



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that you and your child/ward were able to use the June school vacation to take time to strengthen parent-child bonds, whether you took a vacation overseas or locally. It is the spending of quality time with each other, in an unrushed manner that allows time to get to understand each other better. For some, this holiday has been all too short, while others were getting bored. During the school holiday period, various groups of students also returned for CCAs, or in the case of graduating students, to better prepare themselves for national examinations while others who had course work assessments to complete were able to use their time productively.

We begin Semester 2 today and your child/ward would have received their timetable for Semester 2. There would have been changes to the schedule and your child/ward should familiarise themselves quickly with the changes, especially when there are changes in the classroom venues they will have to go to for particular lessons. Please remind your child/ward about this.

Semester 2 is a shorter semester and time will move by quickly, so it is good for your child/ward to quickly get readjusted to schooling. This is particularly critical for graduating students as different components of the National Examinations will be conducted in Term 3.

However, schooling is not just about examinations as CCAs will continue, with some participating in National School Games, opportunities to make friends and find support and encouragement as students progress through the rest of the year. We can look forward to an interesting rest of the year.

## Queens Week II

This week, as a lead up to Youth Day on Sunday – Monday (1 – 2 July), we will be celebrating Queens Week II, to affirm the joy of youthful energy and spirit of being Queenswayans. Your child/ward experienced Queens Week I in Semester 1, and there will be pleasant surprises for them this week as part of Queens Week II as well. Besides treats like ice-cream and popcorn from the school, students have been informed that they can choose their attire for school on “Be Yourself” Day this Wednesday 28 June. They have been advised on guidelines, for example not to wear clothing that is revealing or having improper or disrespectful words or symbols. **Students whose attire fails to meet the guidelines will have to return home to change and report back to school.** On Friday, after the Hari Raya Haji public holiday (on Thursday), students are allowed to come to school in their CCA attire, PE or class T-shirts, but to be worn with their school shorts/pants/skirts. On both Wednesday and Friday, students can also choose to continue to wear their school uniform. Finally, we have a special Youth Day gift that will be given out on Friday.



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## Updated Home-Based Learning (HBL) Schedule for Semester 2

Please note that there is a change in the HBL schedule for your child/ward for Semester 2. You may refer to the dates reflected in the table below for details. The schedule has also been updated on our school website.

| HBL Session | Term/Week/Day  | Date    | Level     |
|-------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| 9           | T3W2_Friday    | 7 July  | Sec 2 – 5 |
| 10          | T3W4_Tuesday   | 18 July | Sec 1 – 3 |
| 11          | T3W6_Wednesday | 2 Aug   | Sec 1 – 3 |
| 12          | T3W8_Thursday  | 17 Aug  | Sec 1 – 3 |
| 13          | T4W1_Monday    | 11 Sept | Sec 3 Exp |
| 14          | T4W6_Wednesday | 18 Oct  | Sec 1 – 3 |

### Health Management: Temperature Checking Exercise – Wednesday, 5 July

I believe that our state of readiness during the COVID-19 years was much heightened and Singapore has been lauded for the actions that the government took to protect and care for us in Singapore. Among the measures was the ready response to regularly check body temperature using the Oral Digital Thermometers (ODT) to check if one has a fever.

Schools now conduct the exercise each semester and our temperature checks will be conducted on **Wednesday 5 July**. Your child/ward have been told to bring personal thermometers in advance in order to verify with teachers that they have a working thermometer and also to ensure that we can conduct the exercise smoothly on Wednesday next week. Please remind your child/ward about this.

While COVID-19 has been classified as an endemic illness, I would urge parents/guardians to check on your child/ward should they fall ill. If feeling unwell or having flu symptoms, it would be helpful for him/her to take the ART. Should he/she be unwell, then staying at home to recover would be necessary. However, if he/she is not unwell, then wearing a mask properly would be the socially responsible action to follow. This would prevent the further spread of the virus. I would strongly recommend that any student with a cough or cold should wear a mask as this is the most effective way of reducing the spread of virus to others and also demonstrates social responsibility.



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## **Congratulations to Our Students**

I would like to congratulate Warrant Officers Zander Wong from 401 and Bryan Yeo from 402 for being conferred the Founder's Award from The Boys' Brigade in Singapore. The Founder's Award is the highest award that a Boys' Brigade member can attain, after meeting stringent requirements that include assessments and interviews. Most years, the 61<sup>st</sup> Boys' Brigade Company in our school has been able to have 1 Founder's Award winner, though there were years when there were none. We are extremely proud of these 2 young men for attaining this prestigious award and setting a fine example for their juniors.

I would also like to congratulate Qarissa Puteri Ramadhani from 312 who has been selected for the Singapore Women's U-19 Football team. She will be representing Singapore on the team playing in the upcoming ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U19 Women's Championship 2023 from 5 to 15 July in Palembang, Indonesia. We wish her and the team all the very best.

## **Conclusion**

As I reminded our students this morning, Semester 2 is relatively short, and they only have about 55 school days to the start of the Promotional Examinations. We reminded them to give the best of themselves and in the process, become a better version of themselves so that they can make you, their parents, and us, their teachers proud of them. This will also help them to grow in confidence as they see their abilities in the various aspects of school life.

They should also learn to manage themselves and their well-being by not getting into habits that can be destructive. This morning, Ms Jasmine Tay, HOD/Student Management shared with students on the law concerning vaping and the possible consequence to their health. She referred to a Straits Times article where a youth had to go through the process of "lung washing", because his lungs were so badly damaged through vaping. Do ask your child/ward about what was shared, and advise them against starting the habit, and more importantly, stopping it, if they have started. Vaping can lead to serious lung and heart diseases, so it is important for your child/ward to stay away from vaping, just like smoking.

Let us work together towards the holistic development of each and every Queenswayan. It takes effort to achieve what we want, but we are challenged and reminded by our school's motto that we can find "Success through Diligence".

Warmest regards,

**Peter Tan Chong Tze**  
Principal