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Secondary Three Parents' Engagement Session

17 January 2025



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PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Time	Activities
5:00pm	Welcome and sharing by Vice-Principal, Mr Tan Tai Huat
5:20pm	Sharing by Upper Secondary Year Head, Ms Janice Han, HOD/CCE, Mr Tan Chee Tiong and SH/PE, Mdm Minna Koh
5:45pm	Q&A
6:00pm	Interaction with Class Mentors
6.30pm	End of Programme

Question and Answer (Q&A)

To ask a question, open "Q&A" at the top right hand corner of your Teams window.

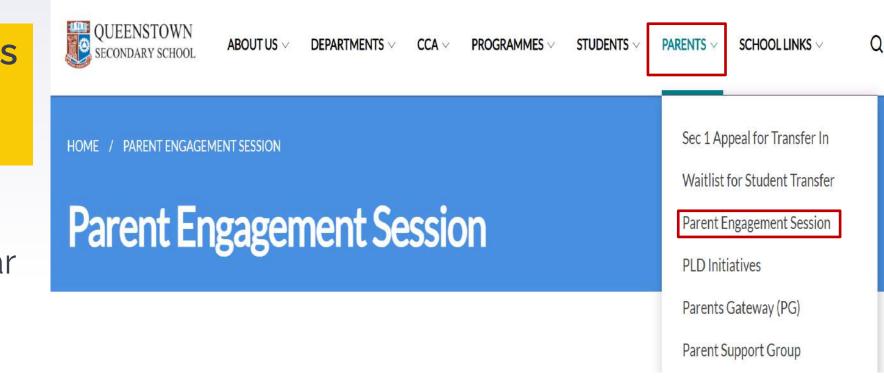
To ask a question, type in the Ask a question text box at the top of the Q&A panel.

Queries related to class matters can be raised during the "Interaction with Class Mentor" segment.



Upload of Slides on School Website

Slides shared during the webinar will be made available on the school website by next Wednesday, 22January 2025.

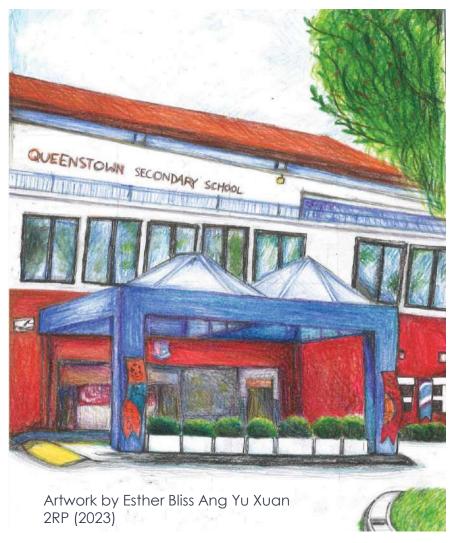


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Address by Vice-Principal



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... where your child's Guest continues

At Queenstown... We believe in the unique worth of the individual, the enhancement of his well-being. Celebrating different strengths, talents, and **aspirations**.

Opportunities for Growth

Higher Academic Rigour

Content will be <u>broader</u> and <u>deeper</u>, students would be expected to demonstrate higher order skills (e.g. For History, inferences from content in S2 would suffice, while demonstrating critical thinking in S3 is expected. For Sciences, while a broad understanding of Sciences would meet the S2 baseline demand, S3 is expected to be more precise and rigorous in explanation)



Opportunities for Growth

Leadership Opportunities

- Contribute to positive self-concept amongst students
- Provide more opportunities to develop
 future-oriented leaders

Leadership **is independent of role/appointment**, students could hone their leadership in **formal and informal** roles, be it as CCA Captain or Group Leaders in projects.

Supporting the Transition From Sec 2 to 3

CHALLENGES	DESIRED OUTCOMES
 Increased expectations of being self-directed 	 A passionate learner who is a self-directed and manages multiple roles and expectations effectively
 Face multiple demands on his/her time and multiple expectations from different areas 	 Be able to prioritise tasks, practice self- discipline and good time-management. Be resilience, adopts a Growth Mindset and able to handle stress.
 Discover strengths and passion, and explore possible career options 	• A reflective thinker who works hard to achieve his/her dream, supported by parents and school.

Upgraded Facilities







Use of mobile phones in school

To inculcate a positive learning culture in QTSS and ensure students are focused in their learning, all mobile phones must be switched off and kept in their lockers during curriculum time and school programme / events.



Use of mobile phones in school

• To build stronger relationships with their peers through face-toface interactions especially during recess time.

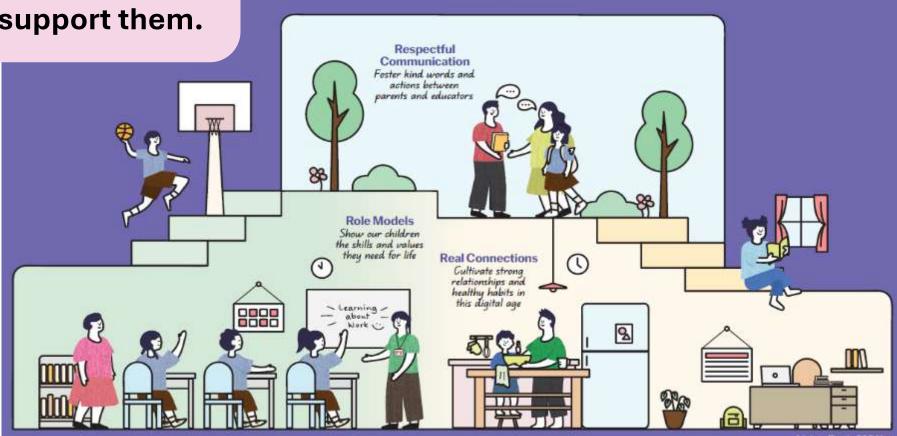
To enhance student well-being

Students have been reminded on the **responsible use** of mobile phones when needed e.g. they cannot take any photograph, video or audio recording of any school staff or student without seeking their permission.



School-Home Partnership

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Guidelines for School-Home Partnership Raising a Happy, Confident, and Kind Generation Together



A joint effort in 2024 by the Ministry of Education and COMPASS

3 areas we can work together on to foster School-Home Partnership

2 Role Models Respectful Communication **3** Real Connections

Respectful Communication

Foster kind words and actions between parents and educators



Listen to and understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child



Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers

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Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours

Role Models

Show our children the skills and values they need for life



Find joy in everyday experiences with our children



Instill confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in our children's abilities



Model good values in words and actions





Check out this video on MOE YouTube for tips on how parents can support the social-emotional learning of their children.

Real Connections

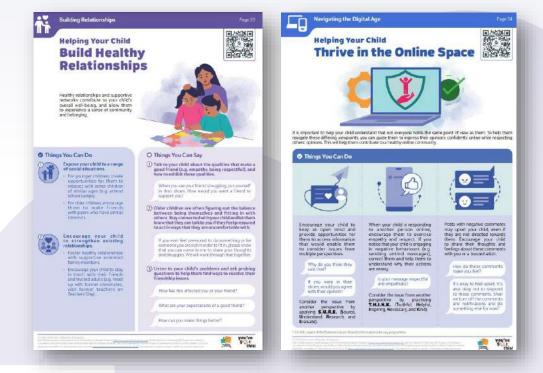
Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age

Establish good habits for our children to stay confident and in control of their technology use



Provide a balanced mix of engaging online
→ and offline activities, at school and at home

Build strong bonds through shared experiences and meaningful conversations





Check Parenting for Wellness Toolbox for conversation starters to facilitate meaningful conversations, and practical strategies on parenting in a digital age.

Engagement Charter

• The partnership between schools and parents is an essential one.

 By promoting mutual courtesy and respect in our interactions with each other, we can be good role models for our children and build authentic partnerships that will better benefit our children.



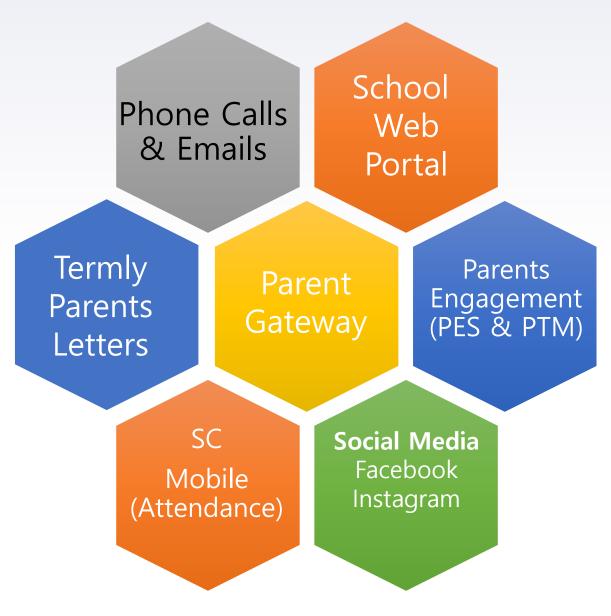
RESPECTING OUR STAFF

Our staff are committed to partner you with sincerity, integrity and professionalism.

By showing mutual courtesy and respect, we set a positive example for our children.

MOE values our staff and will take firm action to protect them against any unreasonable behaviour, harassment or abuse.

Home-School Partnership



The teachers' working hours are from 7.30am - 5.30pm.

Feel free to email any of us for any clarification and arrange for an appointment if needed.

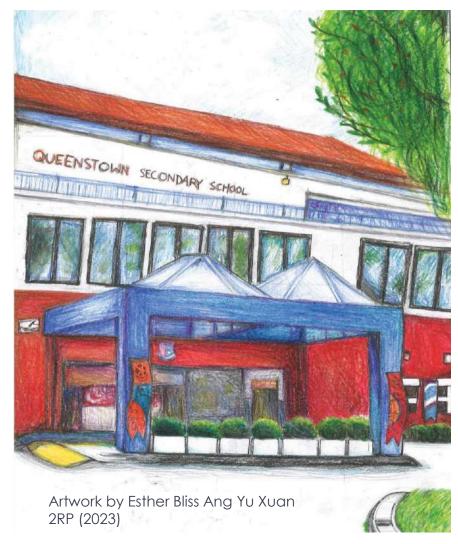
Our email addresses can be found in our school website. My colleagues and I will get back within 3 working days.

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Briefing By: Upper Secondary Year Head



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Our focus in 2025

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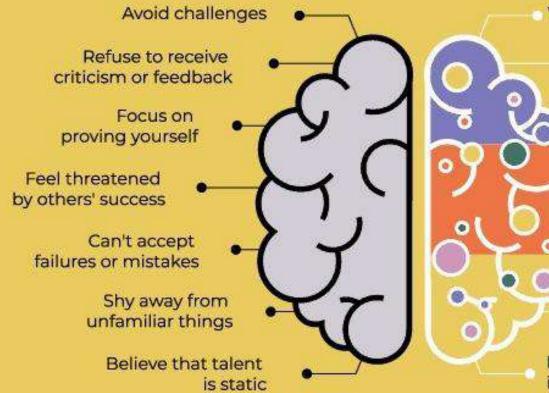
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Growth Mindset: A key to success

Fixed Mindset vs Growth Mindset



View challenges as opportunities

Embrace constructive feedback

Focus on the process, not the end result

Be inspired by others' success

Learn and grow from failures

Always step out of the comfort zone

Believe that talent is ever-improving

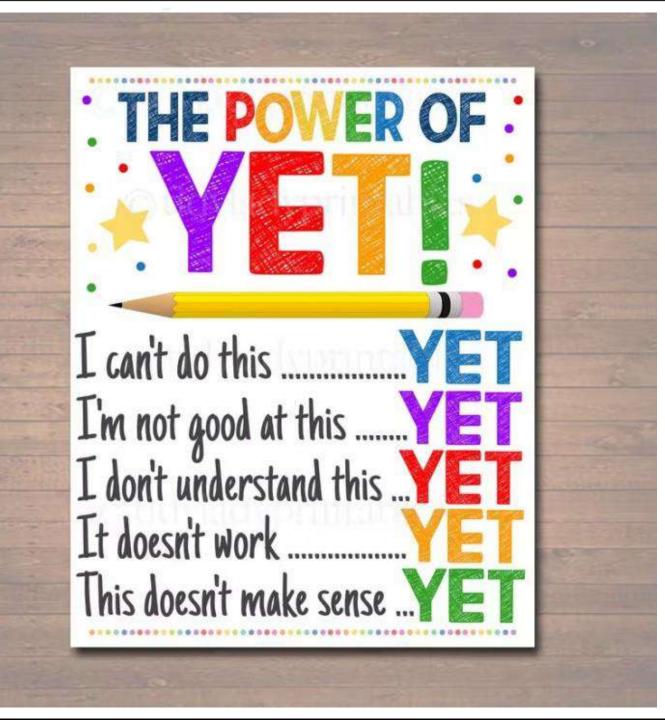


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Use the Power of YET

Example: I don't understand this <mark>yet</mark> (learning gap)

I can ... (actions to close learning gap)



Respect. AP

A Arrive on Time

- Report punctually for lessons
- Move between venues within 5 minutes

C Cleanliness

Keep the classroom clean and tidy

L Learning Materials • Have all required learning materials on table

A Attention

- Be attentive and focused during lessons
- Submit all assignments on time
- Respect teachers' and classmates' right to teach and learn

P Positive Greetings

Greet teachers at the start and end of the lesson

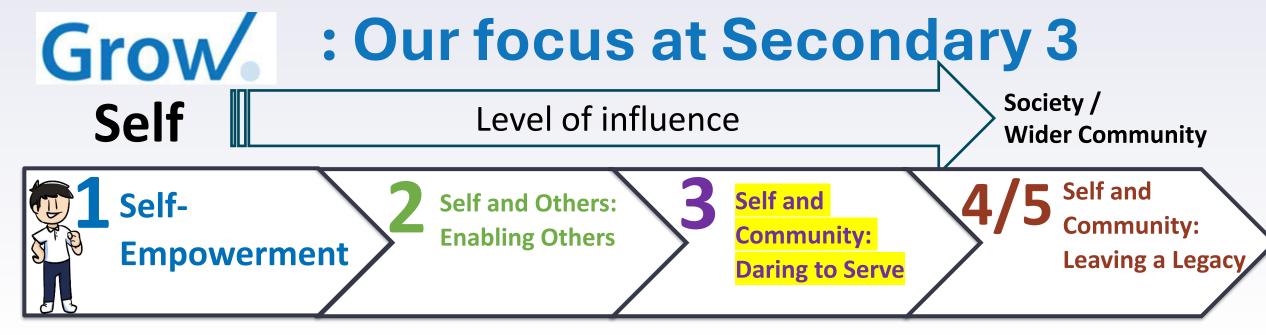
Student Outcomes

Flourishing Learner who pursues their interests and passion and strives for growth

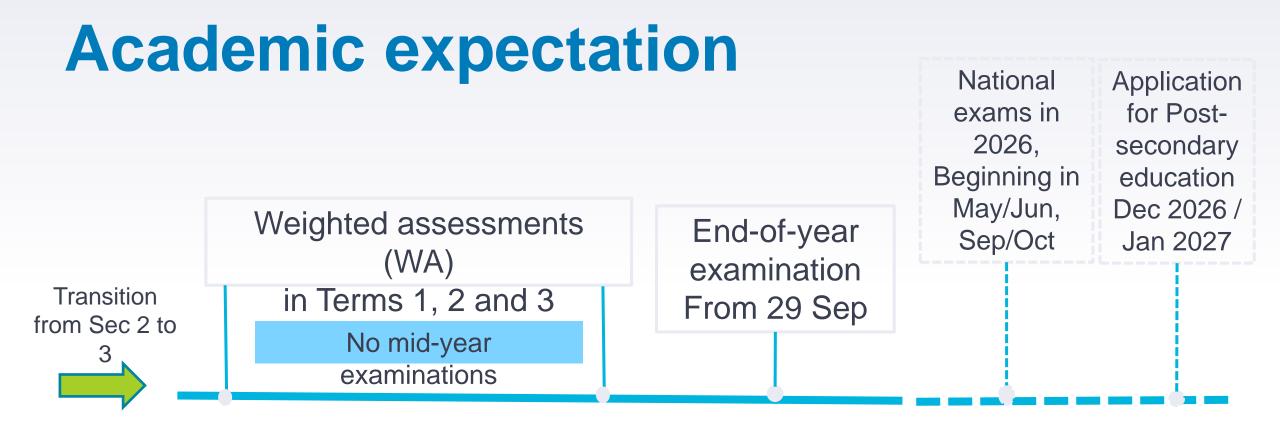
Future-Oriented Leader

who cares by serving the larger community and the environment

Artwork by Mavelle Chong Shye-Ann (3GR, 2023)



- Strengthen personal uniqueness and extend learning for betterment of school
- Take ownership of learning with sustained motivation to achieve personal and group goals
- Value challenges and learn from failures to adjust plans
- Lead and drive collective actions for sustainability



Students have started a 1.5 years course in preparation for the GCE N- or O-Level Examination

- Increase in academic rigor of subjects
- Increased expectations of being self-directed

- Face multiple demands on his/her time and multiple expectations from different areas

Academic expectation – Assessment plan

Level / Assessment	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Weighting	Weighted assessment	Weighted assessment	Weighted assessment	End-of-Year examination
Sec 3	10%	15%	15%	60%

Academic expectation – Promotion criteria

Level/Course	Criteria for promotion	Pass
3/Express	Grade 6 or better in EL and 2 other subjects	Promoted to 4Exp
	Failed EL but obtained Grade 6 or better in 5 subjects	Advanced to 4Exp
3/Normal (Academic)	Grade 5 or better in a. EL and 2 other subjects OR b. 4 subjects	Promoted to 4N(A)
3/Normal (Technical)	Grade 5 or better in 2 subjects, one of which should be EL or Math	Promoted to 4N(T)

Co-curriculum Programme

Co-Curricular Activity (CCA) based on LEAPS 2.0

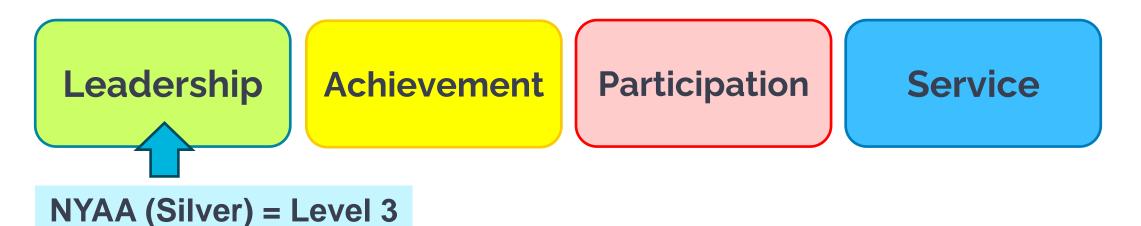
Education and Career Guidance Aptitude and Interest-based Admission to Post Secondary Education Institutions

- Direct School Admission
- Early Admission Exercise



 Reinforcement of the holistic education every Singapore student should receive

4 domains with levels of attainment



Summary of LEAPS 2.0 can be found in the Student Handbook Student Handbook

Safety and Well-Being

Quick Drop-Off and Pick-Up Points







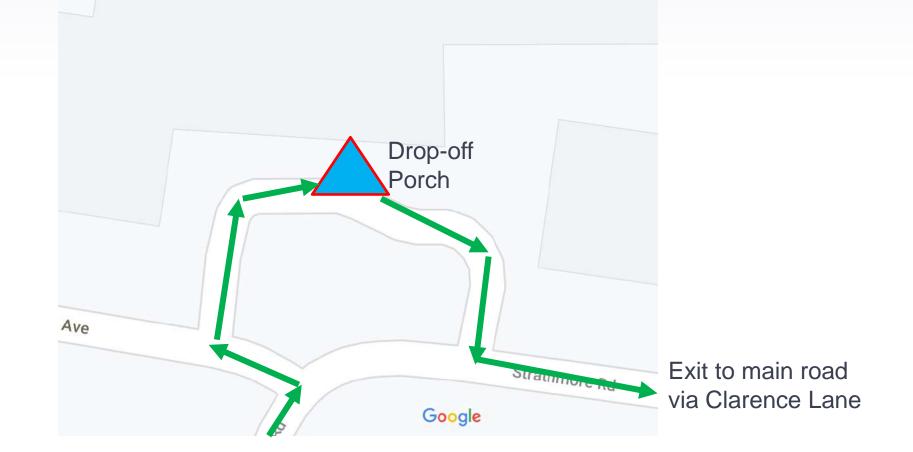
HDB Carparks (Alternatives if the drop-off point(s) are packed)



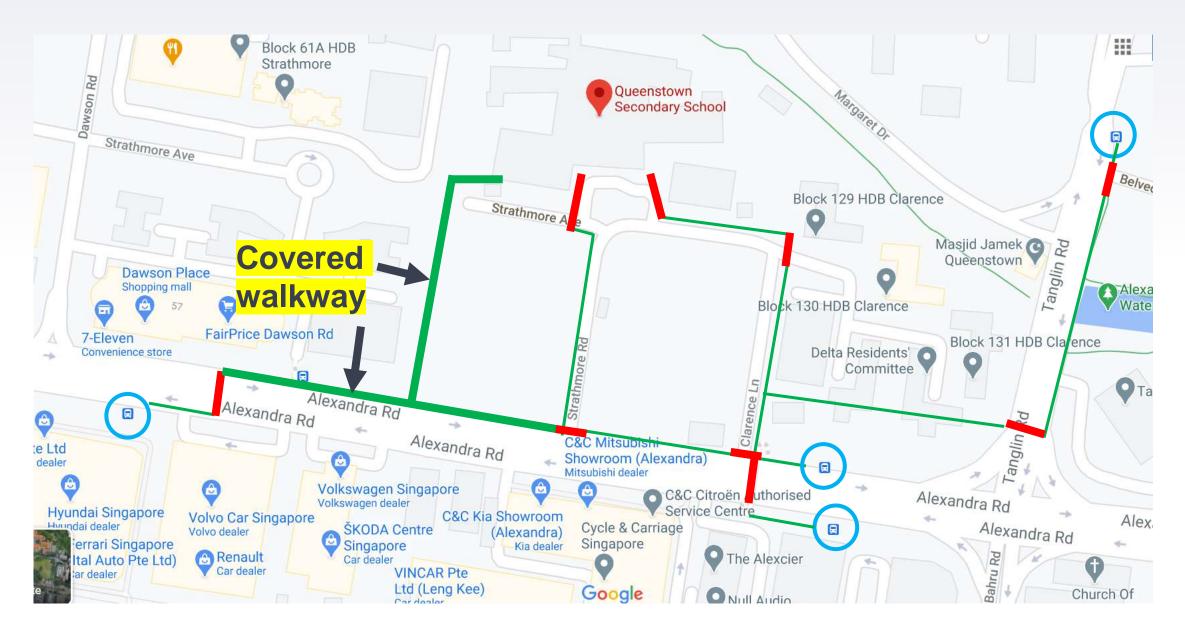


Safety

Quick Drop-Off and Pick-Up Point In the Event of Wet Weather (Inside QTSS)



Safe Routes for Walking To School



Be Vigilant at the Crossing Outside Safety Main Gate





School Canteen Vendor Opportunity



Looking for reliable food vendors to operate in our school canteen and cater to our students' needs.

Well-Being

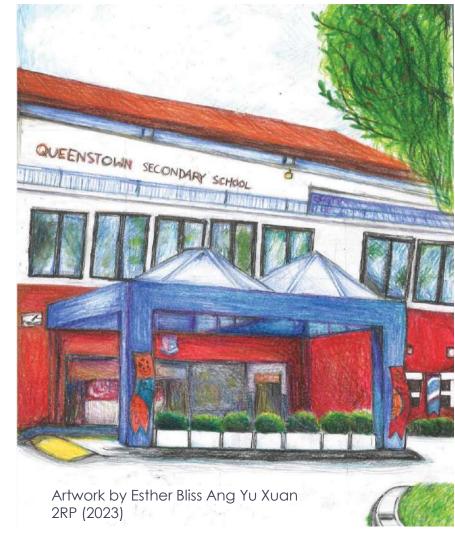
Vendors providing halal food are especially encouraged to apply.

Please reach out to us if you have any contacts or are interested.

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Post-secondary education pathways

What are the various Post-Secondary School options available?

3 MAIN TYPES OF OPTIONS

1. Junior Colleges (JCs) or Millennia Institute

Prepares students for the GCE 'A' level examination

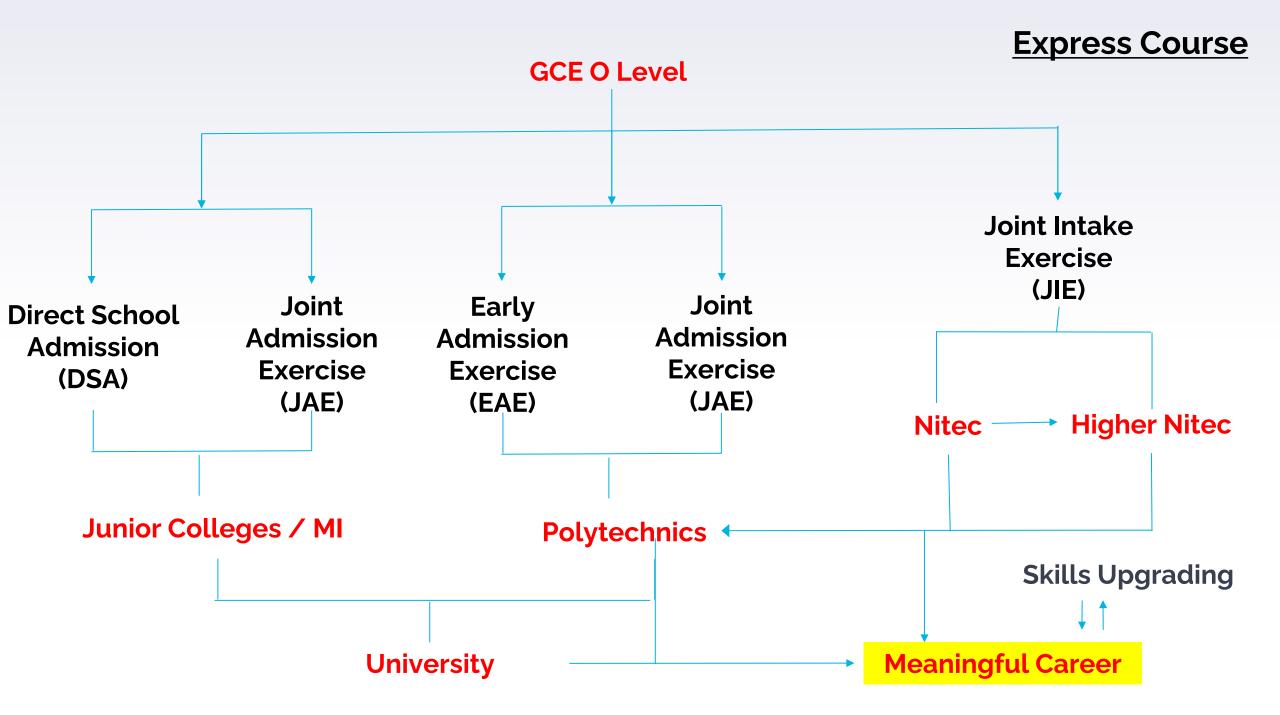


3. Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

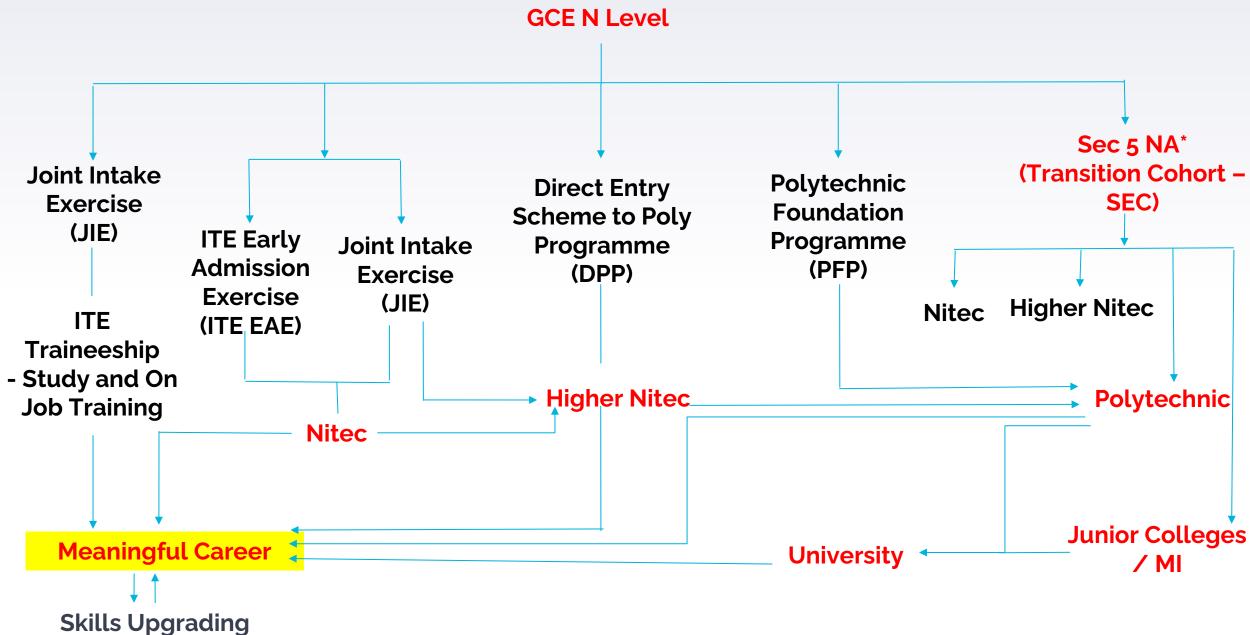
Equips students with technical knowledge and skills relevant to the industry.

2. Polytechnics / LaSalle / NAFA

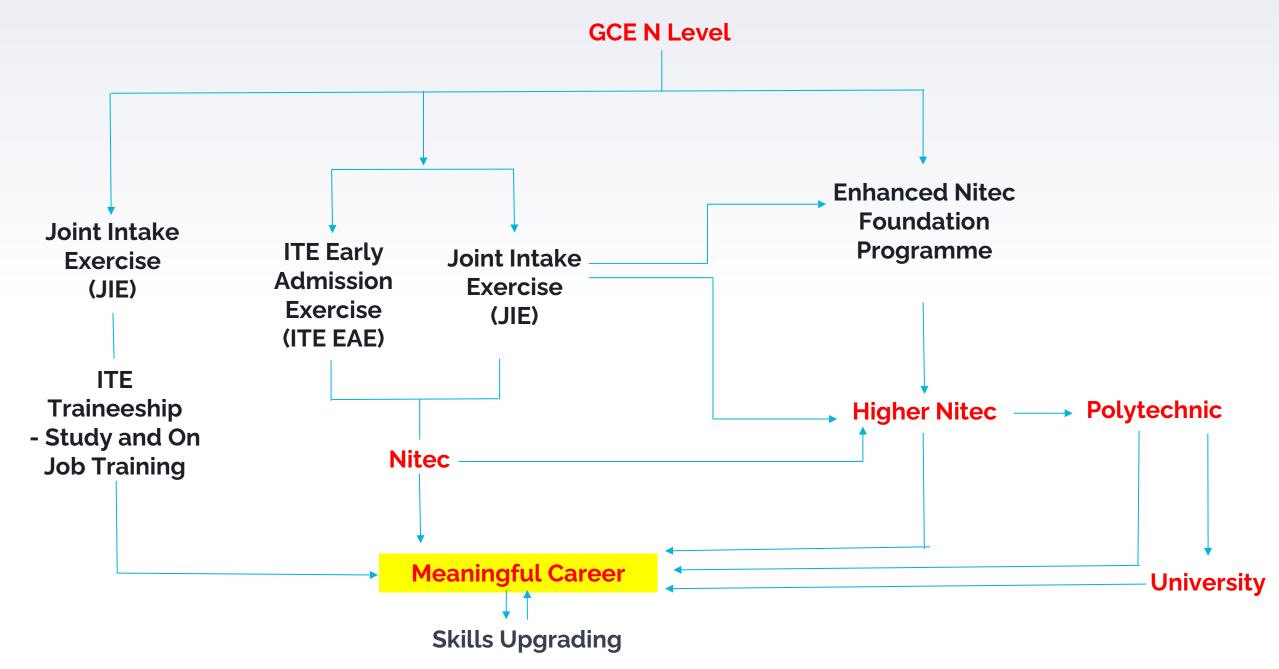
Trains students with relevant skills for the workplace



N(A) Course



N(T) Course



Securing a Post-secondary Education Opportunity

Exam-based

- Joint Admission Exercise
 (O Levels)
- Joint Intake Exercise
 (N Levels & O Levels)
- Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)
- Direct Entry
 Scheme to Polytechnic Programme (DPP)

Strengths, interests, and passion-based

- Direct Schools Admission JC (DSA-JC)
- Early Admission Exercise Poly (EAE – Poly)
- Early Admission Exercise ITE (EAE-ITE)

Junior College vs Polytechnic

Junior College	Polytechnic
L1R5 ≤ 20	ELR2B2 ≤ 26
 7 subjects 1 major examination i.e. GCE A-Level Examination Preparation in 2 years 	 25-30 bite-sized modules Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) Learning is paced out (3 years)
 Academic-focused 	 Industry-focused
Legend:	EL = English Language
L1 = English or Higher Mother Tongue	R2 = 2 Relevant subjects
R5 = 5 Relevant subjects	B2 = 2 Best subjects

Aggregate range for JC and MI can be found in SchoolFinder website at <u>www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder</u> or JAE Information Booklet

N(A) Course

Direct-Entry-Scheme to	Polytechnic Foundation
Polytechnic Programme (DPP)	Programme (PFP)
 ELMAB3 ≤ 19 (excluding CCA bonus points) AND Subject-specific requirements 	 ELMAB3 ≤ 12 (excluding CCA bonus points) AND Subject-specific requirements

- Students are assured of a place in a relevant polytechnic diploma course if they meet the qualifying Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements upon graduation from ITE
- Students are given provisional places in diploma programmes if they pass all modules in the PFP

Full-Time 3-Year Higher Nitec

3-Year Higher Nitec Courses by School	Course Code	College Code	2022 JIE 'N' ITE Aggregate Point (based on <u>4 subjects</u>)	Minimum Entry Requirements
BUSINESS & SERVICES				
Accounting ⑦	HF3AC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	3 5 4	3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in English Language and two other subjects Or 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in any two subjects
Sport Management ①⑦ Applicants should possess a strong interest for sports, good communication skills and a service mindset. Shortlisted applicants have to attend an interview on-campus scheduled on Tue 27 Dec 2022 or Wed 28 Dec 2022 and pass a prescribed medical examination.		CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	6 13 9	
ELECTRONICS & INFO-COMM TECHNOLOGY		50		
AI Applications 7 NEW	HF3AI	CC-AM CW-CK	-	 3 GCE 'N' Passes (Grade A-D or Grade 1-5) in Mathematics or Science* and two other subjects Or 2 GCE 'O' Grades (Grade 1-8) in any two subjects * Mobile Robotics, Smart Electrical Technology, Mechanical Design & Automation, IoT Applications and Mobile Web Applications subjects can be used in lieu of Science for admission to these 3-Year Higher Nitec courses
Business Information Systems ⑦	HF3BI	CE-SM	4	
Cyber & Network Security ⑦	HF3CN	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	5 7 7	
Data Engineering ⑦ NEW	HF3DE	CW-CK	-	
Electronics Engineering 27	HF3EC	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	8 16 13	
Immersive Applications & Game ⑦	HF3IG	CC-AM	-	
IT Applications Development ⑦	HF3IA	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	6 6 9	
IT Systems & Networks ⑦	HF3IS	CC-AM CE-SM CW-CK	6 9 14	
Security System Integration 27	HF3SI	CE-SM CW-CK	n	Completed GCE 'N' Level Or Completed GCE 'O' Level

N(A) and N(T) Course

Examples of available courses:

 New curricular structure that allows students to graduate with Higher Nitec after 3 years of training instead of 4 years.

DSA-JC

What is Direct School Admission (DSA)?

DSA-JC allows students to seek admission to a Junior College (JC) on the **basis of talents and achievements** that may not be demonstrated at the GCE 'O' level examination.

DSA-JC enables students to enter suitable academic and nonacademic programmes in JCs that can develop the students in these areas. *DSA-JC will require the students to submit their Secondary 3 EOY results

DSA-JC Timeline



Early Admission Exercise (EAE)

 Aptitude-based admissions exercise that allows students to apply and receive conditional offers for admission to Poly or ITE before receiving results of the national examinations

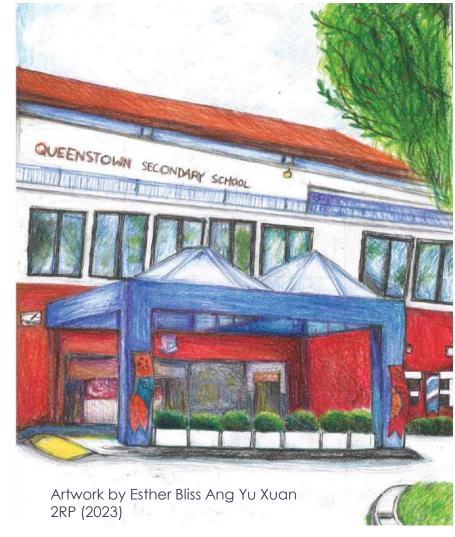
When to apply?

- Submit application from May(ITE) to June(Poly)
 - Eligibility
- Pass various modes of assessment to assess aptitude and interest for the courses
- As part of selection process, students may need to submit portfolios, undergo interviews and aptitude tests.
- Where relevant, selection will also consider student's achievement in sports, arts leadership, entrepreneurship and community service (participation in CCA is important)

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Briefing By: SH/PE





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Parents Briefing for MOE-OBS Challenge Programme

COURSE DATES:

Course A: 3 – 7 Feb 2025 (3SG 1, 3, 4 and 7) Course B: 10 – 14 Feb 2025 (3SG 2,5 and 6)



Ministry of Education SINGAPORE

TEACHER CO-ORDINATOR:

Mrs Minna Cheong

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WHAT IS THE MOE-OBS CHALLENGE (MOC) PROGRAMME?

A STREAM TO THE PARTY AND

A HOLISTIC EDUCATION

- As part of the National Outdoor Adventure Education Masterplan, students will have opportunities outside the classroom to develop holistically; building up their ruggedness and resilience.
- Authentic learning experiences help our students to develop 21st century competencies as well as competencies for sustainable, active and healthy living.



Outdoor Adventure Learning Experience For All

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Lower Primary	Upper Primary	Lower Secondary	Upper Secondary
Programme for Active Learning (Outdoor Education)	Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL) Camp	Outdoor Adventure Learning (OAL) Camp	MOE-OBS Challenge Programme

Your Child's Journey

Pre-Course Lessons & Preparation



MOC Course



Post-Course Lessons & Reflections

- Outdoor Education in PE lessons
- Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons
- Pre-course lesson with
 Form Teacher
- School briefing to cohort



- Students share their experiences and learning from the course
- Reflect on commitment that they set for themselves during the course – on their actions and behaviour, interactions with others and the environment



- Develop character and learn values and skills through doing and reflection
- Learning in outdoor classroom



Sample of an MOC Course

First Day	·	Last Day
Objective: Team Socialisation	Objective: Building competence & confidence by overcoming challenges as a team	Sharing of Feedback, Transfer of Learning
In-process administration Ice breaker Expectation setting First aid briefing Team problem solving activities Expedition preparation	Expedition preparation, journaling, morning circle Land and water-based expeditions Wash up, tent pitching, outdoor cooking	Peer affirmation Commitment activity Sharing of feedback Transfer of learning Final debrief Certificate presentation
Debriefing / Journalin		



2 YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

Your Child's Safety is Our Top Priority

As the pioneer in Singapore's outdoor adventure education, OBS upholds and delivers quality outdoor adventure programmes



Programme designed with safety in mind



Qualified and certified instructors in First Aid

Registered nurses manning the Medical Centre



In An Unlikely Event Your Child Requires Medical Attention





OBS will assess, treat & monitor



Student recovers and is well to re-join the group, and continue with the course



School/Parent not informed, OBS will manage the nonemergency situation

Student requires further medical



OBS will assess, treat & monitor Student's symptoms are not improving, to be conveyed for further medical attention at clinic/hospital Parent/Guardia

Parent/Guardia n informed School informed



HOW CAN I HELP TO PREPARE MY CHILD FOR THE MOC?

Before MOC

Prepare Your Child by Encouraging Him / Her To:

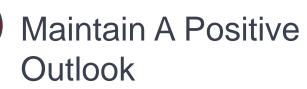
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Be Selfless, Supportive & Encourage His/Her

Teammates

2 Participate Actively







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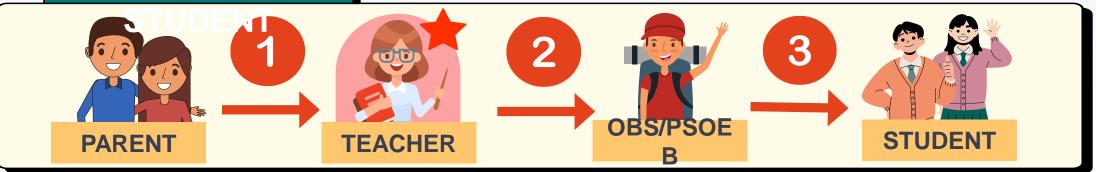
Immerse in The Experience & Environment



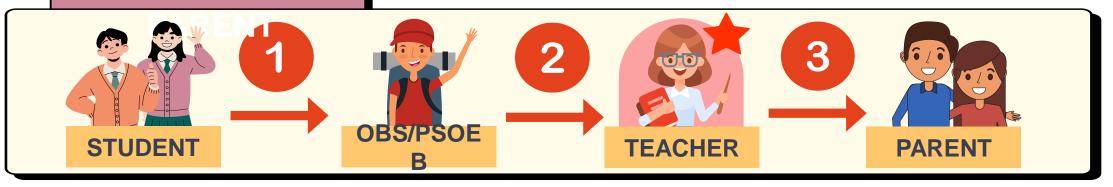


Communicating With Your Child

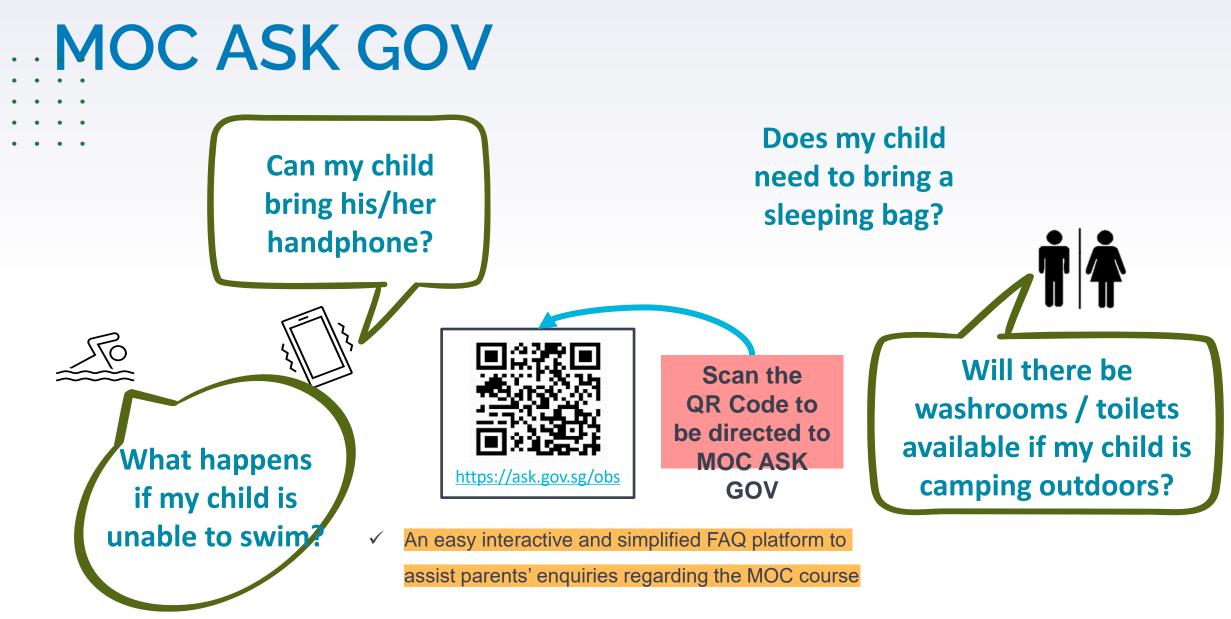
PARENT TO



STUDENT TO



 Your child's valuables, including phone, will be safe-kept during the duration of the programme, this communication channel should only be used in case of emergencies



• Parents may also visit the MOC website (https://go.gov.sg/moc) to read up more on the programme

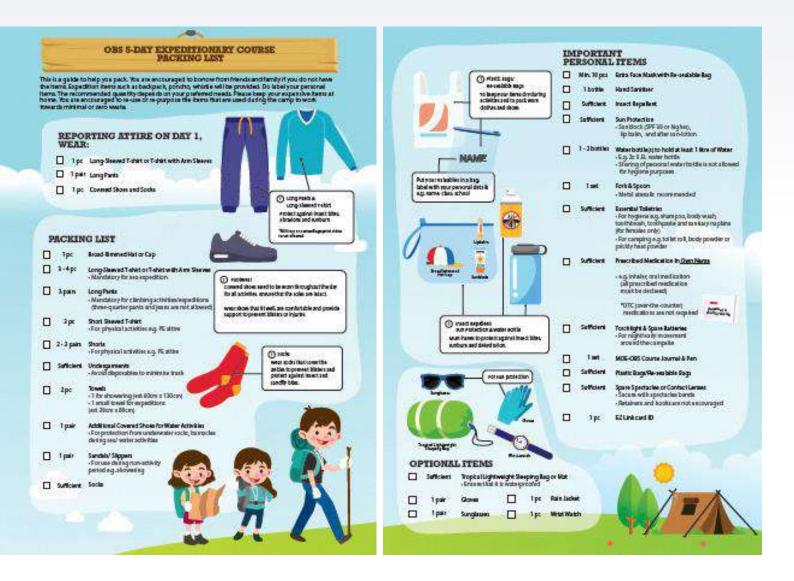
Packing List

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- These items will be provided by OBS:
- Expedition bag
- Personal Floatation Device (PFD)
- Poncho
- Whistle You may refer to this latest packing list:

https://go.gov.sg/mocpackinglist



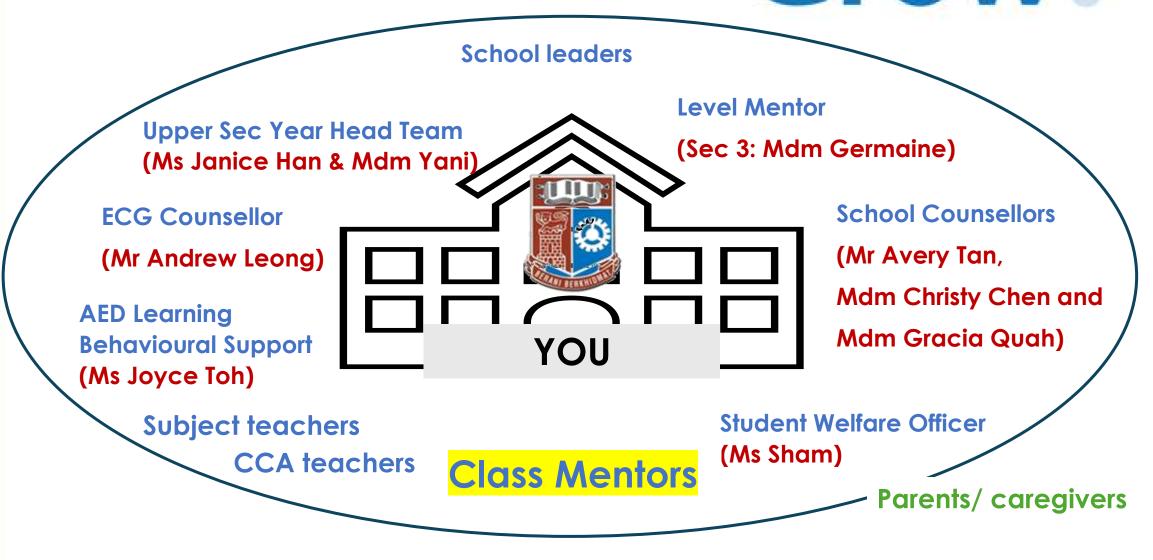
*Students are encouraged to borrow required items from family / friends / schoolmates instead of buying.



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Thank You





Grow Effective Partnership with Parents

Communication modes:

Parent Gateway, Facebook, Instagram

- Parents Engagement Session (on-line)– 17 Jan 2025
- Parents-Teacher Meeting (Term 1) 14 Mar 2025 (selected students)
- Parents-Teacher Meeting (Term 2) 30 May 2025 (all students)
- Fika Session with Principal





Question & Answer

