

Canberra Secondary School



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Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that the June Holiday break allows your children to rejuvenate and prepare for the second half of the year's curriculum. We hope that parents and guardians will continue to encourage your child in overcoming the challenges and stay resilient in their learning and development.

With Term 3 starting very soon, we would like to update you on some school matters.

1. Academic Matters

a. Blended Learning for Sec 1 to 3 students

We would like to thank parents for the feedback on Blended Learning (BL) during the Parent-Teacher Meeting in Semester 1. Based on our mid-term review, we are encouraged that most of our students are developing the skills of self-directed learning as they maximize learning from home. However, students who have challenges in managing learning on BL days would be asked to report back to school on subsequent Mondays if they are found not to complete the work that have been assigned to them.

The schedule for Blended Learning for Semester 2 for Sec 1 to 3 students is listed below.

Monday 18 Jul
Monday 25 Jul
Monday 1 st Aug
Monday 15 th Aug
Monday 22 nd Aug
Monday 29 th Aug
Monday 19 th Sep
Monday 26 th Sep

The Sec 4 & 5 classes will be back in school for face-to-face lessons and will report before 8.50am on the Mondays listed above. We seek the continued support of parents/guardians to help the students and the school in the smooth implementation of Blended Learning at Canberra Secondary School. Do provide guidance and support to your child/ward on planning and managing their time responsibly to participate in their home learning.

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b. Academic Assessment for Graduating Cohort

Examinations Schedule in Term 3

Days and Time	Details
28 Jun & 30 Jun	Sec 4/5N students taking Prelim EL Oral Examination
5 Jul	Sec 4E/5N and 4N(SBB) students taking GCE O Level MTL LC Examination <i>(*All students will be released early from 12.30pm to 12.50pm, at staggered timing for each cohort)</i>
6 – 18 Jul	Sec 4E/5N and 4N(SBB) O Level MTL Oral Examination
12 – 18 Jul	Sec 4NA/4NT N Level EL Oral Examination
21 Jul – 1 Aug	Sec 4E/5N and 4N(SBB) O Level EL Oral Examination
25 Jul – 2 Aug	Sec 4N Preliminary Examination
3 – 5 Aug	Sec 4N N Level MTL Oral Examination
22 – 31 Aug	Sec 4E/5N Preliminary Examination

* Early Dismissal Time on 5 Jul to prepare for GCE O Level MTL LC Examination

Levels	Time
Sec 1	12.50pm
Sec 2	12.50pm
Sec 3	12.40pm
Sec 4/5N/4N (SBB students)	12.30pm
Sec 4N/4T	12.30pm

c. Afternoon Support Programme

As the Sec 4 & 5 students prepare for the national exams in semester 2, there will be an Afternoon Support Programme (ASP) for students to seek support from teachers for guidance in the specific subject areas. There will also be a provision of timed practice sessions to help students practice doing essential assessment in the preparation for their national exams.

The weekly schedule for the ASP and timed practice is as follows.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sec 4NT	-	-	Science	Maths	-
Sec 4NA	Timed practice	Humanities	Science	Maths	Coursework
Sec 4E/5N	Timed practice	Science	Humanities	Maths	Timed practice

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d. ICT/Applied Learning Programme (ALP)

The Sec 1 mandatory programme will be conducted on either Tuesday or Thursday (depending on the class) after school hour in Term 3 for three sessions per class. Please refer to the allocated day (date) and time for the respective classes.

Class	Day (Date)	Timing
1N1	Tuesday (12 Jul, 26 Jul, 16 Aug)	3 – 4pm
1E1	Tuesday (12 Jul, 26 Jul, 16 Aug)	4 – 5pm
1T1	Tuesday (19 Jul, 2 Aug, 23 Aug)	3 – 4pm
1E3	Tuesday (19 Jul, 2 Aug, 23 Aug)	4 – 5pm
1N2	Thursday (14 Jul, 28 Jul, 11 Aug)	3 – 4pm
1E2	Thursday (14 Jul, 28 Jul, 11 Aug)	4 – 5pm
1T2	Thursday (21 Jul, 4 Aug, 18 Aug)	3 – 4pm
1E4	Thursday (21 Jul, 4 Aug, 18 Aug)	4 – 5pm

e. Parent Support

The school hopes to work closely with parents to support students who take their Mother Tongue lesson out of school. Currently, students who take Tamil Language have their lesson once a week, and it is of outmost importance that they do not miss this lesson. We would appreciate support from Parents in ensuring that your child attends the lesson as this is part of their school curriculum.

Students who are having Tamil lessons on Monday (Blended Learning @ CBSS) are reminded that normal lessons are conducted at Tamil Centre@Sembawang Secondary School.

For students who are having Tamil lessons on other days, provision has been given to your child to attend the lesson.

2. Character Development Matters

a. Absence from school/CCA/school activity

If your child is absent from school, CCA or any school activity, please call 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.

Sec 1 to 3 CCA will resume on Wednesday, 29 June. The respective CCA teachers will inform you of their detailed schedule via the Parents Gateway. Please ensure that your child/ward attends all sessions and participates actively.

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b. Grooming and Attire Check

As we nurture our Canberrans to be respectful and responsible young adults, it is important for them to adhere to the school's grooming standards as stipulated in the student's handbook.

The grooming and attire check will take place in Term 3 Week 1, starting from Monday, 27 June. We seek parents' support to ensure that your child/ward is properly groomed. Their hair should not be dyed and no outlandish hairstyle is allowed.

c. Handphone Policy

We believe in providing a conducive learning environment for your child/ward. As such, we strongly discourage him/her from bringing his/her mobile phones to school as it has become a source of distraction for our students in the classrooms. Your child/ward can use the school phone in the General Office to contact you when necessary. Should you need to communicate with him/her urgently, you can also call the General Office and we will do our best to assist you.

Should your child/ward continue to bring his/her mobile phone to school, he/she is expected to switch it off and keep it safely in the school bag during curriculum time. We will not be able to take care of any valuable items brought to school by our students.

Though we allow our students to use his/her phone at designated areas during recess, please be informed that gaming on phone is not allowed. If your child/ward does not comply to the school's policy on the use of handphone, we will have to safe keep the phone in the General Office till 4.30pm on that day. He/she can then collect the phone from the General Office after 4.30pm. More details of the School Rules and Regulations are available on our school website.

d. Sec 2 Learning Journey to National Museum of Singapore

Secondary 2 students will be visiting the National Museum of Singapore for their cohort learning journey. The museum-based learning experience will be guided and facilitated by specially-trained museum educators using various artefacts in the museum to deepen students' appreciation of the history and heritage of Singapore. Students are to report to school on these dates:

Dates	Classes	Time
25 Jul	2E3, 2E4, 2T1	7.50am – 12.00pm
15 Aug	2E1, 2E2, 2T2	7.50am – 12.00pm
22 Aug	2N1, 2N2	7.50am – 12.00pm

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e. Full School Uniform from 3 Jan 2023

In line with the easing of Covid-19 measures, the school will require all students to wear their full school uniform with tie to school from 3 Jan 2023 onwards. Parents are encouraged to make the necessary arrangements to purchase the full set of school uniform from our school bookshop.

3. Well-Being of Students

a. First Day of School Programme

Please be informed that the dismissal time for Sec 1-5 on Monday, 27 June 2022 is 12.30pm.

b. Sec 4/5 Well-Being Programme on Mondays

The Sec 4/5 well-being programme aims to promote a learning environment that

- develops students' health holistically (physical, mental, emotional & social)
- boosts students' morale in their preparation for national exams.

As the school reporting time on Mondays for Sec 4/5 students is 8.50am, the following activities are offered on Mondays, 7.50-8.50am for students to sign up.

- Sweat It Out (sports games such as basketball, captain ball, Sepak Takraw etc)
- Board Games Chill Out (Jenga, Monopoly, Traffic Jam etc)
- Sunny Side Up Breakfast (student-teacher interaction time)
- Self-Study Time

Please note that this programme is optional. For students who choose not to sign up, they will need to report to school by 8.50am.

The schedule for Sec 4/5 well-being programme in Term 3 is listed below.

18 th Jul – 4E/5N
25 th Jul – 4E/5N
1 st Aug – 4E/5N
*15 th Aug – 4N/4T
22 nd Aug – 4N/4T
29 th Aug – 4N/4T

*Sec 4/5 Cohort Day

The school will continue the current Safe Management Measures (SMM) to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff. As a reminder, SMM are listed as:

- Wearing of face mask
- Maintaining safe distancing
- Washing of hands with soap regularly
- Wiping down in classroom, other T&L venues and canteen

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If your child/ward is unwell, please stay home and do not come to school. See a doctor and rest till recovered.

4. School Emergency Preparedness

As part of our school emergency preparedness, we will be conducting a lock down and evacuation to external holding area drill on Tuesday, 19 July morning. Please ensure that your child/ward are in school on time and have his/her breakfast before that.

Together we can look forward to an enriching and fulfilling Semester 2 and work towards nurturing grateful, respectful and compassionate Canberrans. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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