

# Parent-Teacher Briefing School Leader Briefing

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## Positive Education and Well-Being Experiences



 Strengthen Resilience and develop Growth Mindset

 Recognise and Affirm individual's Character Strengths



Develop sense of gratitude

Foster
 positive and
 supportive
 relationship



#### 2 form teachers for each class

 Foster positive education through a positive climate and tone of learning in form class, and guide students to develop socio-emotional competencies



 Build Teacher-student relationship and class spirit, develop positive discipline & routine and provide leadership opportunities



#### 2 form teachers for each class

 Monitor class attendance & demonstrate duty of care and engage parents in supporting the child

 Use form class data for design of learning activities and student intervention and recognize students for awards



 Inculcate values and skills, and character and citizenship education (CCE)





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## GRPS TEACHER



FORM TEACHER
CCE TEACHER

FORM TEACHER
IS NOT THE SAME AS
A PARENT





#### **Inclusive Classroom**

#### **Inclusive Form classes:**

- 8 classes of P2 (with ~ 30 students each) are allocated to 6 mixed P3 form classes (with ~ 40 students each)
- Facilitate inclusiveness of all students (gender and racial mix)
- Recognise different strengths of the students
- Support learning, well-being and morale of students and students with learning and behavioural needs





#### Subject classes:

- FTGP, SS, PE, Art and Music
  - same as form classes
  - use of differentiated instructions and strategies to cater to different learning profile, readiness and interest of students
- EL, Math, Mother Tongue Languages, Science, CCE
  - use of differentiated instructions and strategies to cater to different learning profile, readiness and interest of students
  - subject-based banding



## Blended Learning as part of schooling experiences





 COVID had thrust us into leveraging on technology and home-based learning for developing in students:

- Self-directedness and independence
- Self-discipline and selfmanagement



#### What do we hope to achieve?

Blended Learning builds on our continual education reform – "Learn for Life" movement – to:

- equip students with stronger abilities, skills and habits for independent and lifelong learning; and
- to strengthen our students' future readiness.

Primary intended outcomes of Blended Learning are to develop:

Self-Directed and Independent Learners

Passionate and Intrinsically Motivated Learners



## How can we design the Blended Learning experience to achieve these outcomes?

- Combination of structured and less structured activities to allow students to exercise selfdirectedness and self-management in learning.
- 2. Dedicated time and space to allow students to explore their interests and learn outside the curriculum. E.g. Enhanced and Enriched Experiences (E³) Day
- 3. Technology to support the delivery and monitoring of students' learning.





#### **Key Programmes**

#### **Applied Learning Programme (ALP)**

#### Computational thinking to Develop Empathetic, Resilient Solvers (CO.D.E.R.S)

#### School based programme

P1 to P6

Maker Activities@home via SLS

P1 Kubo

**P2 Scratch Junior** 







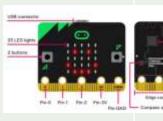


P3 Scratch

P4 and P5 Microbits

P6 Code for Fun











#### **P3 Maker Activities**



P3 Share/ Introduce a hobby to my classmates

#### June Makers@Home



#### **Maker Choice Board**

#### June Makers@Home

1 interesting discovery I made is most toys can be made by yourself. Anyone can invent their own toy. 1 of the most difficult parts I faced was taping the cups and straw to the water wheel because the water made it heavy to hold everything in place. 1 of the challenges I had was folding the paper plane because I had to be precise otherwise the paper plane will not fly in a straight line. I would like to make a/ an small slingshot catapult.

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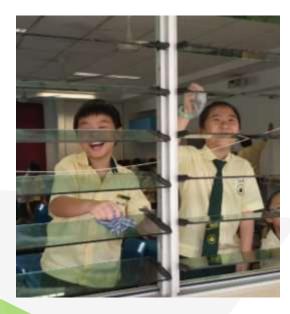


Learning for Life Programme (LLP):
NE2+(positive) - Nurturing Ethical
and Effective Leaders with Positive
mind-sets

#### **P3 Buddy Clean Programme**









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# Values Advorate Card

#### **Values Advocate Card**

### Student Leadership (Kouzes and Posner Leadership Model)



## Commemoration of NE Core Events





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# School-based Assessment



#### Learn for Life

"Let us prepare every child for the test of life, and not just a life of tests"

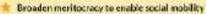
PM Lee, National Day Rally 2012



#### Learn for Life



#### Ensure Education is an **Uplifting Force**



Den't cap the top, lift the bottom



UPLIFT to strengthen after school care in schools, and partner the community



Enhance support for students with different learning needs, e.g.





Smaller class sizes for students who need more learning support

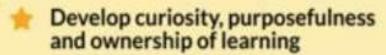
#### Did you



The UPLIFT Programme Office (UPO) was set up this year to strengthen partnership between schools and community partners. to provide better support for disadvantaged students.

Watch Second Minister Indrance Raigh share about initiatives under UPLIFT at Schools WPS 2019.

#### Ignite Joy of Learning



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Develop fulfilment from doing something challenging

#### Learn Languages for Life

Strengthen our cultural identity, improve cognitive ability, and open up economic opportunities

Focus on language-learning in MSE Kindersartens



Expand Language Elective Programmes (LEP) for MTLs in JCs and secondary schools

#### Ignite Joy of Learning

Develop curiosity, purposefulness and ownership of learning

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#### One Secondary Education. Many Subject Bands

Recognise individual strengths of students and reduce labelling associated with streaming



Greater flexibility to recognise each student's strengths with Full Subjectbased Banding



**Revamp scoring** for PSLE

- Achievement Level (AL)

Reduce school-based assessment to free up time for teaching and learning

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#### SkillsFuture for Educators

Support our teachers in preparing students to be future-ready



What it is: Professional Development (PC) roadmap to guide teachers in focusing their PD efforts and support them to implement recent policy changes.



prioritised areas in line with what teachers say they need:

- Assessment Literacy Differentiated
- Instruction
- Inquiry-based Learning
- E-Pedagogy Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Character & Citizenship Education

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Digital literacy: Help students thrive in a digital erwironment.



Knowing our region better: Prepare students to face the changing economic landscape

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Together, these will transform our education system to become state-of-the-art, uniquely Singapore and ready for the future.

# MOE policy - Revision of the structure of weighted assessment (bite-sized) implementation for P3 to P5; Removal of MYE at P3 and P5

Free up to about three weeks of curriculum time for enhanced and deepened teaching and learning

- leverage engaging and effective teaching pedagogies for deeper learning, and for students to acquire 21st CC
- design learning experiences that cater
   to the needs of the pupils
- use of **Differentiated instruction** to address the varied learning profile and needs of the students

Our students will experience joy of learning and acquire deep skills and knowledge for life

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- Notification of School-based Asses<mark>sment given on 21 January</mark>
  - Weighting, Schedule, Topics for Assessment

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
P3	WA1	WA2	WA3	EYE
	(10%)	(15%)	(15%)	(60%)

- No Mid-year examination at P3
- 1 Weighted Assessment (WA) of 10% 15% given for each subject from Term 1 – Term 3



# PSLE Scoring and Sec 1 Posting (Brief Overview)

More detailed sharing will be done from P4





## THE PSLE CHANGES ARE PART OF A BIGGER STORY

Over the years, we have been fine-tuning the education system to help our students discover and develop their strengths and interests, while moving away from an over-emphasis on academic results.

#### Our PSLE scoring changes aim to:

- Reduce fine differentiation at a young age
- Recognise students' level of achievement, regardless of how their peers have done









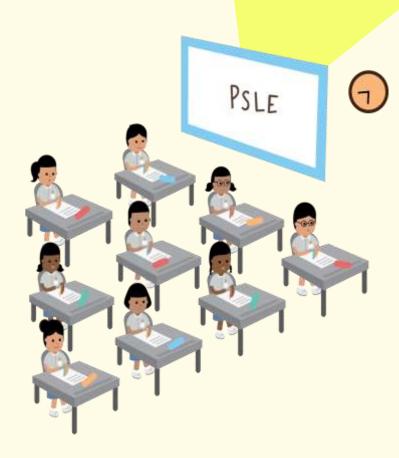
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#### THE PSLE REMAINS A USEFUL CHECKPOINT

- To understand where our children are at in their learning after six years of primary school
- Gauge their learning needs so that they can progress to a secondary school and take subjects at a suitable level





## HOW PSLE SCORING WORKS



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# FROM T-SCORE TO WIDER SCORING BANDS

# Reflects a student's individual level of achievement

Unlike the current T-score, students' AL for each subject will reflect their level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 9 <mark>0</mark>
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20



#### Reduces fine differentiation of students

Students with similar scores in each subject will be grouped into wider bands measured in Achievement Levels (ALs).



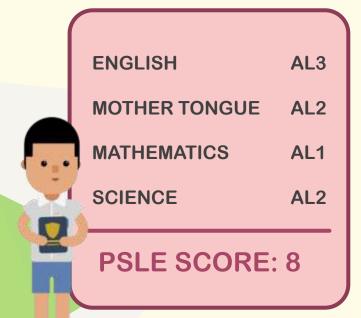


Students' scores are differentiated finely. Students can have a T-score aggregate of less than 80 to more than 280, which gives more than 200 possible different T-score aggregates.

Students will be placed in fewer groups of PSLE Scores. Students' PSLE scores (the sum of the AL for each subject) will range from **4 to 32**, which gives **29 possible different scores**.



- The PSLE Score replaces the T-score aggregate.
- It is obtained by adding the ALs of four subjects.
- The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- Students will be placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE score – Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical).



PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) OPTION	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA



# HOW S1 POSTING WORKS



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Vision: Engaged Learners, Caring Leaders



# CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS WILL MATTER MORE

- Academic merit, i.e. the PSLE Score, remains the first criterion for secondary school posting.
- If two students with the same PSLE Score vie for a place in a school, the following tie-breakers will be used:
  - 1. CITIZENSHIP
  - 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
  - 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTING





# CHOOSING SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Consider your child's <u>strengths and interests</u> when making school choices in order to find a school that would help your child learn and thrive best.
- Each school has its own <u>distinctive</u> <u>programmes</u>, <u>culture</u> and <u>niche areas</u>. There are many ways to find out more about secondary schools' distinctive programmes such as:-
  - MOE's SchoolFinder tool;
  - ii. secondary schools' websites;
  - iii. school open houses.





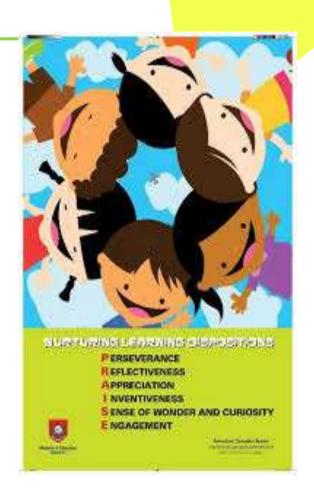


# Learning Dispositions and Edusave Award



# **Learning Disposition**

- characteristics or attitudes
   to learning that are life skills
- For example, "taking responsibility", "persistence" when faced with problems, and "coping with change", are all learning dispositions







# **Learning Disposition**

- Engagement
- Graciousness
- Responsibility



# Revising criteria for the Edusave Merit Bursary (EMB) for P1 and P2 and Edusave Good Progress Award (GPA) for P2 and P3

## EMB for P1 & P2

- > Singapore Citizen
- > Top 25% of school's level and course in terms of academic performance.
- > Good conduct
- > Monthly household income does not exceed \$6,900 (or per capita income does not exceed \$1,725)

### GPA for P2 & P3

- > Singapore Citizen
- > Top 10% of school's level and course in terms of improvement in academic performance
- > Good conduct

#### EMB for P1 & P2

**GPA for P3** 

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GPA will be award for students who do not qualify for EMB (top 25% in academic performance, subject to household income criteria) but have shown improvement in learning dispositions within the year

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- > Good conduct will continue to be a criterion

Currently From 2019 From 2020



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# Positive Home – School Partnership

Help your child succeed in life







By having good home routines, you are setting your child up for life.

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If you do your child's homework, he/she will lose the opportunity to learn.

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If you keep going to the teacher for daily updates, your child will miss the chance to learn about responsibility.





By letting your child forget, you are helping him/her remember.



Do ask the teacher for the best way to contact him/her.



Respect the teacher's time, contact the teacher during school operating hours only.





Have heart-to-heart talks with your child. You may be surprised by what you hear!





Be open to the teacher's feedback and observations, and you may learn something new about your child.





By building on your child's strengths and interests, you are helping him/her find his/her place in the world.

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Thank you for taking time to attend the session and we look forward to working in partnership to develop your children as Engaged Learners and Caring Leaders