



Xavier Tan Yong Sheng was a student of Pioneer Secondary School from 2013 to 2016.

Xavier is a hardworking boy who always puts in commendable efforts to improve his results. He is very keen in learning and conscientiously makes personal improvements to achieve better results. In 2013, he attained the Value Improved Pupil (VIP) Award in Literature for showing improvements in the subject. In 2014, he received a similar award for Home Economics. Xavier's determination to improve himself paid off when he achieved academic excellence in 2013 whereby he received the Ministry of Education Edusave Scholarship Award for doing very well in his studies.

Xavier is also an extremely dedicated and committed AVA member who displays a strong sense of seriousness and responsibility towards his CCA. He has made many contributions for the school through his commitment in the CCA from 2013 to 2016. Xavier has participated in the Schools Digital Media Awards (SDMA) video competition in 2014 and the Anti-Drug Video Making Competition in 2016. He was also a member of the AVA crew during major school events, such as the Chinese New Year Celebration in 2015 and 2016. Other illustrious experiences include National Education events such as National Day Parade and Concert, Racial Harmony Day and International Day Fashion Parades from 2013 to 2016. Xavier's efforts were eventually recognized and he was selected for the Level 2 Leadership Training in 2014. He was given the opportunity to be one of the student leaders to run the Secondary One Orientation Camp in 2015. Due to his continuous hard work, he was appointed the President of the AVA Club in 2015. With his strong working principles and unshakable commitment and dedication to the CCA, he attained the Edusave Awards for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES) Award for Leadership in 2015.

Xavier offered invaluable help to his subject teachers by carrying out his duties effectively as the Class Subject Representative for Chinese Language in 2013, Science in 2014 and ICT in both 2014 and 2015. His resilience was also evident in his continued participation in sporting events in school whereby he gave his best in the events that he competed in. Xavier participated in the annual Cross-Country Run and Sports Carnival from 2014 to 2016. Xavier also played actively in the inter-class games competitions from 2013 to 2015.

Xavier supported various school activities through his keen participation. He attended the Secondary One Drama Camp in 2013, the Secondary Two Adventure Camp in 2014, the Secondary Three Overseas VIA Programme in 2015, the Secondary Four Motivational and Study Skills Workshop in 2016. Throughout his four years in school, he actively participated in numerous character development activities such as the Start Right Programme,

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Swimming Enrichment, Parliament House Visit, National Day Celebrations, Mass Walk at the PCN and the school Aesthetics Programme. He also enriched himself by attending the Geography Learning Journey in 2013 and participated in an elective module named the Journey of Disease: Science of Medicine module.

Xavier showed his desire to contribute to society and helping the less privileged by his enthusiastic participation in numerous Values-In-Action Programme (VIA) activities. In 2013, he helped manned and decorated the exhibition booth showcasing different cultures of eating cutlery & etiquettes in the Racial Harmony Learning Carnival (RHLC) held at the school. He also helped in doing up the Nanyang CC Mural Design and took part in a newspaper collection in 2013. In 2014, he participated in the Nanyang Community Centre National Day Observance Ceremony. He also helped out at the Secondary 1 Registration as a helper. In the same year, Xavier provided assistance during a fund raising concert in school and was a member of the crew which produced the school's publicity video. In 2015, he went for the Sec 3 Batam OVIA where he and his team were put in charge of collecting old clothes and story books for the orphanage in Batam. He also painted the walls of the orphanage and bonded with the children through games and bonding sessions.

In 2016, Xavier took part in an activity which the school co-organised with Family Central (an organisation by Fei Yue Community Services) to help the elderly keep themselves active by engaging in activities and sharing of experiences. Together with his classmates, he learned and taught the elderly folks how to do Line Dancing. Xavier learned skills or history through the elderly folks while the elderly learned new skills from the youths. It was a most meaningful activity, and the companionship and coaching that the elderly folks had received through their 10-hours interaction were filled with purpose and learning. Xavier is also a resourceful person who came up with good strategies for the VIA briefing for the elderly. For example, he was able to think of safety precautions for the elderly so that mishaps would not happen during the programme. He was able to think of creative alternatives to solve problems and demonstrated much initiative and completed given tasks with self-confidence during the programme. It was a great opportunity for Xavier to contribute to the community and appreciate the elderly in our society.

Xavier works with a sense of determination to achieve what he knows are his goals. He will do well in his future with his sense of enthusiasm and persevering spirit to aim for what he believes in.

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