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1 July 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians, our partners-in-education

Semester 1 Updates

My warmest greetings to you. I hope that your child/ward had a fulfilling Semester 1 in school. There had been a whole suite of programmes in Semester 1 for your child/ward to meet the developmental outcomes that we wish to see at each level. The programs include Sec 3 Global Canberran Programme (GCP) to Cambodia from 26May – 30May and Bali, Indonesia from 28May – 31May; Inter-Disciplinary Learning Journeys for Secondary 2 students; World Skills ECG Fair for Secondary 3 students; Leadership Skills Training for different groups of leaders, namely class leaders, CCA leaders, Peer Support Leaders (PSL) and Student Councilors; as well as the Academic Excellence Programme for the graduating students. Do refer to the attached Sem1 newsletter: “The Canberran Heartbeat” for more details and insights.

In the previous semester, we also had the opportunity to come together as a Canberran Family to celebrate and learn more about each other’s culture, through the Chinese New Year Celebrations as well as the Hari Raya Puasa Celebrations.

As we return to school for Semester 2, we hope that you and your child/ward will look forward to what will be an exciting and fulfilling semester ahead.

Celebrating our Students’ Achievements

I am pleased to share some of the commendable achievements of our students in their pursuit of excellence in co-curricular activities:

CCA	Name of Award / Competition	Achievement
Badminton	NSG North Zone B Division Boys	3 rd Placing
	NSG North Zone B Division Girls	3 rd Placing
Shooting	NTU Invitational Shoot Air Pistol Men	5 th Place
Sailing	NSG B Division Girls ILCA 4	Seah En Rui Cleo - 3 rd Position
Volleyball	NSG North Zone B Division Girls	2 nd Place
Taekwondo	NSG TKD Poomsae 'C' Div Boys Individual	Han Wei Jue - 3 rd Position
	NSG TKD Poomsae 'C' Div Girls Individual	Chong Yan Zi - 1 st Position
	NSG TKD Poomsae 'C' Div Boys Team	3 rd Position
	NSG TKD Poomsae 'B' Div Girls Individual	Doann Koh Xin Fang - 1 st Position
	NSG TKD Kyorugi 'B' Div Girls Individual	Jenelle See - 3 rd Position



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CCA	Name of Award / Competition	Achievement
Guzheng Ensemble	Singapore Youth Festival 2025	Certificate of Accomplishment
Dance	Singapore Youth Festival 2025	Certificate of Accomplishment
Choir	Singapore Youth Festival 2025	Certificate of Accomplishment
Concert Band	Singapore Youth Festival 2025	Certificate of Commendation
Boys' Brigade	JM Fraser Award for Excellence	Distinction
	BB Blaze	Bronze Award
Girls' Brigade	Company Award	Bronze Award
	Low Guat Tin Drill Competition	3 rd Placing
National Cadet Corps (NCC) Air	NCC Unit Recognition Award	Distinction
National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC)	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Distinction
National Civil Defence Cadet Corps (NCDCC)	Unit Overall Proficiency Award	Distinction
	Precision Drill Competition	6 th Position
Robotics	Worldskills VEX Competition	Create Award, Amaze Award and Finalist Award

Semester 2

The second half of 2025 is the start of the various examinations. Please refer to **Annex A** for the examination dates and other school activities. More details will be provided nearer the date.

1. Annual Temperature Taking Exercise

We conduct the temperature-taking exercise at the beginning of each Semester to maintain the school's preparedness to activate the temperature-taking regime should there be a need to. It also serves to educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility.

The temperature-taking exercise for Semester 2 will be conducted on **9 July 2025, Wednesday**. Your child/ward should have a serviceable personal ODT available for his/her use at all times of the year and not only for temperature-taking exercises.

Academic Matters

2. Academic Support Programme for Sec 4 & 5 Cohort

As part of the school's initiative to help students who need additional coaching for their academic subjects, the school has been conducting Academic Support Programme (ASP) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, after curriculum hours, in Semester 1. The ASP aims to help students who need intensive support through remediation on selected topics and/or skills. The ASP will continue in Semester 2.



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To support our graduating students in their preparation for the National Examinations, the ASP will start from 10 Jul 25, Thursday (Term 3 Week 2). If needed, the Sec 4 and 5 students may have additional days of ASP on Wednesdays and Fridays for coursework. In the pipeline are also plans for extended ASP after 5pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays where students can meet their teachers for additional consultation. The Heads of Department (HOD) will inform the students involved.

ASP schedule from Term 3 Week 2 onwards:

Class	Time	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday and Friday
Sec 4E & 5N	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Humanities	Mathematics	Coursework
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	English	Science	
Sec 4NA	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Humanities (4NA) Science (4NT)	Mathematics	
	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Coursework	Science	

The subject teachers of the cohort will brief the students on the details of the programme. We strongly believe that our students can reach their potential if they start their revision early and work closely with their teachers.

3. Experience ITE Programme (EIP) for Secondary 2G1 Students (25 July 2025)

In line with our aim to provide the best opportunities and learning experiences for our students, the school will be organizing a one-day Learning Journey for our Secondary 2G1 students on 25 July 2025. Our students will gain an insight into the ITE campus and programs under the guidance of ITE staff at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) Central College. This will allow students to discover their interests and strengths and make informed education and career choices in future.

4. Applied Learning Modules at School (ApLM@Schools) for Sec 2 Students

As part of our school's 4 years Education and Career Guidance (ECG) plan, all Secondary 2 students will participate in ApLM(Schools) on 12 to 14 August 2025. ApLM are enrichment modules that broaden the learning experiences of students and complement the secondary school curriculum with a focus on the practical application of knowledge. These modules provide our students with applied learning opportunities – learning that involves doing and applying, learning about the real world, and learning for life. Students will choose their preferred modules in Term 3.

5. Applied Learning Modules at Polytechnics (ApLM@Poly) for Sec 3 Students

In line with the Ministry of Education's objective to broaden the educational experience of students, our school is collaborating with polytechnics this October/November to offer ApLM@Poly to provide your child/ward with the opportunity to experience and benefit from practice-oriented learning in the identified fields. The following are details of the ApLM offered to the students:

S/N	Title of ApLM	Dates (3 Full Days; 8.30am – 5.00pm)	Venue	Cost
1	Cyber security and Forensics	29 to 31 Oct 2025	Nanyang Polytechnic	\$250
2	Leisure Travel and Attractions Management	3 to 5 Nov 2025	Republic Polytechnic	\$250

As the Ministry of Education is bearing the cost of the ApLM, it is important that all participants achieve at least 75% of attendance in order to be considered having successfully completed the ApLM. Students who fail to meet the minimum attendance requirement will have to bear the full cost of the ApLM.



Consent form will be sent via Parent Gateway in Term 3 for interested students. For more information, you may also refer to the ApLM website below. (<https://www.myskillsfuture.gov.sg/content/student/en/aplm.html>)

6. English Enrichment Programmes

In Term 2, all our Sec 1 and 2 students attended an oratorical workshop which provided opportunities for them to learn more about public speaking skills and crafting content for different purposes, audiences and contexts. In addition, selected Sec 1-3 Literature students enjoyed arts performances and were able to better appreciate the learning of Literature through a theatrical experience. They had an opportunity to speak with the cast, director and people involved in stage productions. It was a rich learning experience for them.

Non-Academic Matters

7. Student Leadership Development Programme

In Semester 2, our student leaders will continue to attend leadership training sessions as part of the school's Student Leadership Development Programme (SLDP). The SLDP aims to equip Secondary 1 to 3 students with vital leadership skills, drawing inspiration from the acclaimed Leadership Challenge Model developed by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner. We aim to develop our Class Leaders, CCA Leaders, and Student Councillors with the values and skills needed to Serve with Humility, Lead with Confidence, and Inspire Meaningful Change.

Through these learning experiences, students will grow in areas such as communication, collaboration, empathy, resilience, and responsible decision-making. Our student leaders are empowered to promote student voice and agency, ignite school spirit, and contribute to the well-being of their peers. They also play an active role in planning and leading school-wide events such as Teachers' Day celebrations, while spearheading meaningful student-led projects that make a positive impact in the school community.

8. Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) Training Workshops 2025

The Student Well-being & Recognition Committee believes in the progressive development of the students' leadership skills throughout their secondary school life. Peer Support Leaders will continue to attend training sessions in Semester 2 to train them to embrace values and skills such as active listener, confidence, and servant leadership so as to become better leaders to lead and shape the culture of care and support amongst peers. These training sessions are also to equip them with skills and knowledge to run school-wide programs such as Termly Birthday Celebrations, Youth Day (Term 3) and Wellness Week (Term 4).

9. Sec 1 Code for Fun (CFF) and Sec 2 Artificial Intelligence (AI) For Fun Programme

To enhance students' digital competencies and interest in coding and programming, our Secondary 1 students will be embarking on a 10-hour Code For Fun (CFF) Programme that will expose them to computational thinking skills and emerging technologies in Term 4. Through the programme, students will learn about coding and develop an interest in technology, honing their ability to innovate and problem-solve. Our Secondary 2 students will build on their CFF knowledge from Secondary 1 and embark on the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) For Fun programme. With the advancements in AI technology, our students will learn how to utilise AI to help them with coding and digital making.

10. Sec 2 & 3 Global Canberra Programmes (GCP) – Malaysia, Vietnam & China

As part of the school's effort to provide holistic education experiences for students, we are pleased to inform you that all Secondary Two students will be invited to participate in a 2D1N overseas learning journey (OLJ) to Johore and Malacca City, Malaysia, which will be conducted after the last day of school (Fri, 24 Oct) in Term 4. As the OLJ is conducted during the school holidays, 2 outgoing trips have been



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finalised and the Sec 2 OLI to Malaysia will be held from 27 – 28 Oct 25 (Trip 1) and 3 – 4 Nov 25 (Trip 2).

Sec 3 students who have applied and have been selected for their respective OLI, will be visiting Hồ Chí Minh City, Vietnam and Hainan, China from 14 Oct – 18 Oct 2025.

The purpose of these trips is to deepen global awareness, cross-cultural skills and sensitivities through various authentic learning experience with the local institutions. The safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority to ensure a safe environment for the learning to take place during the trip. A briefing will be conducted for parents of participating students nearer to the dates.

Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Matters

11. National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA)

As part of their holistic development, all Secondary 1 and Secondary 3 students will embark on the Bronze and Silver NYAA Award respectively through their Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Programme. The NYAA aims to develop and maximise the potential of young people's potential through three key areas: Service Learning, Outdoor Appreciation and Healthy Living and Community Leadership Initiative. This programme helps nurture exceptional individuals who can contribute effectively to society and the nation. All Secondary 1 and 3 students have been successfully registered with the NYAA Council.

12. CCA Attendance

The respective CCA Teachers-in-charge will send out their Term 3 CCA letter to parents separately. If your child/ward is absent from CCA, please inform the General Office at 67585070 or drop us an email to inform us of his/her absence. He/she will also be required to submit a Medical Certificate or parent's letter when he/she returns to school.

Celebration of School and National Events

13. Racial Harmony Day 2025

We commemorate Racial Harmony Day on Wednesday, 23 July 2025. The theme "Our People, Our Tapestry" highlights how the diverse threads of our communities – each with their own identity and culture – come together to form the rich and vibrant fabric of Singapore. On this day, students reflect on and celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures and the collaborative effort of all to promote social cohesion.

This reflects our nation's unique approach to multiculturalism, where every individual plays a part in strengthening the harmony we share. While differences may sometimes create tension, it is through understanding and mutual respect that we reinforce the unity of our tapestry. Students are allowed to wear their traditional ethnic attire on that day.

14. National Day Celebrations 2025

We commemorate National Day on Friday, 8 August 2025. This year's theme, "Majulah Singapura," embodies our nation's enduring spirit and aspirations as we mark 60 years of independence. Drawing from our National Anthem, the theme calls on Singaporeans to reflect on our shared journey and to face the future with unity, resilience, and hope. It reminds us that through trust, inclusivity, and mutual support, we can continue to grow and thrive together as one people. Students will be dismissed at 11.00am on that day.

15. Teacher's Day Celebration & Staff Appreciation Day

We celebrate Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day on Thursday, 04 September 2025. Students will be



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dismissed at 11.00am on that day.

16. Open House

Our School's Open House will be held on Saturday, 15 Nov 2025, from 9am to 12.30pm. It is an annual event to showcase the many good practices of our school, from daily classroom teaching to outdoor learning. This event will enable Primary 6 students to have a glimpse of what secondary school life in Canberra Secondary School would be like, to allow them to make an informed choice when they receive their PSLE results.

Other Matters

17. Termly Breakfast Dialogue Session with School Leaders

As part of the school's additional outreach efforts to engage parents / guardians in our education pursuits to nurture the Future-Ready Canberrans, we would like to extend the invitation for you to participate in the Termly Breakfast Dialogue sessions with School Leaders @ Cosmix (level 3) which will be held on the following dates from 8am to 9.30am (the registration link will be sent nearer the date).

Term 1: 18 February 2025, Tuesday, 8am – 9.30am (✓Completed)

Term 2: 9 April 2025, Wednesday, 8am – 9.30am (✓Completed)

Term 3: 11 July 2025, Friday, 8am – 9.30am

18. Parent Teacher Conference

The Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) serves as an important platform for parents/guardians to communicate with the Form Teacher (FT) and better understand the overall development as well as the well-being of your child/ward. PTM for Sec 1- 3 students and parents will be held on 23 Oct 2025 afternoon and 24 Oct 2025 full day. More details will be provided nearer to the date.

19. School Attire during the September School Holidays

Students are expected to be in proper school attire (school-based t-shirt and school bottom) and school shoes if they need to report to school during the September holidays. They will not be allowed into the school if they are not in proper attire.

20. PSG Activities

PSG has lined up some activities for parents in Semester 2 as shown below (more details will be sent through PG):

Date	Event
26 July 2025 (Sat) 9.00 am – 11.30am and 29 July 2025 (Tue) 7.30pm – 9.30pm Zoom (online)	Positive Parenting: Becoming A Digital-Age Parent is a two-part seminar series that offers practical, evidence-based strategies to help you guide your child's use of technology in a positive and balanced way. Whether your child is just starting to explore the online world or is already a seasoned digital native, these seminars will provide valuable insights and tools to help you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigate screen time and online safety with confidence• Foster healthy digital habits and emotional well-being• Strengthen communication and connection with your child Register here: https://go.gov.sg/triplep-r11
27 Sep 2025 (Sat) 9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Festival Cooking -Celebration of Deepavali



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21. Photograph(s) or video image(s) of you and your parents may be captured during school activities and events such as classroom lessons, CCA, school camps, school concerts. The school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other communication channels.

22. We look forward to working in partnership with all parents/guardians as we nurture our students to be Grateful, Respectful and Compassionate Canberrans.

Yours sincerely

Mr Leong Kok Kee
Principal



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Annex A

Calendar of Events for Semester 2

The calendar summarises the key school events, examinations, and enrichment programmes in Sem 2. All key school events and enrichment programmes will be held in school, unless otherwise stated.

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Term 3	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 1	EL Preliminary Oral Examination	1 Jul & 3 Jul				☑	☑
Week 1	Class Leaders/Student Council Training	1 July	☑	☑	☑		
Week 1-10	Sec 1 Conversational Chinese Malay (CCM) Programme [9 sessions, every Thursday after school, 3-5pm; include 2 online lessons on 17 July and 4 Sep]	3 July - 4 Sept	☑				
Week 1	Sec 2 – ICT / ALP [8 sessions, every Thursday after school, 3 -5pm]	3 July - 28 August		☑			
Week 1	Cross – Country @ Republic Poly		☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 2	Youth Day (School Holiday)	7 July	Students will report to school on 8 July.				
Week 2	GCE O Level MTL Listening Comprehension	8 July	Students will be dismissed from school at 1240hrs				
						☑	√
Week 2	Annual Temperature Taking Exercise	9 July	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 2	Breakfast Dialogue Session (3) with School Leaders	11 July	Open to all parents				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 3	GCE N/O Level EL/MTL Oral Examinations	14 – 18 July				☑	☑
Week 3	Blended Learning Days	15 – 17 July	☑	☑	☑		
Week 4	Class Leaders Training	22 July	☑	☑	☑		
Week 4	Sec 2N/2T MTL Oral Exam	22 July		☑			
Week 4	Racial Harmony Day	23 July	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Week 4-5	Sec 4N/T Preliminary Examination	24 July – 1 Aug					☑
Week 5	Sec 2E MTL Oral Exam	29 July		☑			
Week 5	CCA Leaders Dialogue	29 July			☑		



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Term 3	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 5	Sec 3N/3T MTL Oral Exam	31 July			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 5	Blended Learning Day	1 August	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 6	Student Council Training	5 August			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 6	Sec 3E MTL Oral Exam	7 August			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 7	National Day Celebrations	8 August (Dismissal at 11 am)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	National Day Off-in-lieu (School Holiday)	10 August	Students will report to school on 12 August.				
Week 7	Sec 1 School Camp @ Changi Coast Campsite	12 – 15 Aug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Week 7	Sec 2 ApLM & ICT/ALP and Financial Literacy	12 – 15 Aug		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Week 7	Sec 3 School Camp @ Dairy Farm Campsite	12 – 15 Aug			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 7	Blended Learning Day	12 Aug				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 7 - 8	Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination	12 – 22 August				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Week 8	Sec 3N/3T EL Oral Exam	19 Aug				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Week 8 - 10	Annual Health Screening	20 Aug – 1 Sept	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Week 8	Sec 3E EL Oral Exam	21 Aug				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Week 9	Class Leaders/Student Council Training	26 August	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Week 9	Sec 1 G3 MTL Oral Exam	29 August	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Week 10	Student Council Training	2 September	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Week 10	Sec 1 G1/G2 MTL Oral Exam	2 September	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Week 10	Teachers' Day Celebrations + EAS Appreciation Day	4 September (Dismissal at 11 am)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	Teachers' Day (School Holiday)	5 September	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Term 4	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T	
Week 1	GCE NT Level MTL Listening Comprehension GCE NA Level EL Listening Comprehension	16 September						☑
Week 1	GCE NT Level EL Listening Comprehension GCE NA Level MTL Listening Comprehension	17 September						☑
Week 1	Sec 1 Conversational Chinese Malay (CCM) Programme (final session, session 10)	18 September	☑					
Week 1 - 2 Week 4 - 5	GCE N Level Practical & Written Examination	15 – 23 September 6 Oct – 14 October						☑
Week 2 - 4	CCA Suspended for EOY Examination	22 September – 10 October	☑	☑	☑	☑		☑
Week 2	End-of-Year Examination	24 – 25 September	☑	☑	☑			
Week 2	Blended Learning Day	26 September	☑	☑	☑			
Week 2	Graduation Ceremony	26 September				☑		☑
Week 3 - 4	End-of-Year Examination	2 – 8 October	☑	☑	☑			
Week 4-10	GCE O Level Practical and Written Examination	1 – 14 October 16 Oct – 10 Nov					☑	√
Week 4-6	GCE O Level Science Practical Examination	1, 6, 9, & 14 October				☑		√
Week 4	Marking Day (No school for Sec 1 - 3 students)	9 October	☑	☑	☑			
Week 4	Blended Learning Day	10 October	☑	☑	☑			
Week 5	Overseas Learning Journey to Vietnam and China	14 – 18 October			☑			
Week 5-6	Code for Fun	15, 16, 17 & 22 October	☑					

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Term 4	Event/Programme	Date(s)	S1	S2	S3	S4E5N	S4N/T
Week 5-6	AI for Fun	16, 17, 22 & 23 October		☑			
Week 6	Class Leaders/Student Council Training	21 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 6	Moderation / Promotion Day (no school for Sec 1 - 3 students)	21 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 6	Post-Exam Programme	22 – 23 October	☑	☑	☑		
Week 6	Parent Teacher Conference	23 October PM (Last Day of School) 24 October Full day	☑	☑	☑		
Week 7 - 8	Overseas Learning Journey to Malacca	27 – 28 October 3 – 4 November		☑			
Week 9	School Open House 2025	15 November 9am – 12.30pm	<i>All Staff and selected students are involved</i>				
			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑