







# Programme

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# **School Leaders**



Vice-Principal (Academic)

Ms Susan Toh



Principal

Ms Linda Lim



Vice-Principal
(Administration)

Ms Chrystine Woon





# **Key Personnel**





## **Assistant Year Heads**



Sec 1 AYH Mdm Suryati Bte Mail



Sec 2 AYH
Ms Carol Soh



Sec 3 AYH
Ms Lum Ying Lee



Sec 4 & 5 AYH Mrs Sharon Tan







#### **Print**

- Publications
- Student Handbook,
- Principal's Monthly Letter
- Termly Progress Reports

# Communication Channels

#### **Events**

Parent-Teacher Meeting

### **Non Print**

- Tel: 64664525
- School Website
- Email stmargaretss@moe.edu.sg
- Email addresses of all FTs and Subj Trs
- Parents' Gateway

### **People**

Formal/ Informal discussions between parents & staff



# **Communication Channels**

Tel: 64664525 (Office)

Website: www.stmargaretssec.moe.edu.sg

Email: stmargaretss@moe.edu.sg

Email addresses of Form and Subject Teachers

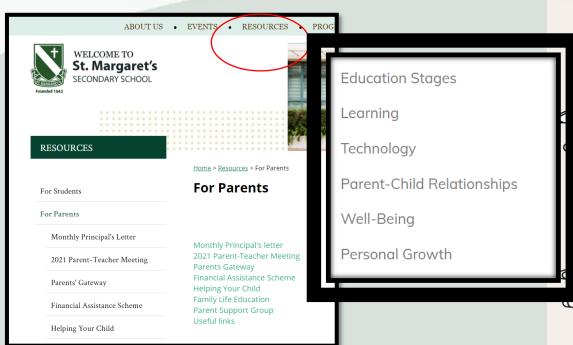
Note: For students who are given mobile phone number of teachers, please contact teachers within working hours (Mon – Fri: 7.30am – 5.00pm)





### St. Margaret's Secondary School

## Slides and Resources



In this Parent Kit issue, we share tips and resources on how you can help your child with the following:

- Practise appropriate device usage
- Manage over-reliance on devices
- Handle cyber bullying
- Show cyber kindness
- Discern real news from fake news



Parents will be able to view resources and tips in the new 'Parenting Resources' on the 'Services' tab.

Here are 3 key features!



Find Schoolbag articles and Parent Kit issues specially curated by MOE.







#### **6 CATEGORIES TO BROWSE FROM**

There are also 27 topics of resources available ranging from 'Learning Attitude', 'Cyber Wellness' to 'School-Home Partnership'.

 We will continue to make more useful resources available for parents through this platform.





#### **HIGHLIGHTS & LATEST!**

This section will highlight recommended reads and the latest resources to parents.





#### **HOW WILL PARENTS BE INFORMED?**

The Communications and Engagement Group will be informing parents of this new addition via a Parents Gateway announcement on 7 Feb 2022.





Supporting your child's transition through

# **Secondary School**

Build a caring home environment to nurture the social and emotional skills of your child using these S.A.F.E. tips.

#### SUPPORT

- · Find out how your child's preferences are changing. Show interest by asking open-ended
- . Make a habit of chatting at a fixed time each day. E.g. At dinner time.

#### **AFFIRM**

- Remember your child's strengths. Build his/her self-esteem in those areas. E.g. "You have the unique ability to get along well with people."
- Praise and affirm efforts in front of relatives and friends.

E.g. "She is very helpful towards her grandparents."



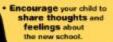
#### **FAMILIARISE**

- Find out what secondary school life is like for students these days.
- Excite him/her about new experiences secondary school students can have.
- Encourage him/her to pick up a new hobby or hone skills in outdoor sports.
- . Limit his/her time spent on digital devices.

#### EMPATHISE

 Acknowledge your child's varying emotions. E.g. "I understand you feel anxious about

starting school without any of your old friends."



Prioritise sufficient sleep.





Talk about the different realities faced by teens these days compared to the past.

E.g. How you communicated with friends without social media.

Ask about his/her thoughts and feelings on people and events around him/her or in the news.

E.g. What are some ways of having wholesome fun? How does he/she feel about the different types of jobs that adults slo7

Discuss some acceptable boundaries with regard to the use of electronic devices.

E.g. What are some rules for having a mobile phone (with or without a data plant?



- . Listen attentively to understand what your child might be feeling
- Avoid providing advice immediately when not asked



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Proof fije may be used with children of other ages too; it depends on each child's needs. Using these fije as your child journeys brough the action years can help sees worker and ecrises, and build normer and closer relationalities of home.



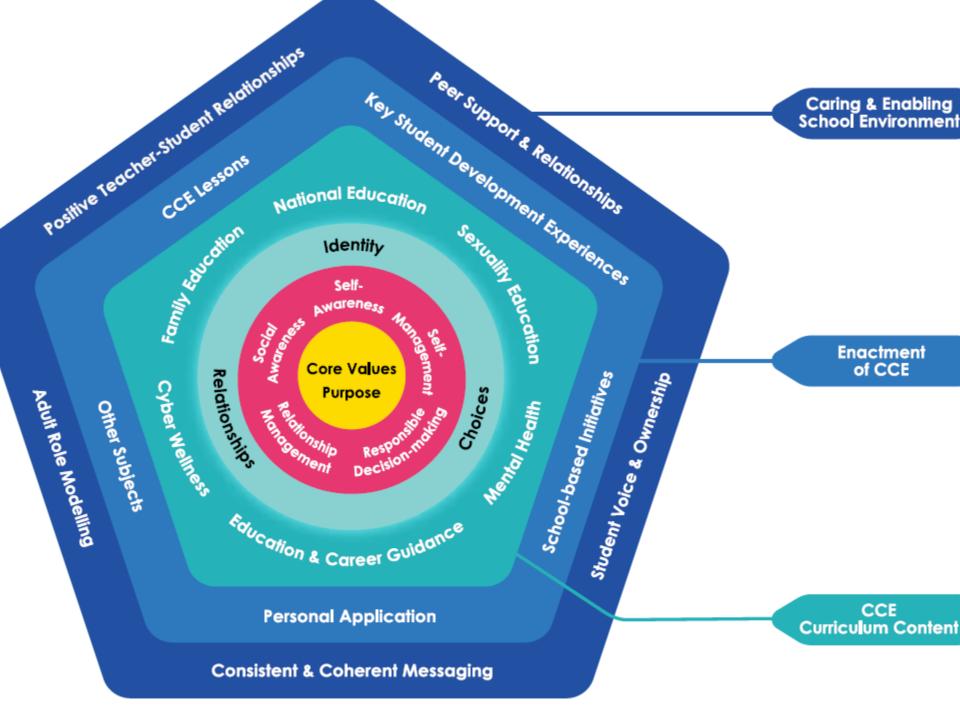


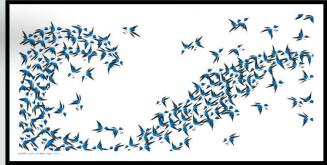
Figure 1: CCE Curriculum Frame



## St. Margaret's Secondary School







#BeWell #BeConnected #BeALight







# Top Questions @ Registration:



How is my girl coping?

- Academic
- Social
- Emotional



- i. Institute of Higher Learning
- ii. Subject Combination
- iii. Weighted Assessment



- A. CCA and LEAPS Calculation
- B. Leadership Opportunities
- C. Use of PLDs

(Specific)

- → FT and AYH
- → ECG and Sch Counsellors

Subject Combination & Ed Career Guidance segments

**Q&A Segment** 





# Blended Learning and Home-based Learning Days



Every EVEN Wednesdays







Self-directed and independent learners

Passionate and <u>intrinsically</u> <u>motivated</u> learners

# Typical HBL



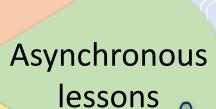
Scheduled subjects, no time table

Minimal other inschool activities



Student manages own learning

4 hrs of curriculum



1 hr of student-initiated learning





# How can I support my child?

- 1. Work with your child to find a conducive space for them to learn (e.g. stable WiFi connection, set a learning routine together, etc)
- 2. Allow your child to take charge of and be accountable for her learning (curriculum & beyond) → Cheer her on, encourage her
- 3. If you do want to be involved, a simple suggestion is to check in at the end of the day and ask her these questions:
  - What did you learn?
  - How did you learn it?
  - How did you know you learnt it?







# Things to consider:



HOPES

PLANS

GOALS

DREAMS

# **ECG Developmental Model**



**Abilities** Values

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## St. Margaret's Secondary School





#### **Education Guide**

No matter which education pathway you are on right now, our Singapore education system offers many choices for the next phase of learning that are suited to your interests, abilities and passion.



#### Singapore Education Landscape

Many pathways are worth taking. Find out more about the possible education pathways and plan your next steps.





## **Explore Educational Institutions**

Use this guide to find out more about the different schools and plan your next education pathway.





#### **Explore Courses**

Compare different courses offered by postsecondary educational institutions.

Explore More

## MySkillsFuture Portal

https://www.myskillsfuture.sg



## It's not all about the academic results!

- 1. Contribute actively in CCA
- 2. Do well for all the weighted assessments
- 3. Build a portfolio
  - Work attachments; community/volunteer work
  - CCAs / School / Personal activities, achievements, projects
- 4. Research on courses and related jobs
  - 1. Attend outreach activities by IHLs
  - 2. Website & brochures
  - 3. Teachers, ECG Counsellors, family/relatives
- 5. Be prepared for interviews / auditions / trials
  - Good oral communication skills
  - Good personal grooming
  - Positive attitude and outlook helps!



#### Email:

Ang Hui Min@schools.gov.sg
OR

Every Monday and Tuesday at ECG Room in Library







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# Briefing for Sec 3E (2023) Subject Combinations



# **Key Considerations**

# JOY OF LEARNING





## Ask your child questions like

- I. What subjects do you enjoy at school?
- 2. What subjects are you good at? Would you like to continue studying these?
- 3. What type of learning do you enjoy more? Reading and writing, or handson activity?

# **Key Considerations**

# POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

#### **L1R5** (for entry into JC)

		Science
S/No	JC Name	Previous (2021) JAE Net L1R5
1	Anderson Serangoon Junior College	11
2	Anglo-Chinese Junior College	8
3	Anglo-Chinese School (Independent	5
4	Catholic Junior College	13
5	Dunman High School	8
6	Eunoia Junior College	7
7	Hwa Chong Institution	4
8	Jurong Pioneer Junior College	15
9	Nanyang Junior College	6
10	National Junior College	7
11	Raffles Institution	4
12	River Valley High School	8
13	St. Andrew's Junior College	10
14	St. Joseph's Institution	8
15	Tampines Meridian Junior College	13
16	Temasek Junior College	9
17	Victoria Junior College	7
18	Yishun Innova Junior College	20

- Quality is more important than quantity.
- O-level A Math a pre-requisite to offer H2 Math.
- O-level Pure Science builds stronger foundation, but not a pre-requisite to offer H2 Science.

#### **ELR2B2** (for entry into Poly)

**NANYANG POLYTECHNIC ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23** 

Courses by Group	2021 JAE Range of Net ELR2B2		
MEDIA & DESIGN			
ANIMATION & VISUAL EFFECTS	5 to 12		
DIGITAL GAME ART & DESIGN	5 to 12		
INTERACTION DESIGN	9 to 17		
MOTION GRAPHICS DESIGN	10 to 14		
EXPERIENTIAL PRODUCT & INTERIOR DESIGN	9 to 17		
VISUAL COMMUNICATION	5 to 15		

#### Minimum Subject Requirements

Courses	Course Code	Minimum Entry Requirements	
MEDIA & DESIGN			
Mass Communication		Subject a) English Language b) Mathematics (Elementary/Additional) c) Any three other subjects	Grade 1-4 1-7 1-6

# **Our Principles**

Calibrated for post-secondary options

 Breadth of choices to cater to different abilities and interests

Merit-based allocation

## Mathematics, Sciences and Humanities

**Elementary Mathematics** 

**Additional Mathematics** 

Principles of Accounts (POA)

All students offer E Math.

#### **Pure Sciences**

Chemistry

**Physics** 

Biology

#### **Combined Science**

Science (Chemistry, Physics)

Science (Chemistry, Biology)

#### **Combined Humanities**

HUM (Social Studies, Geography)

HUM (Social Studies, History)

HUM (Social Studies, Literature)

#### **Full Humanities**

Geography

History

Literature in English

 Chemistry is compulsory as it opens up more post-Secondary options.

- Social Studies is compulsory.
- Students must offer contrasting subjects for Combined and Full Humanities,
   e.g. Elective Geography and Full History.

# **Coursework Subjects**

Drama Music Art **N**utrition & **F**ood **S**cience

- Assessment for the above subjects are split into two components:
   Written Paper (40%) and Coursework (60%).
- Coursework assessment takes place continuously throughout Sec
   4.
- Assessment by coursework enables students to express themselves in different ways than writing.

# **Qualifying Criteria for 8 subjects**

English

**M**athematics

Science

**B**est Humanities

(Geog / Hist / E. Lit)

 Average EMSB as an indicator of students' ability to manage their learning well

• EMSB 65% (overall results)  $\rightarrow$  eligible to offer 8 subjects

# **Subject-Specific Requirements**

Subject	Qualifying Criteria
Pure Sciences	At least 60% (overall results) for Sec 2 Science and Math
Additional Math	At least 60% (overall results) for Sec 2 Math
Drama	Completed Drama Elective Programme at Sec 2
Music	Pass the Enhanced Music Programme Selection Test

# **Subject-Specific Requirements**

• In the event of over-subscription for Art, or Nutrition & Food Science subjects (capped at 20 students each), selection criteria applies.

Subject	Selection Criteria		
Art	Overall results for Sec 2 Art		
Nutrition & Food Science	Overall results for Sec 2 Food and Consumer Education, excluding Groupwork components		

	7 subjects			
	Double Pure		Combined	
	Sciences		Science	
Languages	1. EL		1. EL	
Languages	2. MTL		2. MTL	
E Math	3. E Math		3. E Math	
	4. Chemistry		4a. Sci(P,C)	
Sciences	5a. Physics		4b. Sci(C,B)	
	5b. Biology			
Combined	6a. HUM (SS,G)		5a. HUM (SS,G)	
Humanities (Social Studies +	6b. HUM (SS,H)		5b. HUM (SS,H)	
Elective)	6c. HUM (SS,L)		5c. HUM (SS,L)	
A Math or POA	7. A Math		6a. A Math	
A WALL OF FOR			6b. POA	
	•		7a. Geography	
Full Humanities			7b. History	
	_		7c. Literature	
	-		7d. Drama	
Coursework			7e. Music	
Coursework			7f. Art	
	=		7g. NFS	

## 8 subjects

Combined	Double Pure	Triple Pur
Science	Sciences	Sciences
1. EL	1. EL	1. EL
2. MTL	2. MTL	2. MTL
3. E Math	3. E Math	3. E Math
4a. Sci(P,C)	4. Chemistry	4. Chemistry
4b. Sci(C,B)	5a. Physics	5. Physics
	5b. Biology	6. Biology
5a. HUM (SS,G)	6a. HUM (SS,G)	7a. HUM (SS,G
5b. HUM (SS,H)	6b. HUM (SS,H)	7b. HUM (SS,F
5c. HUM (SS,L)	6c. HUM (SS,L)	7c. HUM (SS,L
6a. A Math	7. A Math	8. A Math
6b. POA		
7a. Geography	8a. Geography	
7b. History	8b. History	
7c. Literature	8c. Literature	
8a. Drama	8d. Drama	
8b. Music	8e. Music	

8c. Art

8d. NFS

	7 subjects		
	Double Pure Sciences		Combined Science
Languages	1. EL 2. MTL		1. EL 2. MTL
E Math	3. E Math		3. E Math
Sciences	4. Chemistry 5a. Physics 5b. Biology		4a. Sci(P,C) 4b. Sci(C,B)
Combined Humanities (Social Studies + Elective)	6a. HUM (SS,G) 6b. HUM (SS,H) 6c. HUM (SS,L)		5a. HUM (SS,G) 5b. HUM (SS,H) 5c. HUM (SS,L)
A Math or POA	7. A Math		6a. A Math 6b. POA
Full Humanities			<ul><li>7a. Geography</li><li>7b. History</li><li>7c. Literature</li></ul>
Coursework	=		7d. Drama 7e. Music 7f. Art 7g. NFS

• Fixed Subjects

1. Pure or Combined Science

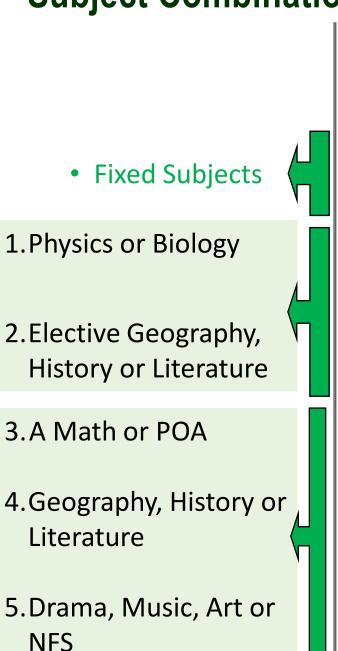
2. Physics or Biology

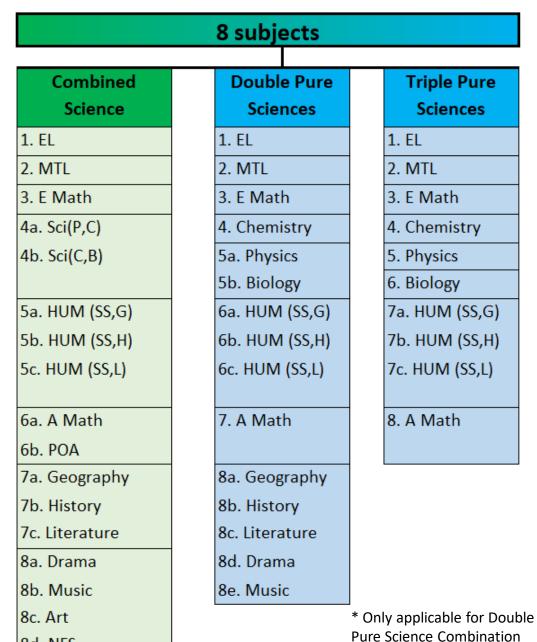
3. Elective Geography, History or Literature

4. \*POA and/or A Math

5.\*One Full Humanities or one Coursework

\* Only applicable for Combined Science Combination





8d. NFS

**Fixed Subjects** 1. Physics and/or Biology 2. Elective Geography, History or Literature Fixed Subject 3.\*One Full Humanities, Drama or Music

	7 subjects			
	Double Pure Sciences		Combined Science	
Languages	1. EL 2. MTL		1. EL 2. MTL	
E Math	3. E Math		3. E Math	
Sciences	4. Chemistry 5a. Physics 5b. Biology		4a. Sci(P,C) 4b. Sci(C,B)	
Combined Humanities (Social Studies + Elective)	6a. HUM (SS,G) 6b. HUM (SS,H) 6c. HUM (SS,L) 7. A Math		5a. HUM (SS,G) 5b. HUM (SS,H) 5c. HUM (SS,L) 6a. A Math 6b. POA	
Full Humanities			7a. Geography 7b. History 7c. Literature	
Coursework	=		7d. Drama 7e. Music 7f. Art 7g. NFS	

8 subjects				
Combined Science	Double Pure Sciences	Triple Pure Sciences		
1. EL	1. EL	1. EL		
2. MTL	2. MTL	2. MTL		
3. E Math	3. E Math	3. E Math		
4a. Sci(P,C)	4. Chemistry	4. Chemistry		
4b. Sci(C,B)	5a. Physics	5. Physics		
	5b. Biology	6. Biology		
5a. HUM (SS,G)	6a. HUM (SS,G)	7a. HUM (SS,G)		
5b. HUM (SS,H)	6b. HUM (SS,H)	7b. HUM (SS,H)		
5c. HUM (SS,L)	6c. HUM (SS,L)	7c. HUM (SS,L)		
6a. A Math	7. A Math	8. A Math		
6b. POA				
7a. Geography	8a. Geography			
7b. History	8b. History			
7c. Literature	8c. Literature			
8a. Drama	8d. Drama			
8b. Music	8e. Music			
8c. Art				
8d. NFS				

Qualifying Criteria for:		
8 subjects	At least 65% (Overall) in the Average Sec 2 results for EL, Math, Science and Best Humanities (EMSB).	
Pure Sciences	At least 60% (Overall) in the results for Sec 2 Science <b>and</b> Math.	
A Math	At least 60% (Overall) in the results for Sec 2 Math.	
Drama	Completed Drama Elective programme at Sec 2.	
Music (EMP)	Pass the EMP Selection Test.	

#### Notes:

- (1) Class sizes for Art and NFS (Nutrition and Food Science) are capped at 20 each, with selection criteria based on, respectively:
- Overall Sec 2 results for Art, and
- Overall Sec 2 results for FCE (Food and Consumer Education), excluding Groupwork components.
- (2) Students must offer contrasting subjects for Combined and Full Humanities, e.g. Elective Geography and Full History.
- (3) Students offering Art, Music or Drama should note that these subjects CANNOT replace the compulsory Humanities subject in L1R5 computation.



# **Subject Combination Exercise Timeline**

Activity	Period
Release of Criteria and Subject Combination Options to Parents and students	Term 1 Week 9
Sec 2 Subject Combination Trial Exercise  • Results will not be released to students but used for planning and deployment purposes.	Term 2 Week 10
Sec 2 Subject Combination Exercise  Information on the exercise will be given to all Sec 2 students in the October Principal's Letter and via PG	Term 4 Week 7
Release of Subject Combination Allocation Results	Term 4 Week 9
Appeal Period	Term 4 Week 9
Release of Class Allocation	Last week of December





# SLIDES AND RESOURCES

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#### **RESOURCES**

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#### For Students

#### For Parents

#### Monthly Principal's Letter

2022 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)

Home-Based Learning (HBL)

Parents Gateway (PG)

Leave of Absence

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# SLIDES AND RESOURCES



https://go.gov.sg/2022-smss-sec2subjectcombi











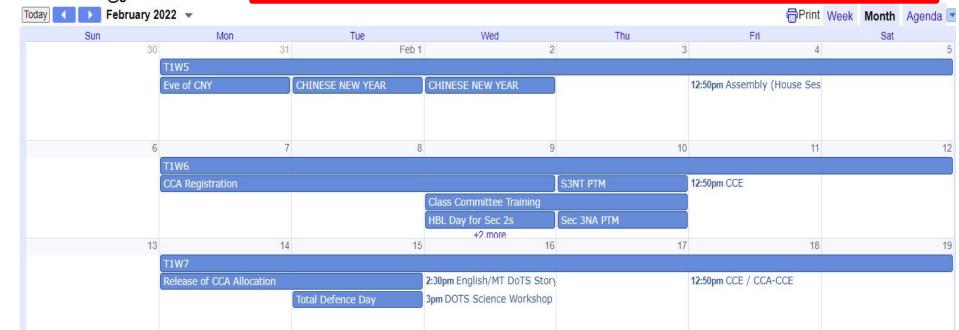
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#### **School Calendar**

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# Key Dates 2022

Event	Date
Parent – Teacher Meeting	27 May 2022
Speech & Prize Giving Day Racial Harmony Day	22 July 2022
End-of-Year Examinations (marking days)	14 and 17 October 2022
Head-start Lessons	25 October to 4 November 2022
Study Camp	7 to 11 November 2022



**ECG** 

# 'Commonly' Asked Questions

Qn: Currently my daughter is undecided on her future career direction. What criteria and guidance can be provided to help her ascertain her direction and therefore a decision on which subjects she should take to help her achieve this?

- Students are introduced to <u>MySkillsFuture Portal</u> during their CCE lessons. They may explore the site to complete the profiling tool and find out more about different industries and professions outside of lesson time.
- > Students are encouraged to speak to the ECG counsellor about their plans and clarify their doubts.

# 'Commonly' Asked Questions

**ECG** 

Qn: How do we help our child to select her subject combinations and future career?

- ➤ Parents can refer to this comprehensive handbook "Journeying with Our Children, Supporting their Aspirations" in supporting their children's ECG exploration.
- Please refer to the following websites for more details.
  - (1) MySkillsFuture Portal
  - (2) Careers @gov



# 'Commonly' Asked Questions CCA

## Qn: Can students change CCA in Sec 2?

- ➤ We do not encourage students to change CCA, unless the reasons for a change is on medical ground.
- ➤ As there are bonus points awarded for students who remain in the same CCA over 4 years.



# 'Commonly' Asked Questions CCA

Qn: CCA takes up too much time. CCA finishes at 6 pm and by the time the child returns home, she has no energy to do anything.

- CCA is important part of a child's holistic education. It helps to develop a child's qualities and character. We recommend the child to plan and better manage their time.
- ➤ At the school level, we ensure all CCAs to stop their activities and dismiss the students at 6pm.



# Commonly Asked Questions

## Qn: [NDLP/PDLP]

What are the rules and regulations for students on usage of the laptop? We, parents, have a hard time in managing our child screen time.

- A. Teaching and learning device
  - Device Management Application (DMA) will also be installed in the student's laptop to allow teachers and parents to manage the device and the software.
  - White-listing
- B. Digital Literacies Programme (cyber wellness)
- C. Acceptable Use Policy for laptop and mobile phone
- D. Working with Students and Parents: Screen-time, ethical and responsible use, etc



# 'Commonly' Asked Questions

**NDLP/PLD** 

Qn: How can we connect our daughter's PLD to our own printers at home? Also, can the cut off time be extended?

- > This will be dependent on the DMA options.
- ➤ You can install applications of your choice, including printer if your DMA option is A. Additionally, with Option B, the parent can take total control of the device after school hours. . In addition to having the ability to install applications of choice, all activities on the device are not logged.
- ➤ If you would like to adjust your DMA options, please indicate via this form link https://go.gov.sg/smss-dma-options



# Q&A

# Use of PLD

Can we install soft-wares like printer drives?

How to track websites visited by children and if unsuitable, how to block those sites/domains?

This can be done if parents opted for <u>DMA Option A or Option B.</u>
Please refer to the announcement titled 'Selecting After-School Device Management Application (DMA) Parent Options for Personal Learning Devices (PLD)' sent out on 12 Oct 2021 for more information on the DMA options.

- 3) How to manage and monitor screen time?
- [control---- >> ----- self regulation]
- DMA Option B (See Qn 2)
- Phone applications?
- OB-Markers Agreement/discussion
- Self Regulation/Self Directed





# Use of PLD

#### DEFAULT SETTING

• This is the selected option, if you do not request for either Option A or B. This option presents you with a dashboard from which you can view your child's/ward's browsing activity.

#### Option A

- If you wish to have more flexibility with the Personal Learning Device (PLD), you can opt for Option A.
- This option allows you to install applications and to customise your child's/ward's sleep timing, while retaining the web filtering function, to protect your child/ward from unsafe contents.

#### Option B

- For parents who wish to have total control of the device after school hours, they can opt for Option B.
- In addition to having the ability to install applications of choice, all activities on the device are not logged.
- It is important to note that by not logging activities, there is no content filtering in place to protect your child from unsafe web content. There is also no sleep hour restriction on the device, which means that the child/ward will be able to use the device at any time

