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Dear Parents/Guardians

EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA)

MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) in 2012 to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

2. The objectives of the ECHA are:

- (a) To send a clear and strong signal of the importance that MOE places on character and values, on par with achievements in the academic domain; and
- (b) To recognise outstanding students in each school who are exemplary in character, and who can be role models to inspire others.

3. The ECHA is meant to recognise and affirm students who demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. The ECHA maximum quota for each school will be capped at 2% of the enrolment of Singaporean students. **Students must satisfy the following eligibility criteria** before they can be given the ECHA:

- (a) Students must be Singaporeans studying in government/ government-aided primary or secondary schools, independent schools, specialised independent schools, specialised schools or junior colleges/ centralised institute (JC/CI); and
- (b) Students must, on a consistent basis, demonstrate good character and values. In particular, students may be identified for demonstrating the following types of qualities:
 - (i) School values and/or character traits that the school wishes to recognise or encourage, e.g. respect, integrity, self-discipline, excellence
 - (ii) A high level of civic responsibility. These would be students who are concerned about issues in the community or issues faced by others, initiating action to address these issues to improve the lives of others, and being committed to make a positive difference; and/or
 - (iii) Qualities associated with resilience. These would be students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, family issues, health issues etc.), and managed to overcome the odds and still do commendably well in academic and non-academic domains.

4. The quantum of the award is as follows:

Levels	Award Quantum
Primary 1 to 3	\$200
Primary 4 to 6	\$350

5. Nominations for students can be put up by their peers, teaching and non-teaching staff, CCA coaches and instructors from *25 July 2022 to 29 July 2022*. Parental nomination will not be considered. Nomination Forms are available through the Form Teachers or the General Office. **Deadline for submission to the General Office is Friday, 29 July 2022.**

6. Nominated students will be shortlisted and there will be a selection process conducted by the endorsement panel consisting of Principal/Vice-Principal, Head of Department (HOD) and teachers.

7. The award will be presented to deserving students at the community level, together with the Edusave Scholarships, Edusave Merit Bursaries, Good Progress Awards and EAGLES.

8. For further queries, you may contact Mdm Hazilah (HOD CCE) at 6793 3419.

9. I look forward to your support in making this initiative a success. Thank you.

Regards,
Mr Chris Loh

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