> <li>● <i>STEAM</i></li> <li>● <i>IPW</i></li> <li>● <i>CCE</i></li> <li>● <i>EL Drama-in-Curriculum</i></li> </ul>

## CCAs Offered

### 19. What are the CCAs available in your school?

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

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

*There will be a CCA Bazaar organized for Secondary 1 students in January to expose them to the CCAs offered by the school. Performing Arts auditions and Sports trials will be conducted for students who are interested in a particular performing arts or sports CCA. Students will then go through the CCA Experience Week to experience the CCAs of their choice before they make their selection on their CCA choices. The school will allocate CCAs to the students based on their selection, results of their audition/trials subject to enrolment criteria for each CCA for the year.*

## **National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)**

### **21. What is the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)?**

*Since 2019, PRSS participated in the 1:1 Learning Pilot Project with the Ministry of Education (MOE). By integrating technology and digital learning into school-wide curriculum, pedagogy and assessment, teachers design to bring about student-centric and active learning experiences in a 1:1 learning environment facilitated by a Personal Learning Device (PLD).*

*In March 2020, MOE launched the NDLP 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. Riding on this programme, PRSS transitioned from a school-leased to student-owned PLD approach to help students develop student agency and ownership of their learning as they are able to pace their learning anytime, anywhere.*

### **22. When will my child get his Personal Learning Device (PLD)?**

*Students can expect to receive their PLD tentatively from the end of Term 1 onwards.*

### **23. 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 enrol in January 2022. 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.*

### **24. 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. MOE FAS students who require home broadband may apply for a free 3-year subscription under the NeuPC Plus Programme.*

#### **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 graduates / leaves the school.*

### **25. What is Blended Learning (BL)? How frequently will it be conducted?**

*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.*

### **26. How frequently will BL be conducted?**

*BL will take place once a fortnight.*

## School Fees and Financial Assistance

### 27. What are the monthly secondary education fees for Singapore Citizens (SC)?

	<b>School Fees</b>	<b>Standard Miscellaneous Fees</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tier Miscellaneous Fees (deducted via Edusave)</b>	<b>Total</b>
SC	\$5	\$10	\$10	\$25

### 28. What are the monthly secondary education fees for non-Singapore citizens?

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>School fees</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Fees</b>	<b>Total</b>
PR	\$440	\$20	\$460
IS (ASEAN)	\$840	\$20	\$860
IS (Non-ASEAN)	\$1600	\$20	\$1620

### 29. 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 (SAC) Financial Assistance Scheme if they meet the income criteria. Both schemes offer waiver of school fees and standard miscellaneous fee as well as the provision of free textbooks and uniform. The school also offers other forms of financial aids such as the MOE Opportunity Fund, NEU PC Plus Programme, and Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund to eligible students to provide additional financial support.*

## **Miscellaneous**

### **30. 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 the next GR&R for our school will be in 2023. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### **31. What is the school's policy on the use of mobile phones during school time?**

*The use of mobile phones is not allowed during school curriculum hours, unless during ICT-infused lessons conducted by teachers, where mobile phones may be used for learning purposes. Students may use their mobile phones during recess and lunch breaks in the canteen area only.*

### **32. 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 range of variety of food options, including 2 Chinese food stalls, 3 Malay food stalls and 1 Western food stall. In addition, the canteen has 2 drinks stalls, which also sell healthy snacks.*