



NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 (SEC 3)

Dear Parents / Guardians,

1 Happy New Year & Welcome back to School!

Greetings from Naval Base Secondary School! With the beginning of the new school year, we would like to inform you about our programmes and activities for Term 1. This is so that, together, we can nurture and maximise the potential of all Navalites.

2 Secondary 3 Level Camp 2023

Your child/ward will be going for a **3-day 2-night residential camp from 10 January (Tuesday) to 12 January (Thursday) 2023**. All camp activities will be conducted at Sentosa campsite except cycling, which will be from school.

The level camp aims to draw together personal experience and intellectual growth to promote self-discovery. Through the camp experiences, we aim to meet the following objectives:

- Create a sense of identity unique to our school.
- Provide Navalites with a tailored programme to challenge their limits and reinforce school's values.
- Enrich Navalites' overall school experiences by exposing them to activities beyond school to reinforce the competencies needed for future successes.
- Equip Navalites with the necessary life skills to better prepare them to meet future challenges.
- Forge camaraderie and social bonds through challenging common experiences.
- Develop positive teacher-student relationships and student-student relationships through out-of-classroom interactions.

Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the camp programme and packing list for your reference so that you can assist your child/ward in their preparation for the camp.

Should you have any queries, you may contact your child/ward Form Teacher. Alternatively, you can email Ms Amanda Chong at chong_lee_feng@schools.gov.sg or Mr Tharmendra Jeyaraman at tharmendra_jeyaraman@schools.gov.sg, or contact our Admin Centre at 6257 1996.

3 Fortnightly Home-Based Learning Days

In line with the National Digital Literacy Programme, MOE has included Blended Learning as a regular feature of the curriculum. Beyond preparing students for school closure, students and teachers now view Blended Learning as a pedagogical strategy. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) days are part of the overall effort to encourage students to be self-directed and independent learners, and to develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners.

In NBSS, fortnightly HBL days generally take place on Even Fridays. Navalites are expected to learn from home under minimal supervision; they will meet their form classes virtually via Zoom at the start of the day, before going on to complete their assigned work at their own time. HBL Day expectations include a Student-Initiated Learning component where they pursue their own interests. For a start, Term 1 HBL days are as follows:

Term 1 HBL Day	Dates
Day 1	13 Jan (Fri)
Day 2	27 Jan (Fri)
Day 3	10 Feb (Fri)
Day 4	24 Feb (Fri)
Day 5	10 Mar (Fri)

4 Departmental Matters

(a) English Language and Literature Department – Reading Programme

The school aims to develop good reading habits and a love for reading in Navalites through its reading programme. When Navalites read widely, they develop competency and confidence in using the English language, as well as widen their general knowledge.

All Navalites will be scheduled for school library visits and participate in related reading activities throughout the year, as part of the reading programme. With their Personal Learning Devices (PLD), Navalites are also encouraged to access free e-books via the National Library e-book application – Libby. Hence, all Navalites should have a book with them every day, as time will be set aside for reading in the morning.

Beyond curriculum hours, Navalites are strongly encouraged to read the books/articles recommended in their English Language Resource Packages.

(b) Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Department

Language Mother Tongue Fortnights (MTF)

In order to provide Navalites with opportunities to learn and use MTL in novel and exciting ways, the MTF Part 1 will be held from 16th to 20th January, coinciding with the Chinese New Year and Pongal Celebrations. During this period, Navalites will be engaged in a wide range of activities related to Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages and cultures during and after school hours.

Chinese New Year Celebrations (CNY)

The school will celebrate Lunar New Year on 20 January (Friday). However, since 20th January is not the eve of Lunar New Year, school will function according to normal school hours.

(c) Humanities Department – Out-of-Classroom Learning Experiences

Geographical Investigation

An integral part of the Upper Secondary Geography curriculum, Geographical Investigation (GI) offers Navalites the opportunity to carry out geographical inquiry and participate in fieldwork. In doing so, Navalites learn to transfer what they have learnt from their geography lessons to real world issues. These activities will be conducted towards the end of Term 1 and more details will be shared closer to the date of the activities.

Social Studies Learning Journey and Activities

Social Studies aims to develop the citizenship competencies among our Navalites and a key component is to understand the workings of our government. Selected Secondary 3 Navalites will have the opportunity to embark on a learning journey to learn more about the proceedings of the Singapore Parliament through a guided tour. There will also be activities arranged in conjunction with the release of the Singapore Budget 2023 in February for the students to be discuss as part of their learning. More details will be provided nearer to the date of these activities.

(d) Character and Citizenship Education

Chingay Assembly Programme (31 January, Tuesday)

All Navalites will also enjoy a live entertainment show - Embrace Tomorrow, during CCE periods on 31 January, Tuesday, which aims to rally everyone feel a sense of pride and instill a great sense of fearlessness for what is to come and build a brighter future for Singapore. Students will also learn about the history of Chingay and its role in multi-cultural Singapore, as well as how Chingay has evolved since its beginning in 1973.

Total Defence Day (15 February, Wednesday)

Total Defence Day is commemorated annually to mark Singapore's fall to the Japanese on 15 February 1942, to remind us about the importance of Total Defence in protecting our sovereignty as a nation through the six pillars of Total Defence. This meaningful occasion will be marked on 14 and 16 February during CCE periods through an engaging assembly programme, thoughtful discussions on contemporary issues facing Singapore today as well as various lead-up activities.

5 Administrative Matters

(a) SMS Notifications to Inform Parents / Guardians of Student Absence

When students are absent, an automated SMS will be sent in the morning to the main guardian as reflected in School Cockpit. This is to ensure that parents/guardians are promptly updated about your child/ward's absence. Please make sure that your child/ward returns to school with the relevant documents explaining their absence. If you **do not** wish to receive SMS alerts or if there are changes to your contact number, please inform the school promptly at nbss@moe.edu.sg.

(b) Photographs / Images Taken During School Events

Please note that photograph(s) and video image(s) of your child/ward may be captured during school events. These images may be published in school publications, websites, social media and other school communication channels. If you do not wish to have these photographs and images published, you may write to the school at nbss@moe.edu.sg.

(c) Parents Gateway (PG)

The dissemination of important information to parents/guardians will be done through Parents Gateway (PG). We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to download the PG app if you have not done so, as this will enable you to receive timely information regarding your child/ward. Please refer to Annex B for the PG User Installation Guide.

6 Looking Ahead

We look forward to an enriching partnership with you as we approach 2023 with renewed energy!

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to:
nbss@moe.edu.sg

Sec 3 Camp Programme Overview

DAY 1 10 JAN	3-1	3-2	3-3	3-4	3-5	3-6	3-7	3-8
0715 hrs	INSTRUCTORS ARRIVAL @ SCHOOL							
0730 hrs	OPENING / H.E.A.R.T.S / ADMIN							
0800 hrs	COACH TRANSFER TO SENTOSA CAMPSITE				CYCLING TRIAL IN SCHOOL			
0900 hrs	ARRIVAL @ CAMP CHALLENGE SENTOSA				CYCLING TO KAMPONG BUNGKOK			
	TEAM FORMATION / ENERGIZER							
0930 hrs	THE KAYAKING CHALLENGE!		LOW ELEMENTS / M.A.P		CYCLING			
LUNCH								
1230 hrs	LUNCH				CYCLING BACK TO SCHOOL			
1330 hrs	THE KAYAKING CHALLENGE!		LOW ELEMENTS / M.A.P					
1500 hrs					COACH TRANSFER TO SENTOSA CAMPSITE @ 1530			
1630 hrs	WASH UP				CAMPFIRE PREP			
1730 hrs	CAMPFIRE PREP				WASH UP			
1830 hrs	DINNER							
1930 hrs	BLIND MAN'S TRAIL				ANIMAL CALL			
2030 hrs	ANIMAL CALL				BLIND MAN'S TRAIL			
2130 hrs	DAY 1 DEBRIEF / DAY 2 BRIEFING							
2200 hrs	LIGHTS OUT! / END OF DAY 1							

DAY 2 11 JAN	3-1	3-2	3-3	3-4	3-5	3-6	3-7	3-8
0730 hrs	RISE & SHINE							
0800 hrs	BREAKFAST							
0900 hrs	COACH TRANSFER TO SCHOOL @ 0830				THE KAYAKING CHALLENGE!	LOW ELEMENTS / M.A.P		
1000 hrs	CYCLING TRIAL IN SCHOOL							
	CYCLING TO KAMPONG BUNGKOK							
1200 hrs	LUNCH							
1300 hrs	CYCLING				LOW ELEMENTS / M.A.P	THE KAYAKING CHALLENGE!		
1500 hrs	COACH TRANSFER TO SENTOSA CAMPSITE @1530							
1600 hrs	CAMPFIRE PREP				WASH UP			
1700 hrs	WASH UP				CAMPFIRE PREP			
1800 hrs	DINNER							
1900 hrs	CAMPFIRE!							
2130 hrs	SUPPER / DAY 2 DEBRIEF / DAY 3 BRIEFING							
2200 hrs	LIGHTS OUT! / END OF DAY 2							

DAY 3 12 JAN	3-1	3-2	3-3	3-4	3-5	3-6	3-7	3-8
0730 hrs	RISE & SHINE							
0800 hrs	BREAKFAST							
0900 hrs	THE RAFTING CHALLENGE!				ULTIMATE SURVIVAL CHALLENGE			
1130 hrs	LUNCH							
1230 hrs	ULTIMATE SURVIVAL CHALLENGE				THE RAFTING CHALLENGE!			
1430 hrs	FINAL DEBRIEF							
	CLOSING / CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION							
1530 hrs	END OF PROGRAMME!							

PACKING LIST

ITEM:		Recommended Quantity
CLOTHING:	Comfortable T-shirts (or School T-Shirts) Comfortable Shorts (or PE Shorts) Wet Attire (for water activities) Undergarments	3 sets 3 sets 2 sets 3 sets
FOOTWEAR:	Sport Shoes Sandals or Slippers Extra pair of covered shoes or booties (for water activities) Socks	1 set 1 set 1 set 3 pairs
SHOWER ITEMS:	Towel Shampoo Soap Conditioner Facial Wash	1 set
TOILETRIES:	Toothpaste Toothbrush Toilet roll Comb	1 set
SLEEPING GEAR:	Warm sleepwear Sleeping Bag	1 set 1 set
NON- DISPOSABLE UTENSILS:	Cup Plate Bowl Fork Spoon Water Bottle (1.5 litres)	1 set
PERSONAL PROTECTION:	Sunscreen Sunblock Lotion Insect Repellent Cap Poncho or Raincoat	1 set

OTHERS:	Writing Material (pen and paper) Plastic Bags (for soiled clothing) Torchlight with spare batteries Thermometer (working) Watch Personal Medication as required (eg. Inhaler)	1 set
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- The above-mentioned serves as a guide only. Please increase / decrease the quantity accordingly.
- Pupils are to label **all** their personal items.
- Students are to be responsible for their own belongings.
- The school / service provider will not be liable / responsible for any losses / damages.

Parents Gateway (PG) User Installation Guide

- Step 1: SingPass 2-Step Verification (2FA) is required for on-boarding. If you have not registered for a SingPass or have not set up the 2FA, please visit the SingPass website <https://www.singpass.gov.sg>. Should you require further assistance, please contact SingPass Helpdesk at 6643-0555.
- Step 2: Download the PG app from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. Search for the 'Parents Gateway' mobile app.
- Step 3: Refer to the detailed guide below on the one-time on-boarding process.

