

# Primary 5 and 6



# Meet the Parents Session 2023

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Address by School Leaders and Year-Head  
27 January 2023

**“What we are familiar with today will soon be outdated faster than we think...”**

Education Minister, Chan Chun Sing  
4 August 2022

# Our Educational Landscape

The environment is changing due to several driving forces:

- Globalisation
- Advancements in technology
- Geo-political developments
- A more cosmopolitan society





# Changes to Expect

- Removal of Mid-Year Examinations for all levels
- Administration of Weighted Assessments (WAs)
- Weighting to reflect demands in scope and complexity

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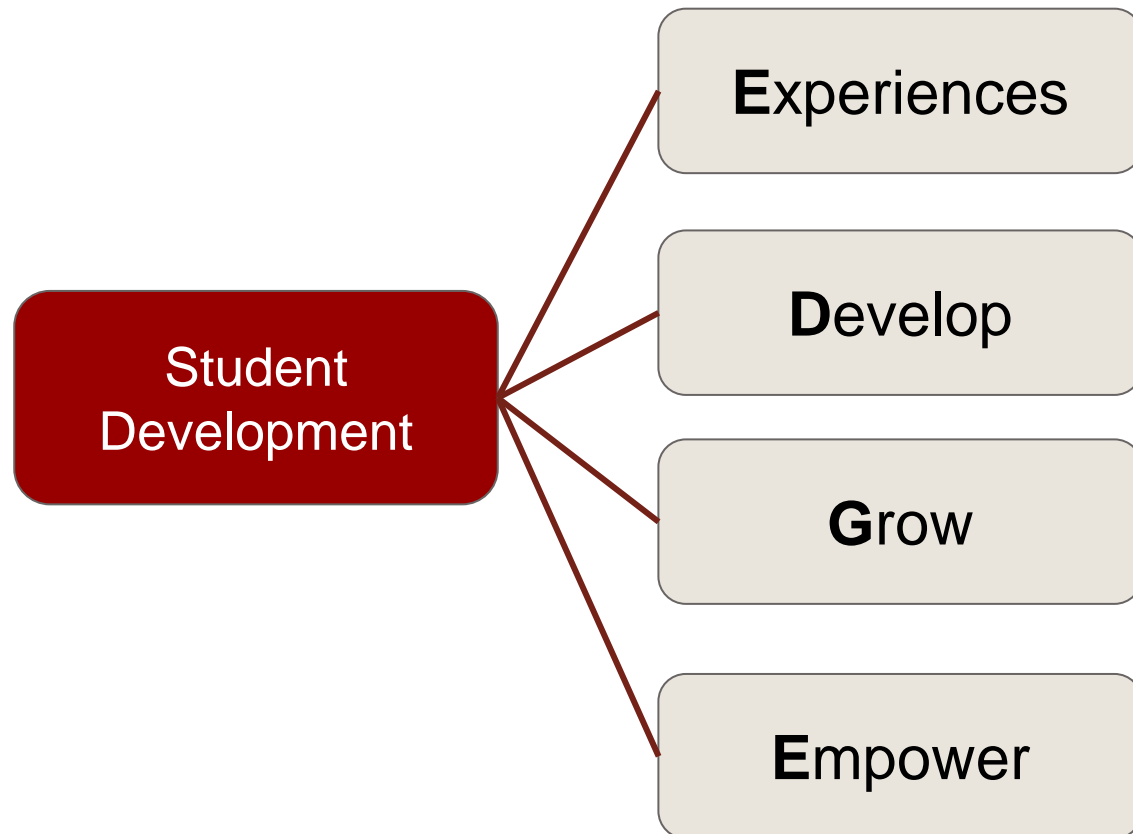
# Removal of Mid-Year Exams

- Meet the challenges of an increasingly complex world
- Move away from an overemphasis on testing and academic results
- Free up space and time to pace out teaching and learning

2023

# The EDGE Approach

## Learning Process



Experiences  
reflected upon for  
learning

Subject mastery/  
skills/ attitudes



Heart  
Character  
Person  
Values

Take actions  
Application

## Student Outcomes



Theme  
for  
2023

Cherish  
Nourish  
Flourish





- **Consistency**
- **Quality work**
- **Sacrifices**
- **Growth Mindset**





# Year-Head's Address

## 1 Level Matters

- Level Focus
- Expectations
- Important Dates
- P5 Subject Based Banding
- Support Programmes

## 2 PSLE Matters

- Scoring Changes
- Course Placement
- School Selection
- Direct School Admission
- Education & Career Guidance



# Level Matters



# Year Head and Assistant Year Head

Year Head (P5P6)	Assistant Year Head (P5)
Mdm Alfiah	Ms Para

- Look into overall student well-being
- Work with level teachers to understand the needs of individual students
- Provide close and timely support together with Case Management Team to increase student engagement

# Level Focus

- **Resilience**

- Adapt when faced with changes & challenges
- Be like a bamboo - sturdy & strong

- **Responsible Decision Making**

- Stop, Think & Act
- Reflect on one's actions





# What to Expect

- Rigour and greater complexity in content
- Independent and self-directed tasks
- Opportunities to build self-confidence and team-work e.g., project work  
in P5



# Importance of Regular Attendance

- Attending school every day allows your child to keep up with his/her learning
- Instils a sense of responsibility and self-discipline
- Reduces learning gaps



# Discipline & Character Development

To face the rigour and demands at upper primary, it is important that our students demonstrate:

- Team-spirit
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Self-discipline





# Impact of Attendance & Discipline

- Discipline and irregular attendance would impact conduct grading
- Disrupt and hinder learning and progress
- Reduce focus and consistency in learning

# **Important dates for P5 and P6**



# Important Dates (Primary 5)

Date	Programme/Event
18 January - 8 March	Swimsafer
30 January	Commencement of Support Lessons
31 January	Commencement of CCA
10 March	Sport Meet 2023 (Upper Primary)
26 May	Parent Teacher Conference 2023
21 June - 22 June	Support Lessons



# Important Dates (Primary 5)

Date	Programme/Event
July	NE Show
19 October - 26 October	P5 End-of-Year Examination
30 October - 1 November	P5 Camp



# Important Dates (Primary 6)

PSLE 2023 Calendar (Tentative)	
PSLE Registration	03 April - 19 April
Oral Examination	15 August - 16 August
Listening Comprehension	15 September
Written Examination	28 September - 04 October
Marking Exercise	16 October - 18 October



# Important Dates (Primary 6)

Date	Programme/Event
30 January	Commencement of Support Lessons
31 January	Commencement of CCA
10 March	Sport Meet 2023 (Upper Primary)
20 March 23 March 26 June	Study Skills & Motivational Workshop
25 May - 26 May	Parent Teacher Conference 2023
21 June - 22 June	Support Lessons



# Important Dates (Primary 6)

Date	Programme/Event
25 July - 26 July	Prelim Oral
15 August - 16 August	PSLE Oral
17 August - 24 August	Prelim Examination
15 September	PSLE Listening Comprehension
28 September - 4 October	PSLE Written Examination
9 October - 15 November	Post-PSLE Activities
17 November	Graduation Ball 2023





# Subject Based Banding (Reconsideration)

## Primary 4

- Students sit for school-based examination.
- School recommends subject combination
- Parents indicate choice of subject combination.

## Primary 5

- Students take subject combination of parent's choice.
- **School decides subject combination** based on student's year-end examination.

## Primary 6

- Students take subjects recommended by school.
- Students sit for PSLE at the end of the year.

# Support Programmes

- Morning Clinics (for P6 only)
  - Subject specific support during pre-assembly
- Support Lessons
  - After-school academic support programme for selected students





# PSLE Matters

Our P6 batch this year will be the **3<sup>rd</sup>** cohort assessed using the new Achievement Levels (ALs)

## SCORING CHANGES

*The subsequent slides cover the changes in the PSLE scoring.*



AL1

AL2

AL3

AL4

AL5

AL6

AL7

AL8

# Mark Range for Achievement Levels

## Standard Subjects

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

## Example



ENGLISH LANGUAGE AL3

MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE AL2

MATHEMATICS AL1

SCIENCE AL2

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**PSLE SCORE: 8**

# Mark Range for Achievement Levels

## Foundation Subjects

FOUNDATION LEVEL AL REFLECTED ON RESULT SLIP	FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE	EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL
A	75-100	6
B	30-74	7
C	<30	8

## Example



ENGLISH LANGUAGE	AL 2
MATHEMATICS	AL 4
FOUNDATION SCIENCE	AL B
MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE	AL 2

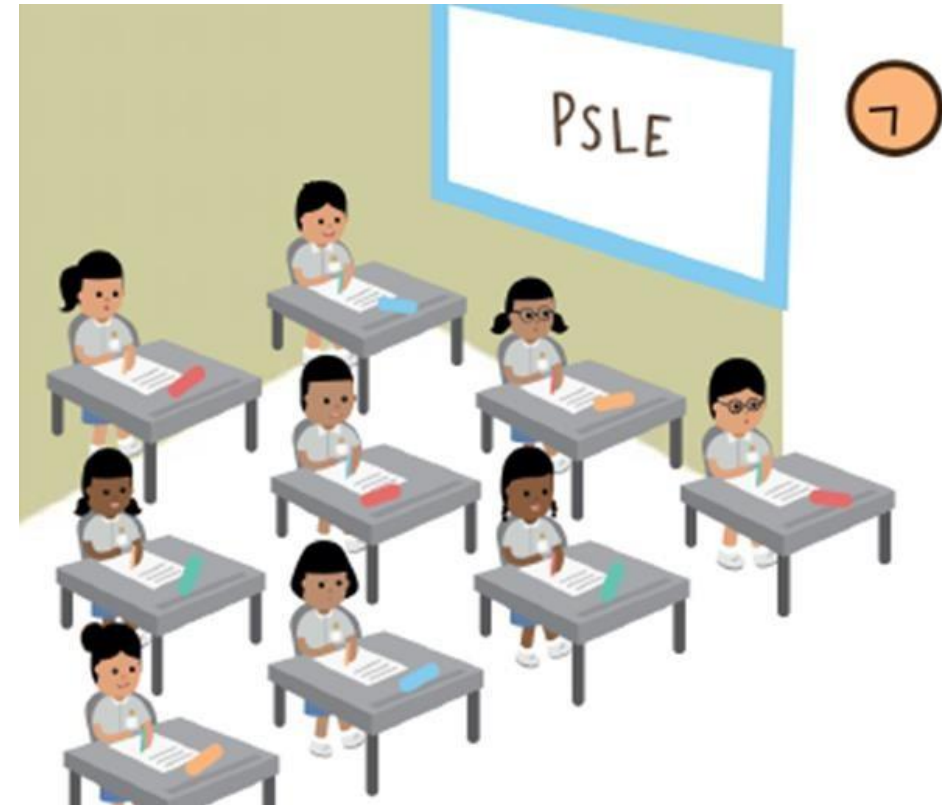
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**PSLE SCORE : 15**



# Secondary School Course Placement

PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) option	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26 – 30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA





# Scoring for MTL-exempt and AsL/FL students

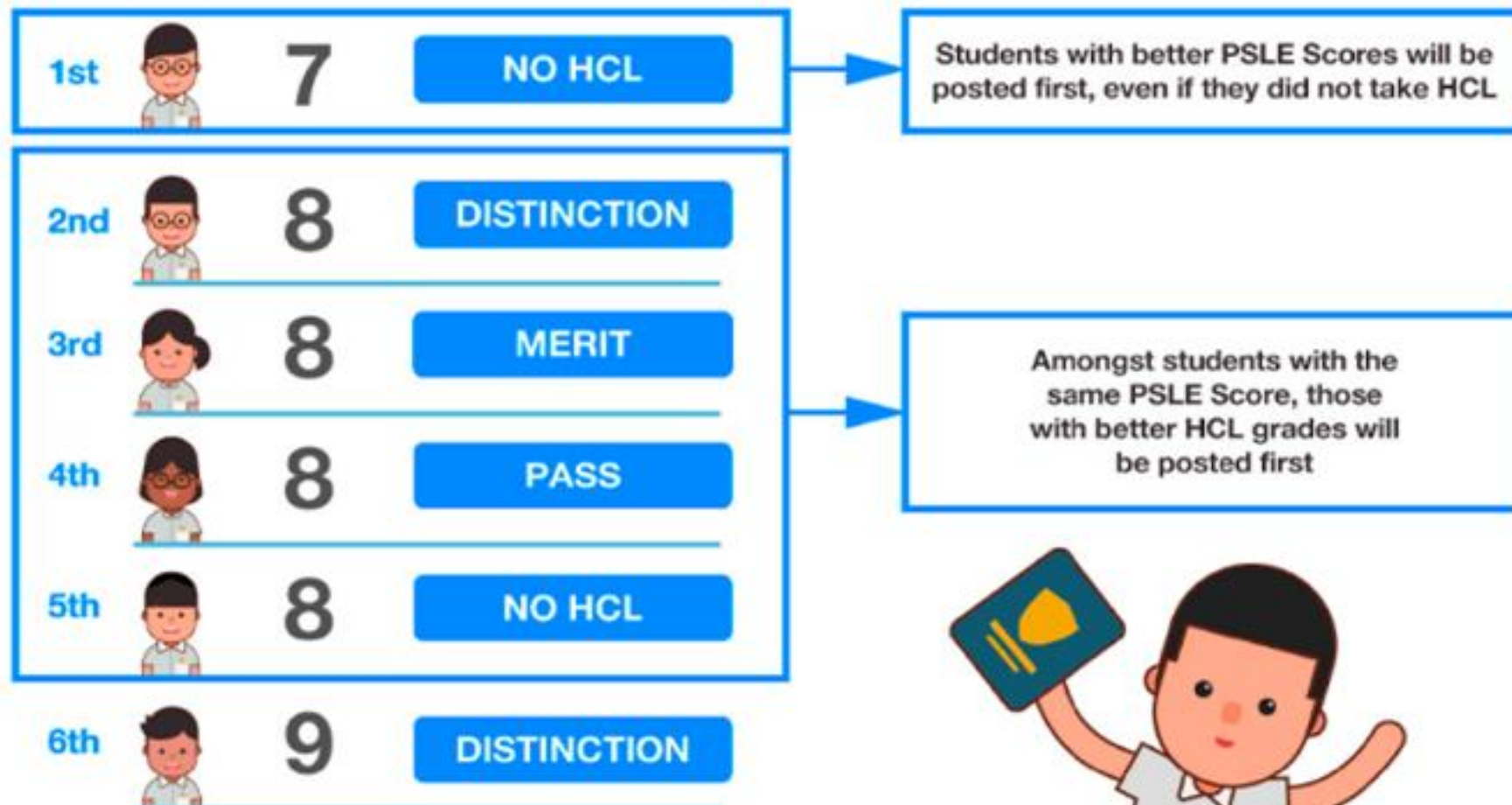
- The assigned MTL score will:
  - take reference from peers with similar scores in English, Mathematics and Science
  - maintain parity of treatment with students who take Foundation MTL
- Students will receive an assigned MTL score between AL6 and AL8

## Referencing similar EMS score

STUDENT F		MTL-EXEMPT STUDENT	
STUDENT E		Subject	
STUDENT D		AL	
STUDENT C		English	2
STUDENT B		Mathematics	4
STUDENT A		Science	5
		Mother Tongue	7
		PSLE Score: 18	
		Imputed MTL Score	
		PSLE Score: 18	

# Using HCL for SAP School Admission

- Students taking HCL will receive posting advantage for SAP schools



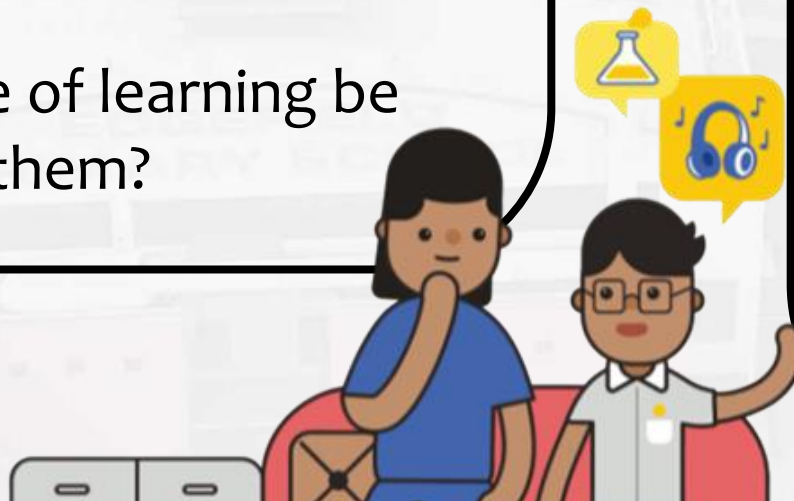
# Choosing a Secondary School

## Ask

- What are their strengths, interests and abilities?
- What courses, programmes and opportunities will develop these areas?
- Will the pace of learning be suitable for them?

## Consider

- Courses
- School Culture
- Programmes, Subjects and CCAs offered
- Location and Transport
- Specialized facilities and resources for students with SEN





# Indicative AL Cut-Off Point for School Types

## Government & Government-aided Schools

These schools are the mainstay of our education system and offer high quality education at standardised fees. These schools offer a range of electives, applied subjects and student development programmes.

Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
Express [Integrated Programme (IP)]	7 – 9
Express (O-level)	8 – 22
Normal (Academic)	22 – 25
Normal (Technical)	26 – 30

## Autonomous Schools

These schools are Government or Government-aided schools that provide a wider range of programmes that seek to enhance students' learning experiences and develop their talents.

Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
Express (IP)	7 – 9
Express (O-level)	8 – 16
N(A)	22 – 25
N(T)	26 – 29

## Independent schools

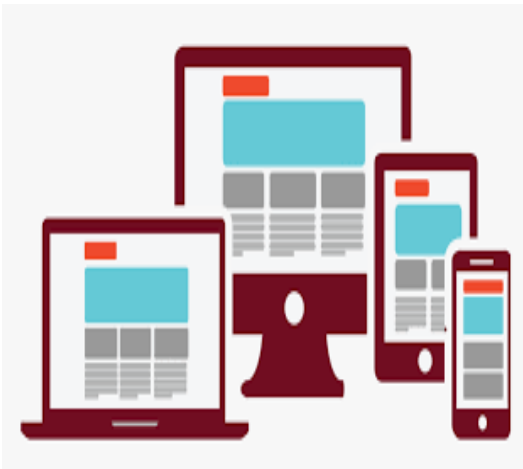
These schools have the autonomy to develop their curriculum and programmes to cater to their students' diverse learning needs.

Course	Indicative AL COP range for 2019 PSLE
Express (IP)	6 – 8
Express (O-level)	8 – 10



# Knowing More about the Secondary Schools

- Find out more about secondary schools and their programmes through:



School Websites of  
Secondary Schools



MySkillsFuture.sg  
*Education Guide* feature  
<https://tinyurl.com/skillsfuturep>



MOE School Finder  
<https://go.gov.sg/schfinder-sec>

# Secondary School Selection

- Information on secondary schools will only be available online
  - More information will be **sent out via PG in mid October**
- Secondary school selection will take place **after release of PSLE results**
- Each student will have **6 choices** in the Option Exercise
- Students are required to submit their options online
- Secondary school selection exercise is a one-time exercise



# Importance of School Choice Order

- Students will continue to be posted to a secondary school based on **academic merit** - overall PSLE score
- If 2 or more students with the same PSLE score vie for the last available place in a secondary school, tie-breakers will be used in this order:
  - **Citizenship**  
(1)Singapore Citizens (2)Permanent Residents (3)International Students
  - **Choice order of schools** (implemented in 2021)
  - **Computerised balloting**





# Examples of Tie-breakers

## Mary

Singapore  
Citizen

20 pts

### SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch B
- 3) Sch C
- 4) Sch ...



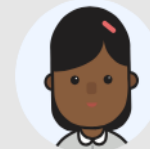
## Jane

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 ...



- There is only one place left in School A, and Jane and Mary have both listed School A as their first choice
- As Jane has a better PSLE score than Mary, she will get the last place in School A and be posted to it
- As the last place in School A has been taken up by Jane, Mary will now be considered for her second choice of school - School B.

# Examples of Tie-breakers

**Mary**

Singapore  
Citizen

**20 pts**

SCHOOL CHOICES:

- 1) Sch A
- 2) Sch B
- 3) Sch C
- 4) Sch ...



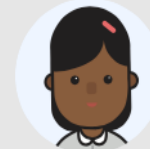
**Jane**

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 ...



- Bryan has the same PSLE Score as Mary and has listed School B as his first choice
- School B also only has one place left, and so tie-breakers will be applied
- Both Mary and Bryan are Singapore Citizens so next tie-breaker will be applied
- Bryan ranked School B higher than Mary, so he will be posted to School B
- Mary will be considered for her next choice, School C



# Secondary School Posting

- Posting Process: Students will be posted strictly by merit

1

- Student is unable to get into any of the schools in their 6 choices

2

- Posted to a school in the same postal district that has vacancy

3

- Posted to a school in a neighbouring postal district that has vacancy

4

- Posted to a school that has a vacancy in any part of Singapore



# Direct School Admission (DSA)

- Students can enter a secondary school through:
  - the S1 Posting Exercise
  - DSA
- DSA is based on a diverse range of talents and achievements in specific academic subjects or non-academic areas, beyond what the PSLE recognises
- DSA allows students to access school programmes to develop their talents

# Direct School Admission (DSA)

- DSA is the right choice for your child if they:
  - have specific talents for which a school offers DSA-Sec in
  - are passionate about and committed to developing their strengths and areas of interest



# Direct School Admission (DSA)

- From 2019, DSA applications are centralised via MOE Portal



<https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa>



# Direct School Admission (DSA)

DSA Timeline (Tentative)	
Explore school choices	January - May
Apply through DSA-Sec portal	May - June
Interviews/Trials/Auditions	August
Selection of preferred school	October
Receive school allocation with PSLE results	November



# Direct School Admission (DSA)

- Students who are successful in their DSA application will still sit for PSLE
- The student's PSLE results will be used to determine the secondary school course they are eligible for (Express, Normal Academic/Technical)
- The student must obtain a score that allows them to qualify for a course offered by the school

## Example:

Jane has a DSA confirmed offer given by Achievement Secondary School, which offers the Express Course only. However, Jane's PSLE results qualify her for the Normal (Academic) course. Hence, Jane will not be able to go to Achievement Secondary School and will take part in the S1 Posting Exercise.



# Supporting Your Child

**Be a P.S.L.E parent – Proactive,  
Supportive, Loving and Empowering!**



# Supporting Your Child

## 1. SUPERVISE

Look out for signs of distress, and monitor your child's progress.

Noticed any of the following signs that is out of the norm for your child?

- Struggles to pay attention in studies or activities
- Tiredness
- Rebellious streak
- Excuses to miss school/class
- Stays away from others
- Sulking

It may be an indication of too much stress.

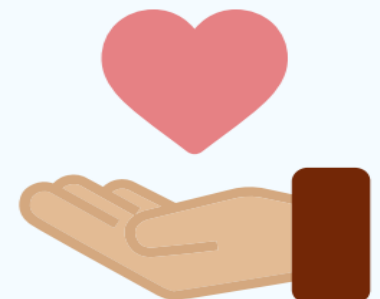


## 2. PROVIDE

Know your child's needs and be present.

Be willing to listen and communicate frequently in an open and supportive manner.

Give them your attention.



# Supporting Your Child

## 3. ROLE MODEL

Role model resilient behaviour and positive mindsets in everyday situations.

Share with your child some of the challenges and setbacks you've faced, and how you managed and maintained positivity.



## 4. REASSURE

Encourage your child regularly.

Provide positive feedback and cheer your child on for every effort.





# Supporting Your Child

- Establish routine
  - Work on a timetable/daily schedule with your child
- Healthy Sleep Schedule
  - 9.30pm bedtime
- Monitor device usage
- Positive reinforcement
  - “I am proud of you for doing your homework without being reminded today.”

# Our Ultimate Aim

- We want our children to:
  - **Develop different aspects of their character.**
  - **Know that there are different kinds of talents, academic and non-academic.**
  - **Know that grades are just a part of their story.**
  - **Understand that there are many paths to a fulfilling life.**



You may pose questions by scanning the following QR Code :

# Thank you



We will get back to you on your queries.