Primary 5 Parents' Briefing Principal's Address

15 January 2024

Welcome To All Parents

 Wishing you and your family a safe and happy year ahead

Looking forward to a strong partnership

for 2024





Agenda

	Principal's Briefing		Year Head's Briefing
1.	Introduction of School Personnel	1.	Start It Right
2.	School Vision, Mission and Values	2.	Level Programmes
3.	Parents - Partners in Education	3.	Academic and Assessment Matters
4.	PSLE Matters	4.	School-Parent Partnership
5.	Subject-Base Banding (SBB) at P5		
6.	Other Important Matters		

Our Vision

Confident Individuals Thinking Learners Engaged Leaders



Our Mission



OUR CORE BELIEF

Every Student Can Learn Every Student Can Grow Every Student Can Lead

Every Student wants to and can Succeed!

DPS - A School of Care & Distinction

Care

Showing concern (through thoughts, words & actions) for each teacher & student.

Distinction

Marked by unique & quality learning experiences (based on student profile & school programmes).

Our **SPARK** Values

Sincerity to self and others Passion for learning Aspiration to succeed Resilience in life Kindness to all



Our **SPARK** Values

"Every Damaian has self-discipline to uphold our SPARK values."

Sincerity to self and others	Honesty / Care / Respect
Passion for learning	Responsibility / Self-directed / Curiosity
Aspiration to succeed	Commitment / Seek to improve
Resilience in life	Perseverance / Adaptability
Kindness to all	Helpful / Empathy

- The school believes that good discipline is an important factor to help create positive school with a conducive environment for our students
- All Damaians need to know our school rules and adhere to them as expected
- Parents are our partners in this journey



- Help us to educate Damaians
 - must be mindful of own actions/words
 - treat others the way you would like to be treated
 - respect personal space
 - interact / play safely
 - have the morale courage to be an upstander



- When something happened
 - Tell the person to stop what he/she is doing
 - Share that you do not like it
 - Inform your teacher soonest possible
- DO NOT take things into your own hands



- School is a safe place Zero Tolerance for Unacceptable behaviour that
 - is hurtful and undermines others to feel safe and secure
 - hinders effective learning and healthy development



Good Discipline - Beyond School

Safety on school buses

- Buckle up and be seated until time to alight
- No playing and avoid talking loudly on school buses
- Follow the instructions by driver and bus attendance

Safety in Cyber Space

- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be a positive influence

Remember

In all that you do, always think before you act

- 1) Is it right or wrong?
- 2) Is it kind or helpful?

3) Will my parents/teachers be proud of me?

In 2024

- Know that you are special and have strengths
- "Be the Best Me" every day
- Ask questions daily to learn better
- Be kind to everyone
- Do helpful / good deed daily
- Learn something new and share



In 2024

- Start the year right
- Work with your teachers
- Make friends and care for them
- Have a Growth Mindset and stay positive – Give your best!



Every Damaian wants to and can succeed!

Continue to learn, grow and lead in 2024

Be better than before Find your purpose and have a personal goal
Strive to achieve your personal best Every Damaian can do it!



Dream Big, Shine Bright

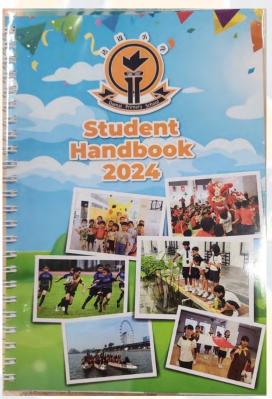
Parents are important partners in education

- Trust is the foundation
- Remember the child as our focus
- Understand our shared responsibilities
- Seek common ground
- Together, we work towards common goals



At DPS, we value parent-teacher communication via

- Parents Gateway
- Student Handbook
- Emails
- Phone calls via school line 6445 6483
- Meetings
- School Website
- Letters to parents
- Parents' Briefings
- Parents-Teacher Meeting





First point of contact – Form Teachers / Subject Teachers

Level-related matters – Year Heads

School-related matters – Admin Manager / School Leaders

School is still the best point of contact

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - Teachers can be contacted during school days between
 7.30 am and 5.30 pm
 - Teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they are not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and / or requests are made beyond the school hours
 - •Teachers will try their best to respond to all queries and feedback within 3 working days. For complicated matters / issues, we seek your understanding that more time may be required to resolve them before we get back to you.

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - •Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends except for emergencies.
 - •If the queries and / or requests made during school hours are urgent, please contact the school's General Office for assistance.
 - Teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents.

Principal's Monthly Letter to Parents

- Keep a look out for the Principal's Letter to Parents
- Important information is available for parents to allow you to keep posted of the school matters
 - Through Parent Gateway (PG)
 - Keep your PG notification on



Attendance in School

- Your child's attendance in school is important and compulsory
- Only when your child is in school will we be able to nurture him/her
- Let's work to support your child to have a good start to P5 in 2024



Attendance in School

- Help our children to cultivate the good habit of responsibility and punctuality in primary school
- Students are to report to the classrooms for attendance-taking and morning assembly by 7.30 am
- Ensure your child be in school 5 to 10 min before 7.30 am to give them time to reach the classrooms for morning assembly
- Students who are not in school by 7.30 am to participate in flagraising together with the student population, will be deemed late for school
- Habitual late-coming will be noted and included in student's behaviour record which will impact the conduct grade of the students

School-Home Partnership

- Familiarise yourself with school communication platforms
- Read the Student Handbook, parent memos & notifications
- Build good relationships & trust the teachers to want the best for each student

School-Home Partnership

- Proper school uniforms/PE attire include name tag
- School driveway drop and go
- Safety utmost importance

Eg Follow safety rules,

Be punctual in picking up your child



Safety Reminders

School Zone and Enhanced School Zone







Lower speed limits in School Zones help create a safer road environment for school-going children.

Prominent "Slow" and "School" markings painted on the road

Red finishing for parts of road surfaces near school gates

Safety Reminders

Road Markings



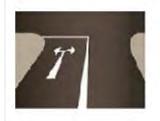
Continuous white line.

Vehicles should keep to the left of this line.No parking on either side of the road at all times. <u>Violation of this</u> rule attracts a fine.



Unbroken double yellow lines.

No parking on this side of the road at all times, except for immediate pick-up and drop-off only. Violation of this rule attracts a fine



Single white stop line.

Stop to check the traffic situation ahead before moving off.



No U-turn – Without U-turn sign available



No parking along this stretch of road

Parents Must Not:-

- Allow the child to stay at home during school days when they are well
- Bring them overseas during school days
- Do homework or assignments for them
- Make Home Delivery for forgotten items
- Rescue them from the consequences of their actions
- Hide or give reasons to justify mistakes or wrongdoing

The PSLE SCORING and S1 POSTING

SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS ABOUT PSLE



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From today's session, you will walk away with...

- A better understanding of the support that your child may need in the transition journey from primary to secondary school
- Understanding Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)
- Information on what to expect in secondary school







How are students posted to secondary schools?



WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THE PSLE?



A useful checkpoint at the end of primary school

A fair way to determine secondary school posting



Over the years, we have been changing the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths, interests, abilities and talents while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results. Our PSLE Scoring system reduces the over-emphasis on academic results by:

Reducing fine differentiation of students' examination results at a young age.

Recognising a student's level of achievement, regardless of how his/her peers have done.

Encouraging families to choose secondary schools holistically based on students' strengths, interests and learning needs.

WHAT ARE ACHIEVEMENT LEVELs (AL)? WHY ARE THE BANDS UNEVEN?

- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.
- AL bands and mark ranges are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum, and mirror the way we learn.

When we learn something new, after some initial practice, we often find ourselves improving significantly.

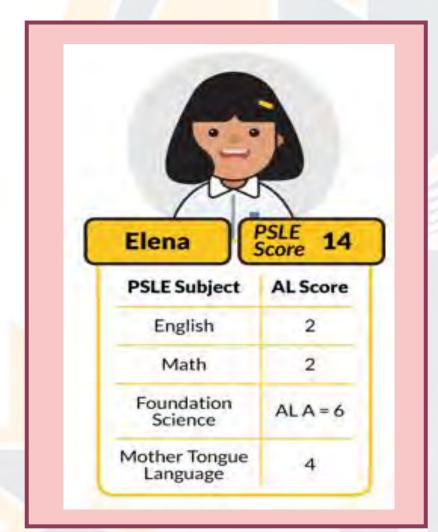
As we get better, the improvements become small steps, and finally, as we reach a high level, we inch just a little further, even after much learning and practice.

The ALs were designed to reflect this reality of learning. They help educators, students, and parents know how ready students are to access the curriculum at the next level.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

HOW DOES THE PSLE SCORING SYSTEM WORK?

- The overall PSLE Score is made up of 4 subject Achievement Levels (ALs).
- The PSLE Score can range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.



GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from ALA to C.
- To derive a student's overall PSLE Score for S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.
- This mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of how ready they are for the curriculum in secondary school.

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
Α	75 – 100	6
В	30 – 74	7
С	< 30	8

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (HMTL)

The eligibility criteria for taking HMTL ensures that students can cope with the higher academic load.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HMTL

(i) An overall PSLE Score of 8 or better

<u>or</u>

- (ii) An overall PSLE Score of 9 to 14 (inclusive); and attain
 - AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL or
 - Distinction / Merit in HMTL

• For students who do not meet the above criteria, secondary schools will have the flexibility to offer HMTL to students if they are assessed to have high ability and interest in MTL, and are able to cope with the learning load required.

HOW DOES THE S1 posting work?

- Your child has six choices in selecting their secondary schools.
- Your child will be posted to a secondary school based on and their choice order of schools.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place(s) in a school, the following tie-breakers are used in the following order:
 - 1. CITIZENSHIP
 - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
 - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING
- The tie-breaker based on school choice order recognises the different considerations that families have in making school choices.

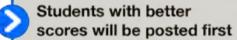
Tie-breakers

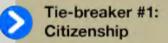
in the new S1 Posting System

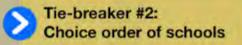
Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school.

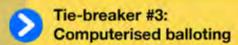
Here's a simplified example.

5 students are vying for the last places in the



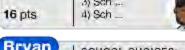


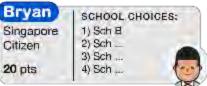




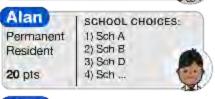


schools of their choice.









Rina 📗	SCHOOL CHOIC	CES:
Permanent	1) Sch A	
Resident	2) Sch B	
	3) Sch D	1
20 pts	4) Sch E	

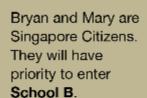
Jane has a better PSLE score. She will be posted/

first, to School A.



Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina have the same score.

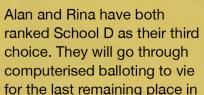
As Jane has taken the last available place in School A, Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina will vie for the last available place in their next choice, School B.



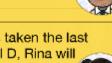


Because Bryan ranked School B higher than Mary, he will be posted to School B.

Since Bryan has taken the last place in School B, Mary will be posted to School C.



Through computerised balloting, Alan is posted to School D



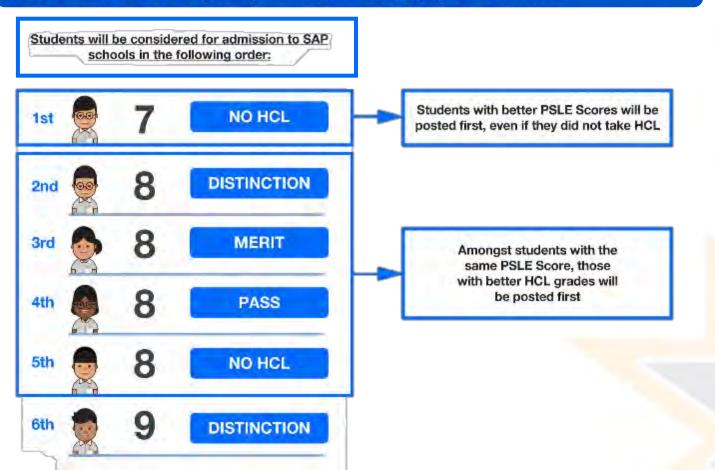
Since Alan has taken the last place in School D. Rina will be posted to her fourth choice. School E.

Alan and Rina will be tie-broken out as they are Permanent Residents. They will be considered for their next choice, School D.

School D.

HCL posting advantage to SAP schools

Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.



- Students' HCL results are denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students who obtain (i) a
 Distinction / Merit / Pass in HCL
 and (ii) a PSLE Score of 14 or
 better are eligible for posting
 advantage to SAP schools.
- Students are ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

Understanding Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB)



What is Full SBB?

WHAT IS FULL SBB?

Full SBB will be implemented in secondary schools from 2024, and 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 post-sec pathways, while ensuring they have strong fundamentals and can thrive in their chosen pathway.

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)



Progressive rollout of Full SBB





2020

2022-2023

2024

2027

- Full SBB pilot commenced in 28 secondary schools.
- The initial feedback from pilot schools has been positive.

Around 90
 schools have
 implemented
 aspects of
 Full SBB by
 2023.

- Remaining schools that admit students from 3 streams will be implementing Full SBB.
- Express, N(A) and N(T) streams will be <u>removed for</u> the 2024 S1 cohort onwards.
- Students will be grouped in mixed form classes in lower secondary.
- From 2027, students will sit for the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations, instead of the GCE N- and O- Level examinations.
- Students will receive an SEC which reflects the subjects and subject levels that they offered.

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)

Secondary school experience under Full SBB

- Mixed form classes and common curriculum subjects at Lower Secondary.
- Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3, mapped from the standards of the N(T), N(A) and Express subject levels respectively.
- Greater flexibility to customise students' learning by offering subjects at various subject levels.
- Shift away from stream-based subject offerings.

After PSLE Start of Sec End of Sec Post Sec From 2027: From 2023: Singapore-Cambridge **Entry to S1 Updated post-Secondary Education** through 1 of 3 secondary admission **Certificate (SEC) Posting Groups** criteria examination

FULL SBB: S1 POSTING

Three Posting Groups to ensure schools are accessible to diverse learners

From the 2024 S1 cohort, MOE will facilitate the admission of P6 students into S1 through 3 Posting Groups: **Posting Group 1, 2 and 3.**

Objective: Ensures that schools continue to admit a **diverse profile of students** and students have access to a wide range of schools.

Unlike the-academic streams of Express, N(A) and N(T), Posting Groups will only be used for the purposes of facilitating entry into secondary school and to guide the subject levels students offer at the start of S1.

- Posting Groups assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.
- PSLE Scores provide a good gauge of the subject levels that students can offer at the beginning of S1.

PSLE Score	Posting Group	Subject level for most subjects
4 – 20	3	G3
21 and 22	2 or 3	G2 or G3
23 and 24	2	G2
25	1 or 2	G1 or G2
26 – 30 (with AL 7 in EL and MA)	1	G1

FULL SBB: MIXED FORM CLASSES IN LOWER SECONDARY

Form classes arranged by academic stream in schools yet to implement Full SBB



Students

in Exp

stream





Students in N(A) stream



Students in N(T) stream

With Full SBB: Mixed form classes







- Under Full SBB, students will be placed in mixed form classes in Lower Secondary to ensure a mix of learner profiles.
 - Provides students with more opportunities to interact with other students of different strengths and interests.
 - Enables students to build meaningful friendships and learn to value different perspectives.

Students posted through PG3



Students posted through PG2



Students posted through PG1

FULL SBB: COMMON CURRICULUM

Common Curriculum Subjects taken in mixed form classes (~1/3 curriculum time)

Examinable Subjects:

- Art
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Food & Consumer Education (FCE)

Non-examinable Subjects:

- Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)

- The six common curriculum subjects would each have a single syllabus for all students at Lower Secondary levels.
 - These subjects will be taught and assessed at a common level that is accessible to all students.
 - o Teachers will adopt a range of approaches to cater to the different learning needs of their students.
- For other subjects, students attend classes with others taking the subject at the same subject level.

OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A MORE DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF SEC 1

Students posted to schools through PG1 and PG2 can offer English Language, Mother
 Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science at a more demanding level based on their
 PSLE AL for each subject.

FOR STUDENTS POSTED TO SCHOOLS THROUGH PG1 AND PG2						
SUBJECT	PSLE SUBJECT LEVEL	PSLE AL FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT	OPTION TO TAKE THE S1 SUBJECT AT :			
English LanguageMother TongueLanguageMathematicsScience	Standard	AL 5 or better	G3 or G2			
	Standard	AL 6	G2			
	Foundation	AL A	G2			

OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF S1

- For students who offered **English Language**, **Mathematics and/or Science** at Foundation level at PSLE, but are otherwise eligible to take most of their subjects at G3 when entering secondary school, they may choose to take these subjects at a less demanding level (LDL; i.e., G2), in consultation with their secondary schools.
- Students have the option to offer Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) at LDL based on their PSLE Achievement
 Level (AL) for the subject:

POSTING GROUP (PG)	PSLE AL FOR MTL [^]	OPTION TO OFFER MTL AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL		
PG3	AL 6	G2		
	AL 7-8	G1 or G2		
PG2	AL 7-8	G1		

[^] Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.

Students who are eligible to offer MTL at LDL can still choose to offer MTL at-level if they prefer.

SUBJECT LEVEL FLEXIBILITY BEYOND THE START OF S1

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students may adjust their subject levels across their secondary school journey.
 - Students may offer subjects, including English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics,
 Science and Humanities subjects at a more demanding level if they meet the criteria and based on
 the school's holistic considerations.
 - Students who are not coping well may **offer subjects at a less demanding level**, based on their school-based performance and school's holistic considerations, to calibrate their curricular load.
 - In upper secondary, students may offer elective subjects (for example, Additional Mathematics, Art, Design & Technology) at a subject level suited to their strengths, interests and post-secondary aspirations, to allow them to pursue their interests without adding unduly to their overall curriculum load.
- Schools will consider **students' learning progress and developmental needs** when helping them determine their subject choices.

Subject-Based Banding in Damai Primary School

Subject-Based Banding at P5

End of Primary 5

Student takes a subject combination determined by the school

Student who meets expectations will continue with the same subject combination

Student who has difficulty coping and does not meet expectations will switch subject combination or do subjects at the foundation level

End of Primary 6
Student will sit for PSLE

Subject-Based Banding at P5

At the End of Primary 5...

- School exercises professional judgement and autonomy to decide on the level of the subjects to be taken by students in P6, which includes emplacing a student in a less demanding subject combination so as to serve the best interest of the student.
- Recommendation will be based on:
 - -Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject
 - -Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination

Parents' Support

- Child's attendance in school is key
- Child's attention and focus during lesson is important
- Encourage child to ask questions to clarify and understand better
- Ensure child completes homework given
- Daily / Regular revision
 - revisit the lesson/concept taught for the day
 - revisit concepts learnt from P1 to P4
- Encourage child to continue to improve

Damaians are to

- Attend school regularly
- Take learning during lessons seriously
- Develop good study habits
- Complete homework and learning activities given
- Exercise self-discipline and diligence to revise daily
- Seek clarification and help from teachers, classmates or friends when they face difficulty
- Demonstrate Passion for Learning, Aspiration to Succeed and Resilience in Life

At Damai Primary School

- Provide a safe and conducive learning environment
- Have supportive and caring teachers and staff to journey with your children for their holistic development
- Be our supportive partners for your children
 - Work closely with the teachers
- Be the positive role models for our Damaians

Dream Big, Shine Bright Haye a great 2024 ahead!

Parents Briefing

By Mrs Kris Hay

Year Head (Upper Primary)



Damai Primary School

Starting the year right

- Target setting
- Basic Public Speaking Workshop
- Study Skills programme
- ✓ Planning an effective after-school timetable
- ✓ Learning good study habits
- MCQ answering strategies (allocating time, sure question first, elimination method)
- ✓ How to do Mind Mapping and applying it to subject (Science)
- ✓ Memory Skills (Using memory techniques to speed up memory consolidation)
- Road Safety Walk
- P1-P5 Buddy programme
- Termly Check In Survey



	English		Mathematics		Science		Mother Tongue	
	Target Marks	Actual Marks	Target Marks	Actual Marks	Target Marks	Actual Marks	Target Marks	Actual Marks
Term 1								
Term 2								
Term 3	Ц							
Term 4								

Level Programmes

- P5 Camp
- P5 NE Show
- E2K Programme [Math / Science]
- Values In Action Programmes
- Learning Journeys

Academic Matters

Term 1 and Term 3 – Communicating students' progress in areas like Motivation, Communication and Teamwork

Developing	Competent	Exceeding
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Academic Matters

Topics and Weighting :

- Refer to "School Assessment Policy" will be issued at a later date
- P5 EYE TOS will be issued at a later date

Absences:

- Any absence must be supported by medical certificate issued by a medical doctor or other supporting document
- There will be no retake for school's EYE (except for the ORAL exam)

NOTE:-

If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should be resting and recuperating at home.

The well-being of the child is MOST IMPORTANT.

Academic Matters - Remedial/HMT

Remedial

- Remedial class will commence in Term 1 Week 5 (for selected students)
- Every Monday and Thursday
- 2.00 3.00 pm
- Letters will be issued to your child by Term 1 Week 4

Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)

- HMT lessons will commence in Term 1 Week 3 (9 Jan)
- Every Tuesday
- 2.00 3.00 pm
- Letters have been issued via Parents Gateway

Other Academic Matters

• MT Spelling : Every Tuesday

• **EL Spelling** : Every Thursday

Important Note on PSLE

Eraser Pen (e.g Frixon pen) is not allowed for use during examination.

 It is a retractable erasable pen that allows you to write, remove and rewrite without the use of a correction tape

Students are advised not to do the following as it may affect the legibility of answers:-

- Do not use correction fluid / tape
- Do not highlight their answers

Students are to do the following:

- Write your answers clearly in black (recommended) or dark blue ballpoint pen and draw diagrams with a sharp 2B pencil.
- You are recommended to use a 0.5mm tip ballpoint pen. This reduces possible smudging and to ensure that your writing is clear.
- It would be good for students to develop the habit of adopting the above practice in their daily work/ school exams.





Upcoming Parent Engagement Session

Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

Thursday 23 May 2024

Useful resources

Quick tips on shortlisting secondary schools



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How-to-Guides to equip parents on how to use the tools





Useful resources

Transition Materials



Resilience Boosters



FIND OUT MORE ON THE PSLE-FSBB MICROSITE



https://go.gov.sg/pslefsbb



EXPLORE YOUR FULL SBB PATH





https://go.gov.sg/my-fsbb-path

OTHER RESOURCES

SchoolFinder Tool

SCHOOL FIND:R



https://go.gov.sg/ secschoolfinder "Welcome to Secondary School" video





https://go.gov.sg/we lcome-tosecondary-school Secondary School Education Booklet





https://go.gov.sg/ psle-sec-schbrochure Student Journey Map and School Explorer Card





https://go.gov.sg/ psle-studentjourney

OTHER RESOURCES

ECGTips For Parents





https://go.gov.sg/ tips-for-parents

MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary)





https://go.gov.sg/mysfpri

ECG What's Next





https://go.gov.sg/what s-next-psle

TIPS FOR PARENTS!

Be open and flexible when discussing your child's preferences, needs and choices.

Manage your own expectations and do not project these expectations onto your child.

Have regular conversations with your child to understand more about his/her strengths, interests, abilities, talents and aspirations.

Affirm your child and offer support when he/she shares his/her plans with you.

Thank you for your Support, Trust & Partnership