

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Key information for Sec 1**

#### **1. What is the intake size for the 2022 Secondary 1 cohort in each of the 3 streams (EX/NA/NT)?**

The intake size for Secondary 1 in 2023 will be 4 Express classes, 2 Normal (Academic) classes & 1 Normal (Technical) class. The approximate class size for each class is 40 students.

#### **2. How are the classes allocated for students?**

Students are allocated to classes to ensure that there is a diversity of student profiles (e.g., different grades, race, religion, gender etc) in each class. This creates an environment where students learn to embrace diversity and grow through working with others.

#### **3. When is the school able to confirm requests for transfers?**

By early January. Shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview.

#### **4. Can Secondary 1 students wear their primary school uniforms to school while waiting for the results of their transfer or due to the unavailability of uniform sizes?**

Yes, they can.

### **Subject-based Banding**

#### **5. Does the school have full subject-based banding for sec 1 students in 2023?**

The school starts on full subject-based banding in 2024. In 2023, the school will continue to offer subject-based banding in English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science

#### **6. What is the difference between SBB and Full SBB? What is the advantage of fSBB?**

SBB was first implemented in 2018. It allows Normal Stream students to take EL, MTL, Mathematics and/or Science at a more demanding level when they enter Secondary 1, based on their performance in the respective subjects at PSLE. Under Full SBB, there will no longer be the Express, NA and NT streams. Students will be in classes, where they interact with peers with different talents and interests. Students will be able to study more subjects at different levels that suit their interests, aptitudes and learning needs. For more information on SBB and Full SBB, please refer to [MOE website](#).

#### **7. How are the classes for SBB students allocated?**

N(A) SBB students are either allocated to an Express stream class or form a class consisting of only NA SBB students, depending on the class size. Likewise, NT SBB students are either allocated to an N(A) stream class or form a class consisting of only NT SBB students, depending on the class size.

### **CCA**

#### **8. How does my child select or get allocated to the CCAs?**

There will be a CCA Bazaar organised for Secondary 1 students on 13 January (Friday) to expose them to the CCAs offered by the school. Performing Arts auditions and Sports trials will be conducted for students who are interested in a particular performing arts or sports CCA. Students will then go through the CCA Experience Week to experience the CCAs of their choice before they make their selection on their CCA

choices. The school will allocate CCAs to the students based on their selection, and results of their audition/trials subject to enrolment criteria for each CCA for the year.

#### **9. Will students be asked to join a CCA that they are not interested in?**

All Sec 1 Students go through a rigorous CCA selection process to ensure they make an informed choice when choosing their CCA. This would allow the correct matching in terms of CCA allocation for our students. This includes the CCA Bazaar (where a showcase of our CCAs are carried out) and the CCA experience (where students participate in an actual CCA session). Students will be given 4 choices they are interested in with most of our students getting their first two choices.

#### **10. How many times do students attend CCAs per week?**

CCAs are conducted twice a week. However, during the preparation for significant events such as the National School Games (NSG) or Singapore Youth Festival (SYF), students may be required to attend CCAs three times a week. Do look at our school website for the schedule of all CCAs. <https://pasirrissec.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u166/Co-Curriculum/2022%20Weekly%20CCA%20Schedule%20Updated%203%20Feb.pdf>

### **National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)**

#### **11. What is the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)?**

MOE launched the NDLP in 2020 for all Secondary Schools to help students strengthen their digital literacy and enable them to acquire the digital skills required to navigate an increasingly digitalised world. Under this programme, every secondary school student has access to his/her own Personal Learning Device (PLD) which is used in tandem with the SLS and other educational technology to personalise and enhance learning. In addition, the rapid adoption of education technology by students and teachers has enabled Blended Learning to become a regular feature of school life with fortnightly Blended Learning Days and Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) activities supported by the PLD.

#### **12. When will my child get his Personal Learning Device (PLD)?**

Students can expect to receive their PLD tentatively from the end of Term 1.

#### **13. Do students need to bring their PLD daily or are they allowed to use school laptops?**

All students are strongly encouraged to purchase a PLD via the MOE bulk tender through the school when they enrol in January 2023. They are expected to bring their PLDs to school on a daily basis once they have received them. The Device Management Application (DMA) software will be installed on all PLD to provide a safe learning experience for students, and to prevent misuse of the device. The DMA will be funded by MOE and will be uninstalled from the device when students graduate / leave the school.

Only devices installed with the school-approved DMA are allowed for teaching and learning use in school.

#### **14. What support is provided by the school?**

##### **a. Financial Assistance**

Subsidies are available for students who require financial assistance to purchase a PLD. All Secondary 1 students who are Singapore citizens will be able to utilise the funds in their Edusave account to offset the cost for their PLD. Singapore Citizens from lower-income families will automatically be subsidised for the PLD. MOE FAS students who require home broadband may apply for a 2-year subsidised broadband subscription under IMDA's Home Access Programme.

## **b. Special Needs Education**

In PRSS, we embrace diversity and promote a culture of inclusivity. We have a team to support students with SEN - 1 SEN Officer who carries out intervention support and liaise with stakeholders such as external agencies and parents, 2 school counsellors and 1 SEN Champ. About 20 teachers are trained to support students with special needs.

## **c. Lockers**

Lockers will be provided free-of-charge for students to safe-keep their PLDs during curriculum time. Students will need to purchase their own locks for the lockers.

## **15. What is Blended Learning (BL)?**

Blended Learning (BL) aims to provide students with a seamless blend of both online and offline modes of learning to (i) nurture self-directed and independent learners; and (ii) develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners. A main aspect of BL is the integration of Home-based Learning (HBL) as a regular feature of the schooling experience.

## **16. How frequently will Home-Based Learning be conducted?**

BL will take place once a fortnight, starting from Term 2 for Secondary One students.

## **17. What to expect for the first day of school?**

There will be a program for all Sec 1 students to orientate students to the school. There will be signages and student leaders on duty to guide all Sec 1s to the parade square and their classrooms where they will meet their classmates and Home Teachers.

## **General School Information**

## **18. What time does the school start and end?**

Students report at 8.25am on Mondays and 7.30am from Tuesdays to Fridays. Students are dismissed between 2.10pm to 3.05pm from Mondays to Thursdays, and from 12.40pm onwards on Fridays.

## **19. How long is recess time? Is the queue for recess time very long & slow-moving?**

Recess break is 40 minutes. The school canteen has 6 food stalls and 2 drink stalls. Our students do have sufficient time to purchase and consume their food at the canteen