

Primary 6 Parents' Briefing Principal's Address

11 January 2024



Damai Primary School

Confident Individuals | Thinking Learners | Engaged Leaders

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

1. Introduction of School Personnel
2. School Vision, Mission and Values
3. Parents - Partners in Education
4. PSLE Matters
5. Other Important Matters

Year Head's Briefing

1. Start It Right
2. Level Programmes
3. Academic and Assessment Matters
4. School-Parent Partnership

Our Vision

Confident Individuals
Thinking Learners
Engaged Leaders



Our Mission

*To Nurture and Empower
every Damaian
to Learn, Grow, and Lead*



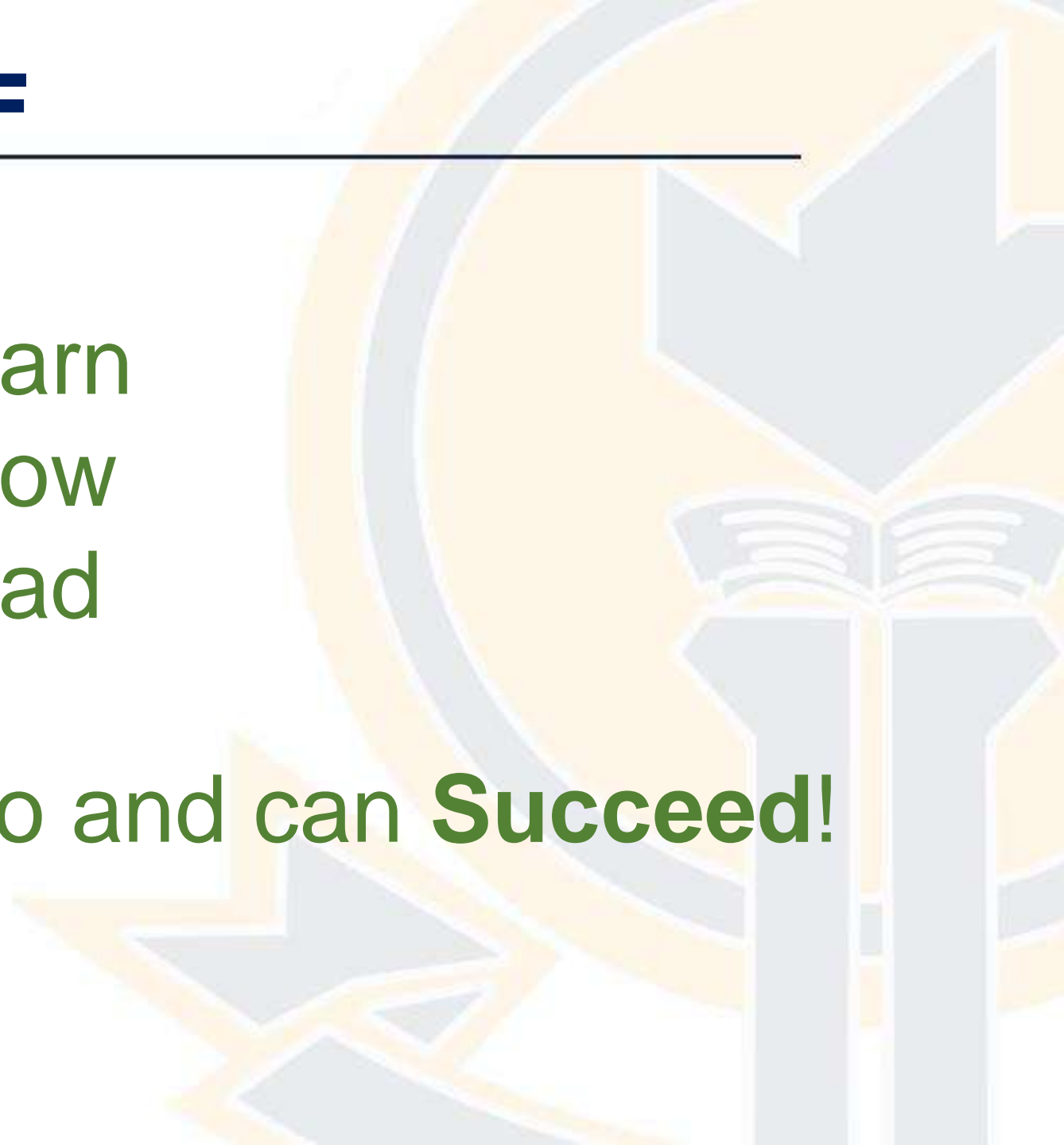
OUR CORE BELIEF

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

Aspirational to succeed

Resilience in life

Kindness to all



Our **SPARK** Values

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

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| S incerity to self and others | Honesty / Care / Respect |
| P assion for learning | Responsibility / Self-directed / Curiosity |
| A spiration to succeed | Commitment / Seek to improve |
| R esilience in life | Perseverance / Adaptability |
| K indness to all | Helpful / Empathy |

Good Discipline

- 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



Good Discipline

- 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



Good Discipline

- 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



Good Discipline

- 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



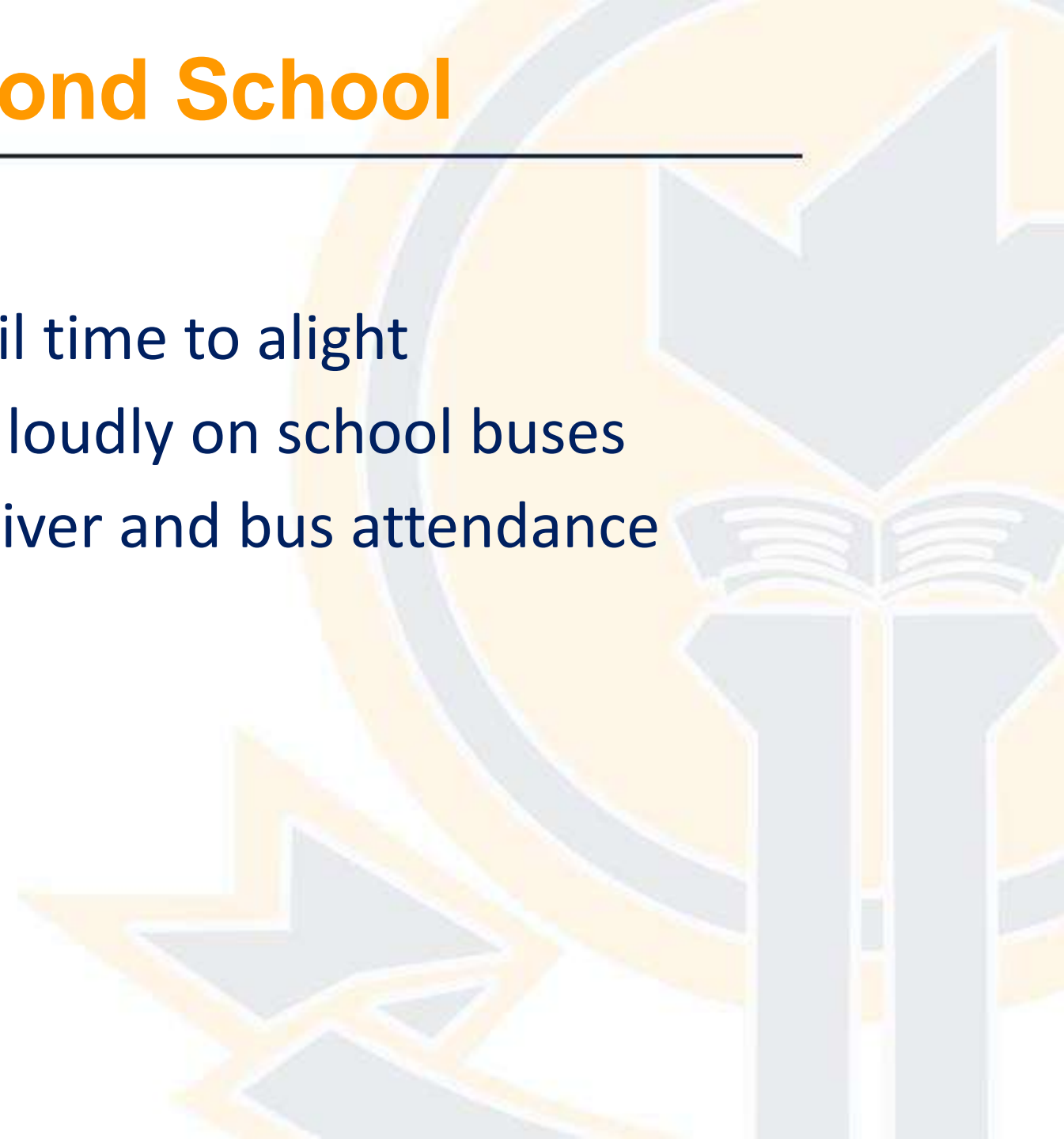
Good Discipline – Beyond School

- **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!**

In 2024

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

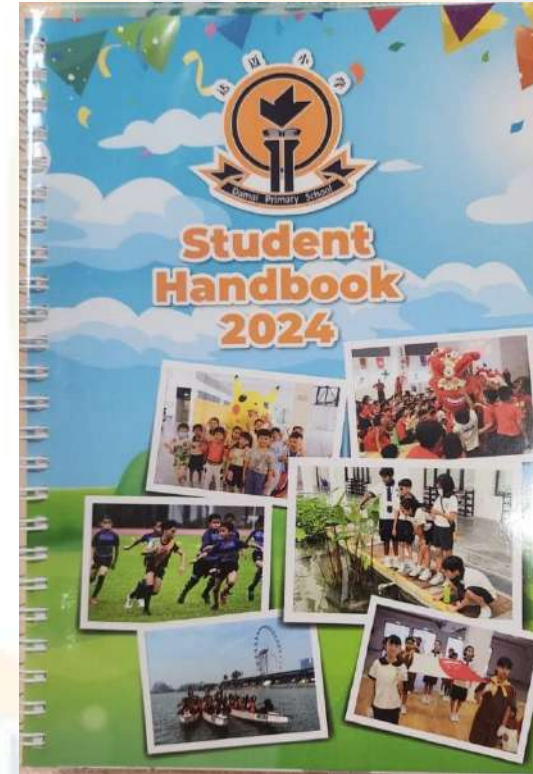
- **T**rust is the foundation
- **R**emember the child as our focus
- **U**nderstand our shared responsibilities
- **S**eek common ground
- **T**ogether, we work towards common goals




Parent-Teacher Communication

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



Parent-Teacher Communication

- 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
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Parent-Teacher Communication

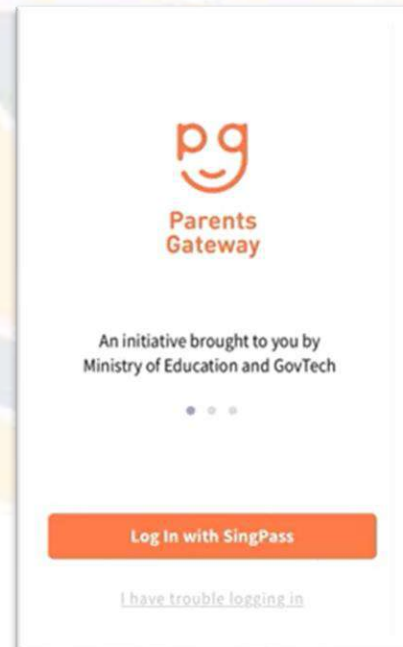
- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - Teachers can be contacted during school days between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm
 - Teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they are not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and / or requests 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.

Parent-Teacher Communication

- 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 as he/she learns, develops and prepares for PSLE



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 flag-raising 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. Violation of this rule attracts a fine.



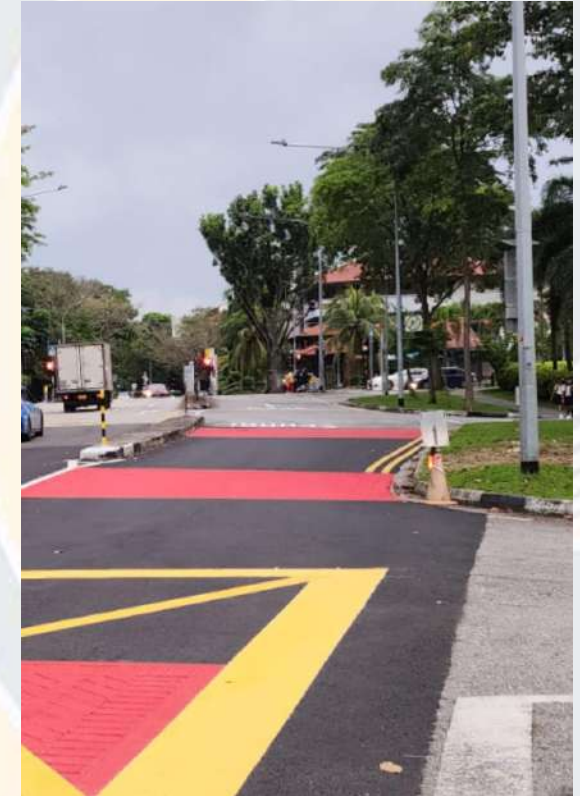
Single white stop line.
Stop to check the traffic situation ahead before moving off.



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



No U-turn –
Without U-turn sign available



No parking
along this stretch of road

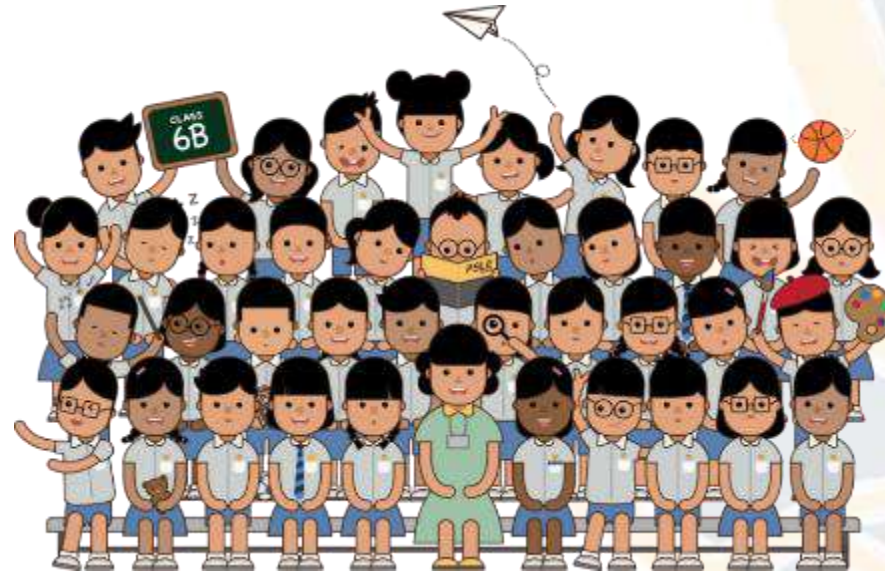
Parents Must Not:-

- 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 IN MAKING
INFORMED SCHOOL CHOICES FOR PSLE**

Briefing Deck to P5 and P6 Parents

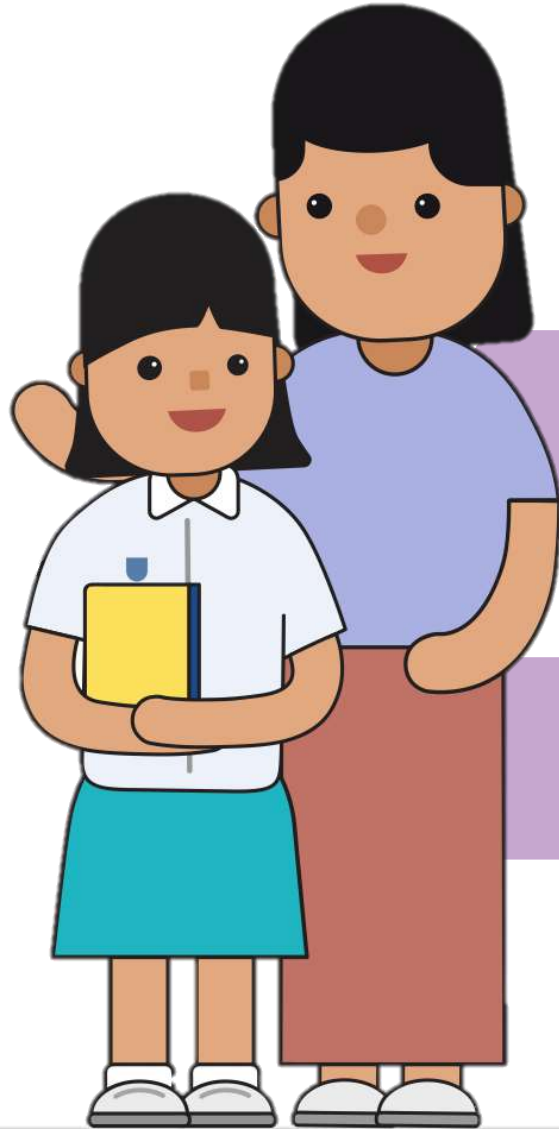


From today's session, you will walk away with...

- 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



Sharing About PSLE Matters



**How does the PSLE Scoring &
S1 Posting work?**

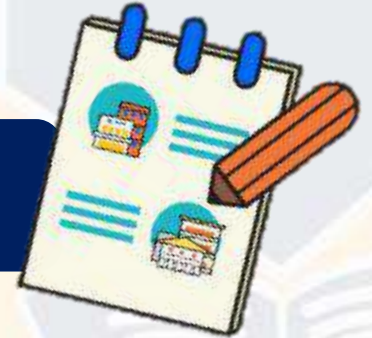
**How are students posted to
secondary schools?**

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:

1

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

2

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

3

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.



Elena PSLE Score **14**

| PSLE Subject | AL Score |
|------------------------|----------|
| English | 2 |
| Math | 2 |
| Foundation Science | AL A = 6 |
| Mother Tongue Language | 4 |

GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from **AL A 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 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A | 75 – 100 | 6 |
| B | 30 – 74 | 7 |
| C | < 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**
- or**
- (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 academic merit, i.e., PSLE Score, 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.

Jane
Singapore Citizen
16 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:
1) Sch A
2) Sch ...
3) Sch ...
4) Sch ...




Bryan
Singapore Citizen
20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:
1) Sch B
2) Sch ...
3) Sch ...
4) Sch ...




Mary
Singapore Citizen
20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:
1) Sch A
2) Sch B
3) Sch C
4) Sch ...




Alan
Permanent Resident
20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:
1) Sch A
2) Sch B
3) Sch D
4) Sch ...



Rina
Permanent Resident
20 pts

SCHOOL CHOICES:
1) Sch A
2) Sch B
3) Sch D
4) Sch E



➤ Students with better scores will be posted first

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**.

➤ Tie-breaker #1: Citizenship

Bryan and Mary are Singapore Citizens. They will have priority to enter **School B**.



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

➤ Tie-breaker #2: Choice order of schools

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**.



Alan and Rina have both ranked School D as their third choice. They will go through computerised balloting to vie for the last remaining place in **School D**.

➤ Tie-breaker #3: Computerised balloting

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**.



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 will be considered for admission to SAP schools in the following order:

| | | | | |
|-----|---|---|-------------|--|
| 1st |  | 7 | NO HCL | Students with better PSLE Scores will be posted first, even if they did not take HCL |
| 2nd |  | 8 | DISTINCTION | |
| 3rd |  | 8 | MERIT | Amongst students with the same PSLE Score, those with better HCL grades will be posted first |
| 4th |  | 8 | PASS | |
| 5th |  | 8 | NO HCL | |
| 6th |  | 9 | DISTINCTION | |

- 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)



2020

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



2022-2023

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



2024

- Remaining schools that admit students from 3 streams will be implementing Full SBB.
- Express, N(A) and N(T) streams will be removed for the 2024 S1 cohort onwards.
- Students will be grouped in mixed form classes in lower secondary.



2027

- 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 2023:
Entry to S1
through 1 of 3
Posting Groups

From 2027:
Singapore-Cambridge
Secondary Education
Certificate (SEC)
examination

Updated post-
secondary admission
criteria

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.**

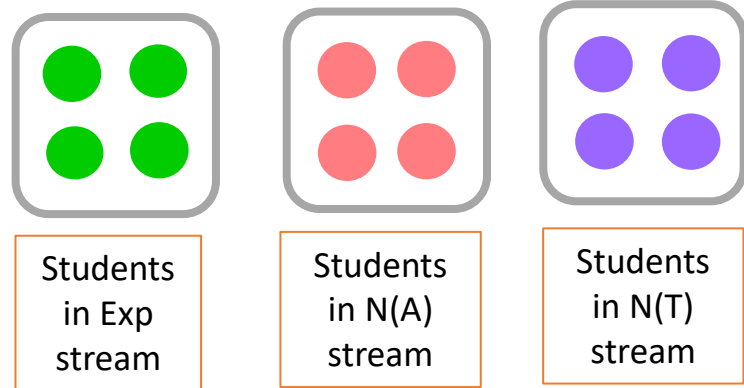
Unlike the academic streams of Express, N(A) and N(T), Posting Groups will only be used for the purposes of facilitating entry into secondary school and to guide the subject levels students offer at the start of S1.

- 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.

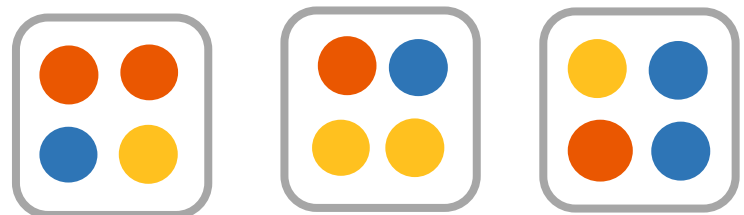
| PSLE Score | Posting Group | Subject level for most subjects |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 – 20 | 3 | G3 |
| 21 and 22 | 2 or 3 | G2 or G3 |
| 23 and 24 | 2 | G2 |
| 25 | 1 or 2 | G1 or G2 |
| 26 – 30 <i>(with AL 7 in EL and MA)</i> | 1 | G1 |

FULL SBB: MIXED FORM CLASSES IN LOWER SECONDARY

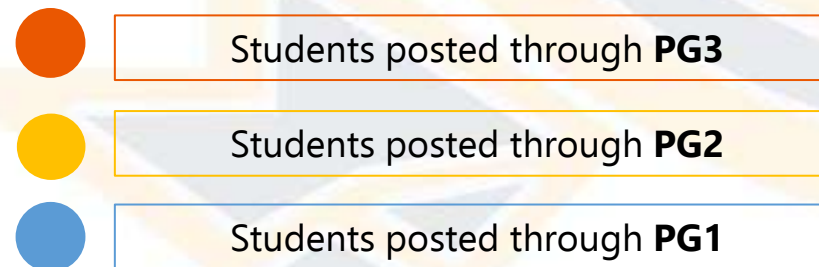
Form classes arranged by academic stream in schools yet to implement Full SBB



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**.



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.
 - 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 : |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language • Mother Tongue Language • Mathematics • Science | Standard | AL 5 or better | G3 or G2 |
| | | 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.

Choosing Suitable Secondary Schools




Factors to Consider

Preparing for S1 Posting Exercise



PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Use the PSLE Score ranges as a reference alongside other important factors, such as the school's distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), culture, ethos, and proximity to home when shortlisting school choices that would best fit a student's educational needs.
- The PSLE Score ranges for individual secondary schools will be available for your reference on <https://moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder> and <https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools>. They reflect the PSLE scores of the students posted into these schools at the previous year's S1 Posting Exercise.
- A school's PSLE Score range (including Cut-Off-Point) for a particular year is not pre-determined before the posting, and vary from year to year, depending on the cohort's PSLE results and their school choices in that year's S1 Posting Exercise.

| SchoolFinder Tool | MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary) |
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|   https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder |  https://go.gov.sg/exploreschools |

HOW DO WE INTERPRET THE PSLE SCORE RANGES?

The PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of the first and last student admitted to a particular school in the previous year via the S1 Posting Exercise. This shows the range of student profiles who enter each school.

Example

XX Secondary School

PSLE Score range of 20XX (previous year's S1 Posting Exercise)

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Posting Group 3 | 15 – 20 |
| Posting Group 2 | 21 – 24 |
| Posting Group 1 | 25 – 28 |

PSLE Score of the first student posted into the school in the respective PG.

PSLE Score of the last student posted into the school in the respective PGs [i.e., the school's **Cut-Off Point (COP)**].

Note: Posting Groups will be assigned based on PSLE Scores, mapped from existing PSLE Score ranges for Express, N(A) and N(T) streams.

EXAMPLE OF AN SAP SCHOOL'S PSLE SCORE RANGE

While students need not take HCL to enter SAP schools, students who pass HCL receive a posting advantage for admission. To reflect this, the PSLE Score ranges of SAP schools include the HCL grades of the first and last student admitted in the previous year via S1 Posting.

Example

XX Secondary School

PSLE Score range of 20XX (previous year's S1 Posting Exercise)

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Posting Group 3 | 5 (D) – 12 (P) |
| Posting Group 2 | |
| Posting Group 1 | |

PSLE Score and HCL grade of the first student posted into the school through PG3.

PSLE Score and HCL grade of the last student posted into the school through PG3 [i.e. the school's Cut-Off Point (COP)].

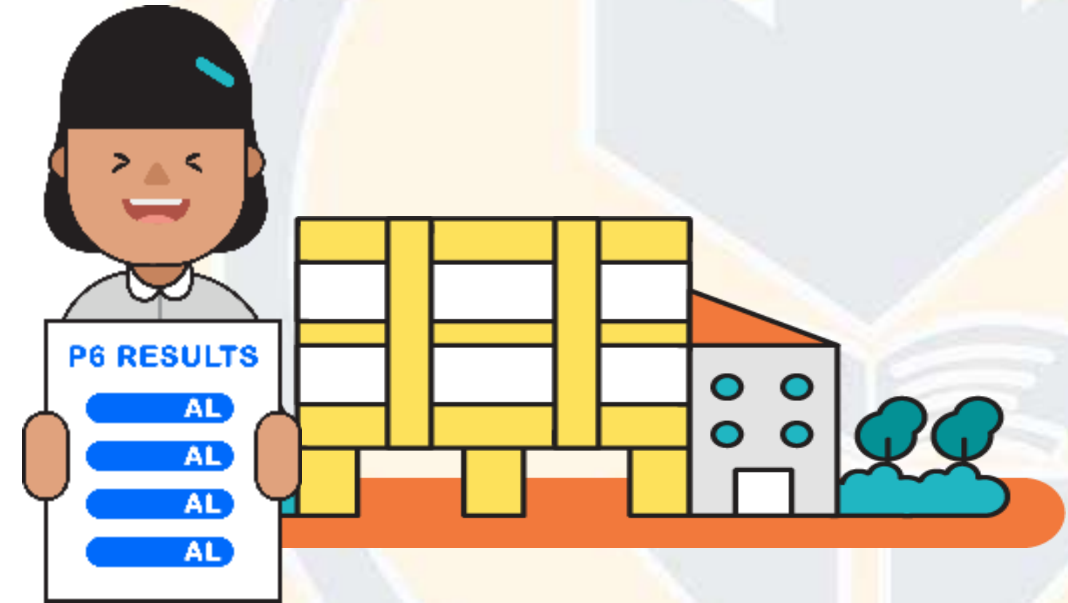
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SCHOOL CHOICE JOURNEY

- The PSLE Score ranges are a **useful starting point** for parents and students to consider secondary schools.
- Use this information, together with other **important factors** such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, CCAs, ethos and cultures, to shortlist schools that would best fit the educational needs of the student.



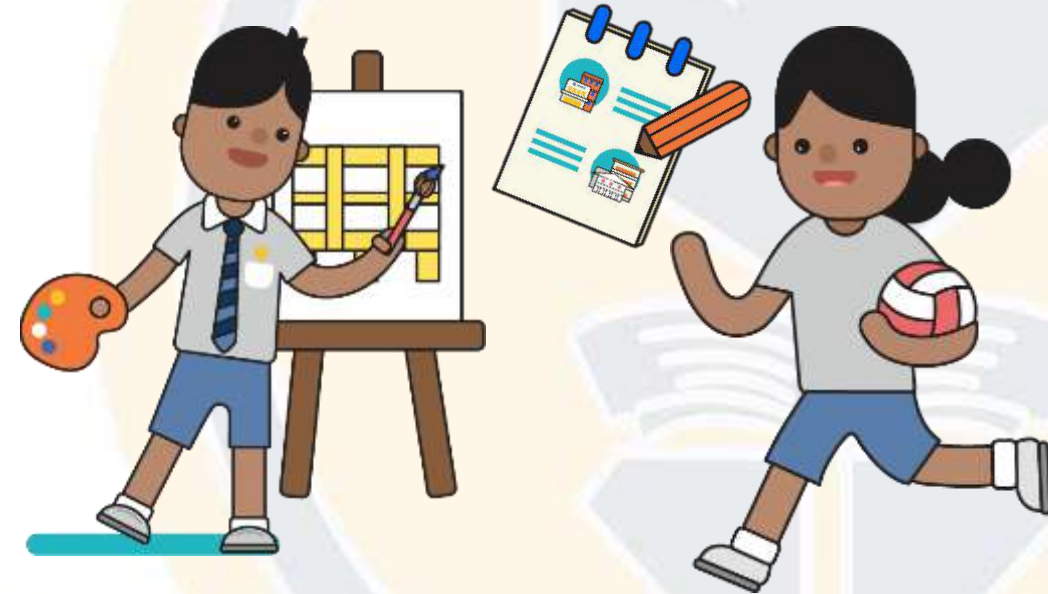
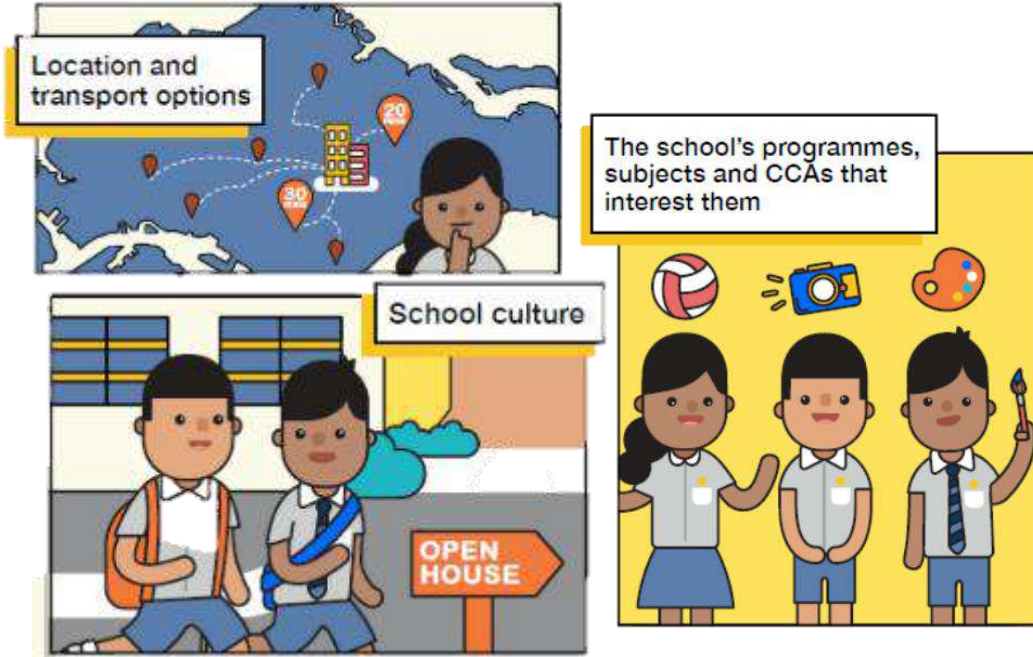
• PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE



Use all 6 options with a range of Cut-off Points as this will increase your child's chances of being posted to a school of their choice.

Take reference from schools' PSLE Score ranges, which serve as a guide for you and your child to shortlist school choices. Consider at least 2-3 schools where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-off Point.

PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE

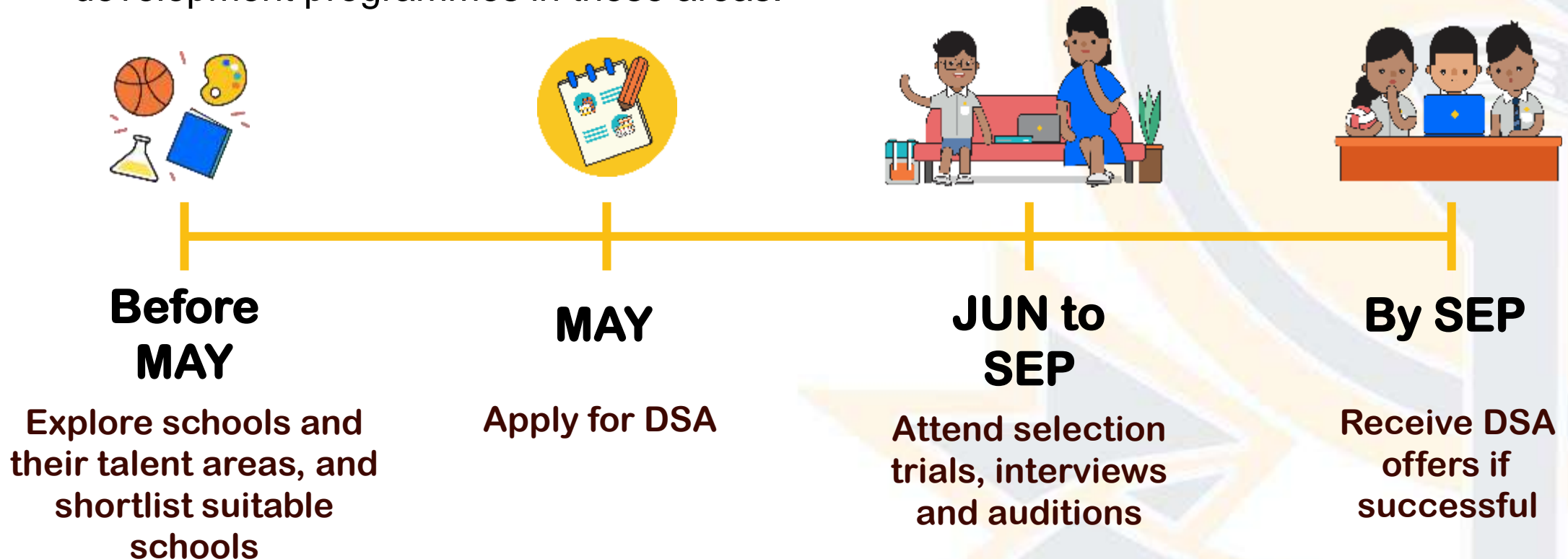


Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to your child's strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs, as well as provide suitable learning environments.

Rank your child's preferred school higher in the choice order of schools. This will increase your child's chances of being posted to that school, if they need to undergo tie-breaking.

ENTERING SCHOOLS THROUGH DSA-SEC

- There is no change to the application and selection process with the shift to Full SBB.
- If your child has specific talents and strengths beyond the PSLE (e.g. areas such as sports, performing arts and leadership), consider the **Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec)** as an alternative admission pathway to access secondary schools that have talent development programmes in these areas.



Direct School Admission DSA



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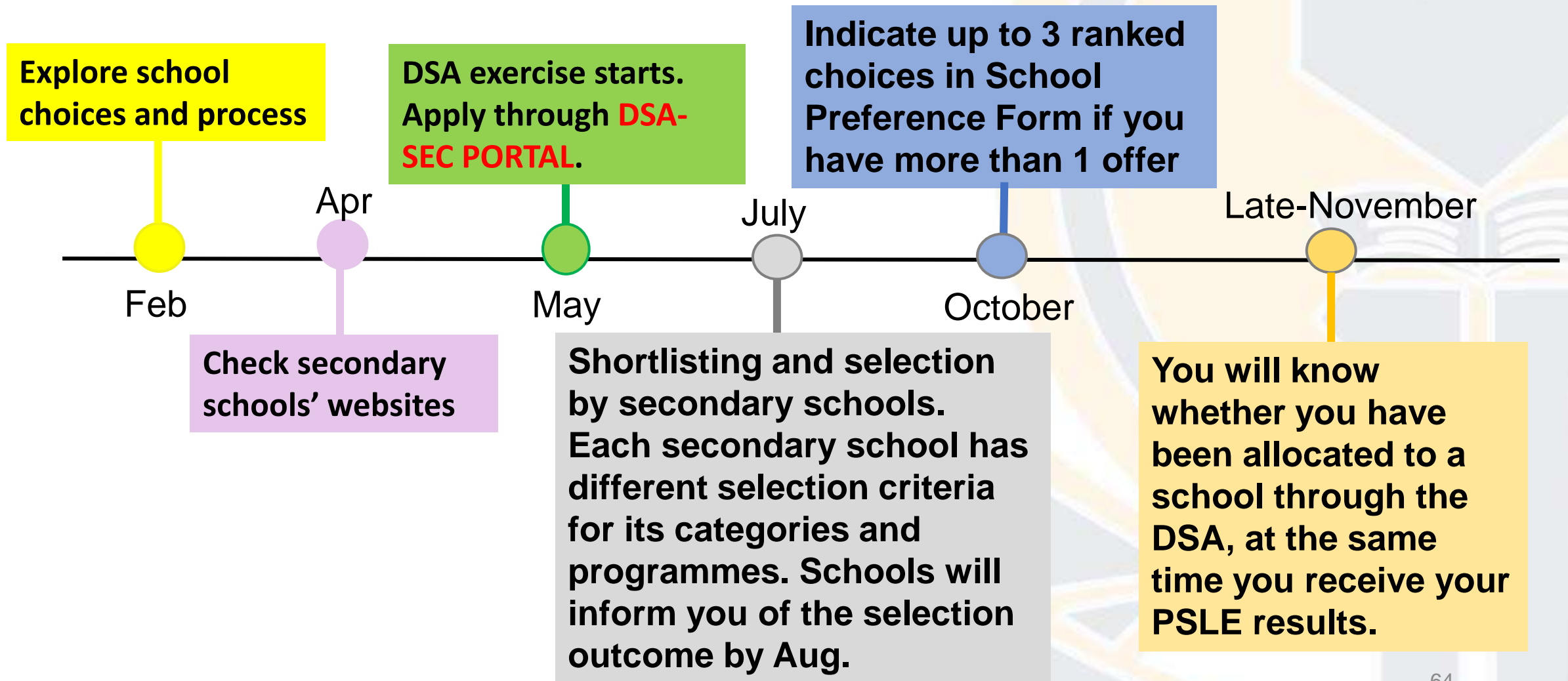
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Direct School Admission (DSA) IN

- Identify your child's strengths & interests
- Apply through **DSA-SEC Portal**
- Go for trials, interviews or tests
- Students who are admitted through DSA Exercise are not allowed to transfer to another school after release of PSLE results.

Direct School Admission (DSA)

*Tentative Timeline



Direct School Admission (DSA)

- Application is free-of-charge.
- Open for four weeks
- Only one parent's SingPass is needed to log in.
- **<https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-sec>**
- Registration period to be informed at a later date.

DSA Allocation Results

- **DSA results will be released together with PSLE results**
- **Successful DSA candidates:**
 - **S1 Option Form for application of foreign languages/elective programmes/course options**
- **Unsuccessful DSA candidates:**
 - **S1 Option Form to participate in S1 Posting Exercise**
- **Unsuccessful DSA candidates who failed PSLE:**
 - **A letter to inform them on the outcome**

S1 Posting

- **PSLE Students (non-DSA) and unsuccessful DSA candidates will participate in the S1 posting exercise to opt for secondary schools**
- **Successful candidates will participate in the S1 posting exercise to opt for foreign languages/elective programmes/course options if eligible**

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 P5
- Encourage child to continue to improve

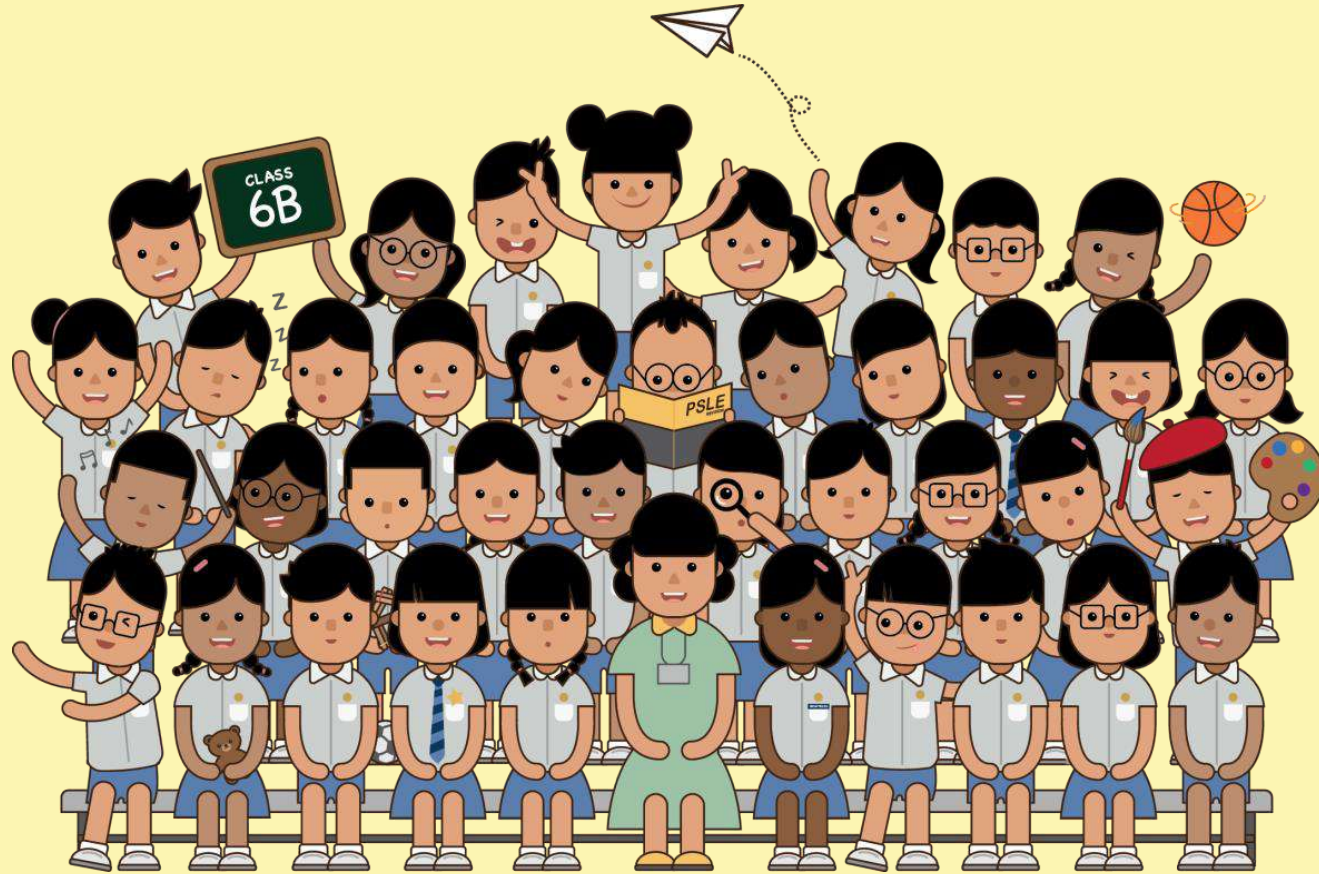
At Damai Primary School

- 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

Have a great 2024 ahead!

THANK YOU!





Parents Briefing

By Mrs Kris Hay

Year Head (Upper Primary)



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Level Programmes


- Values In Action Programmes
- Learning Journeys
- Post PSLE Activities
 - Cajon/K-Pop Danicing
 - Art Programme
 - Dining Etiquette Workshop
 - Secondary School Talk
 - Learning Journey
 - Career Day
 - Malacca Trip



Academic Matters

There will be no MYE for all levels starting 2023, the school will continue to communicate with you on students' progress in Term 1 and Term 3 using the progress card shown below.

There will also be non-weighted timed practices put in place for P6 students to help them get accustomed to the PSLE format as well as to check on their learning progress thus far.

|  TERM 3 | Developing | Competent | Exceeding |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Motivation | | | |
| • Shows confidence to explore new ways to learn | | | ✓ |
| • Completes tasks / assignments on time | | ✓ | |
| • Shows passion and enthusiasm towards learning | | ✓ | |
| 2. Communication | | | |
| • Is able to carry out instructions | | ✓ | |
| • Speaks clearly and loudly with confidence | | | ✓ |
| • Expresses ideas, thoughts and feelings clearly | | ✓ | |
| • Interacts positively with group members | | ✓ | |
| 3. Teamwork | | | |
| • Practises turn-taking in conversations | | ✓ | |

Academic Matters

- **Topics and Weighting :**

- Refer to “School Assessment Policy” will be issued at a later date
- P6 Prelims 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 Prelims (except for the ORAL exam)

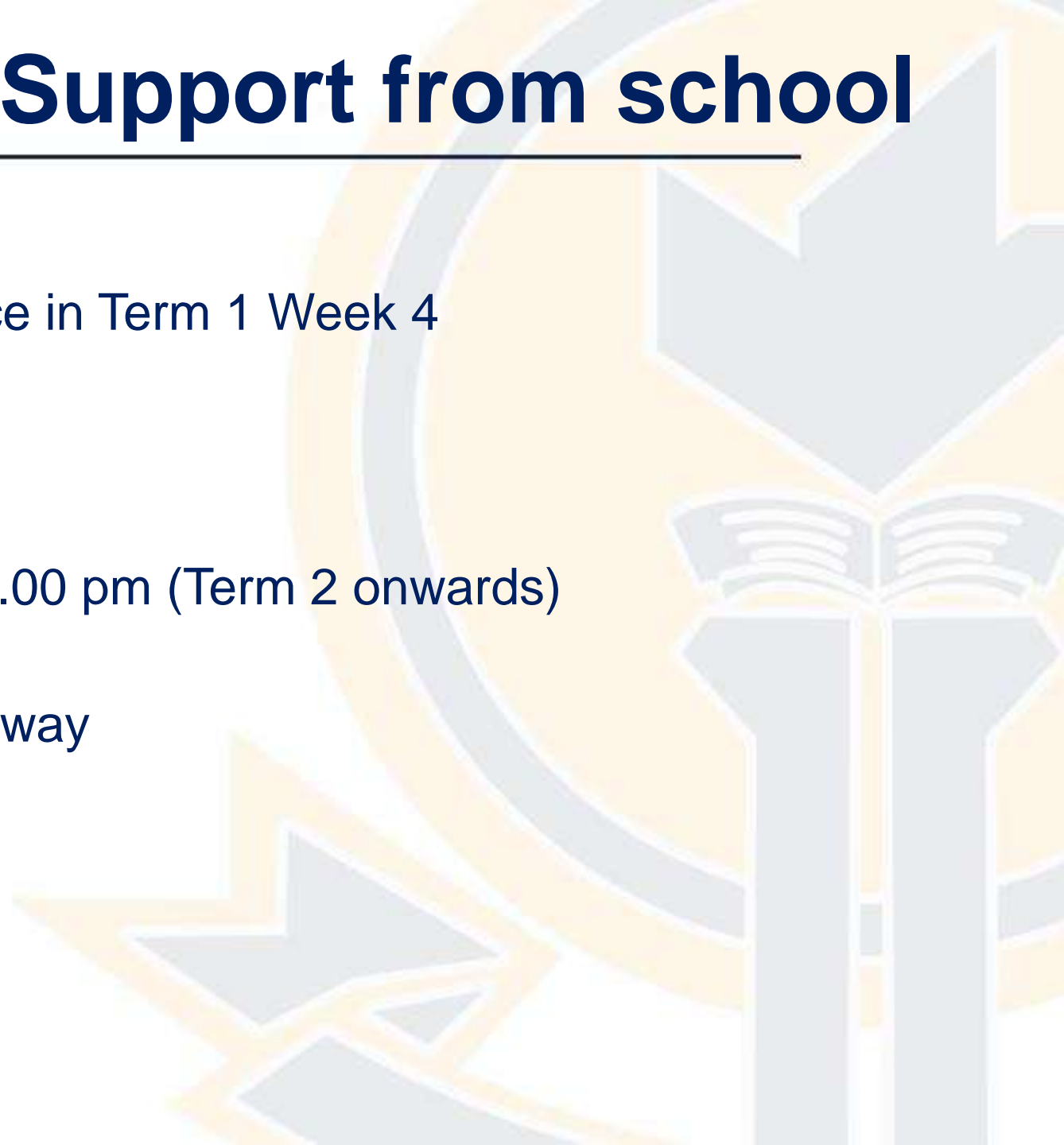
NOTE:-

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 – Support from school

- P6 Supplementary class will commence in Term 1 Week 4
- Every Monday and Thursday
- 2.00 – 3.00 pm (Term 1 only), 2.00 – 4.00 pm (Term 2 onwards)
- Letters will be issued via Parents Gateway



Other Academic Matters

- **MT Spelling** : Every Tuesday
- **EL Spelling** : Every Thursday



Important Note on PSLE

Eraser Pen (e.g Frixion 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

A SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT'S SUITABLE FOR YOUR CHILD
Help them match the school to their strengths and interests.

ASK:
What are their strengths, interests, and abilities?
- What kind of courses, programmes and extracurricular activities do they offer?
- Is the place of learning suitable for them?

CONSIDER:
- School Culture
- Courses
- Programmes, Subjects and CCAs Offered
- Location and Transport
- If your child has Special Educational Needs
Select schools with approved facilities for students.

SUBMIT:
- 6 School Options: Do not put your child in more than 6 schools.
- Schools with Different Cut-Off Points: Consider not local, D-8 schools where your child's PSLE score is better than the school's Cut-Off Points.
REFER TO: MOE's SchoolFinder: Check out schools' location on school's website, Co-Curricular activities, facilities and contact information.

YOUR RANK OF SCHOOL CHOICES
The higher you rank your preferred school, the more likely you are to get into that school.
Do not rank your preferred school as your first choice. Rank your preferred school as your second choice.

Ministry of Education SINGAPORE

Tools to use to explore secondary schools

SCHOOL FINDER

*My*SKILLSfuture



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

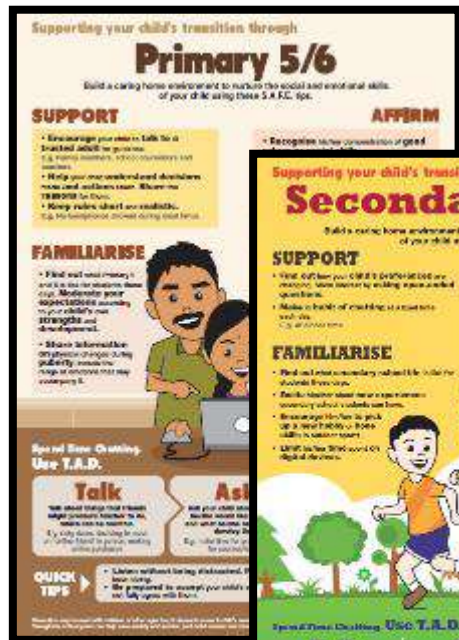
How to Use SchoolFinder
Ministry of Education SINGAPORE

<https://go.gov.sg/school-finder>

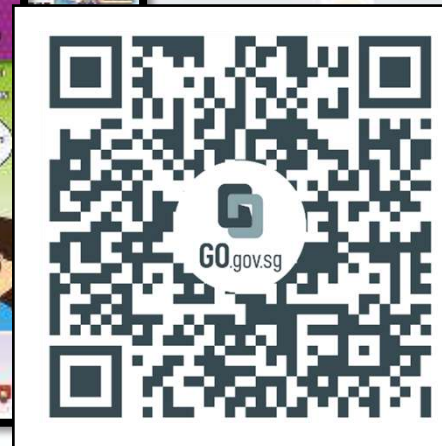


Useful resources

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 FINDER



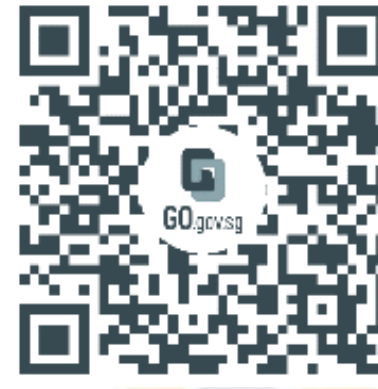
<https://go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder>

“Welcome to Secondary School” video



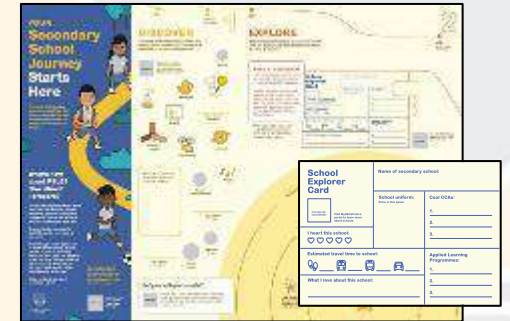
<https://go.gov.sg/welcome-to-secondary-school>

Secondary School Education Booklet



<https://go.gov.sg/psle-sec-sch-brochure>

Student Journey Map and School Explorer Card



<https://go.gov.sg/psle-student-journey>

OTHER RESOURCES

ECG Tips 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**

