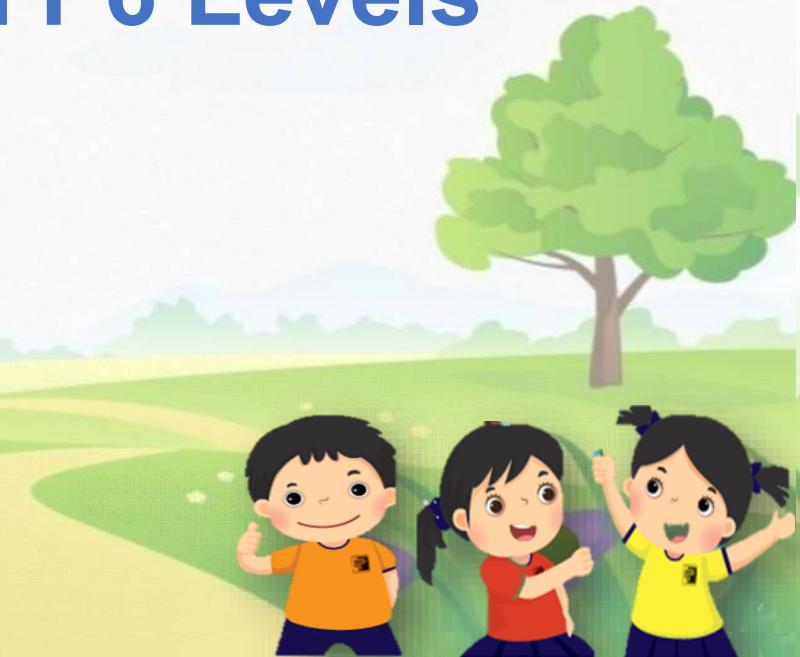


Welcome to Parents Briefing for P5 and P6 Levels





Home-School Partnership



Working together for the child

We hope to partner you in your child's development journey.

1. Knowing your child

2. Developing your child

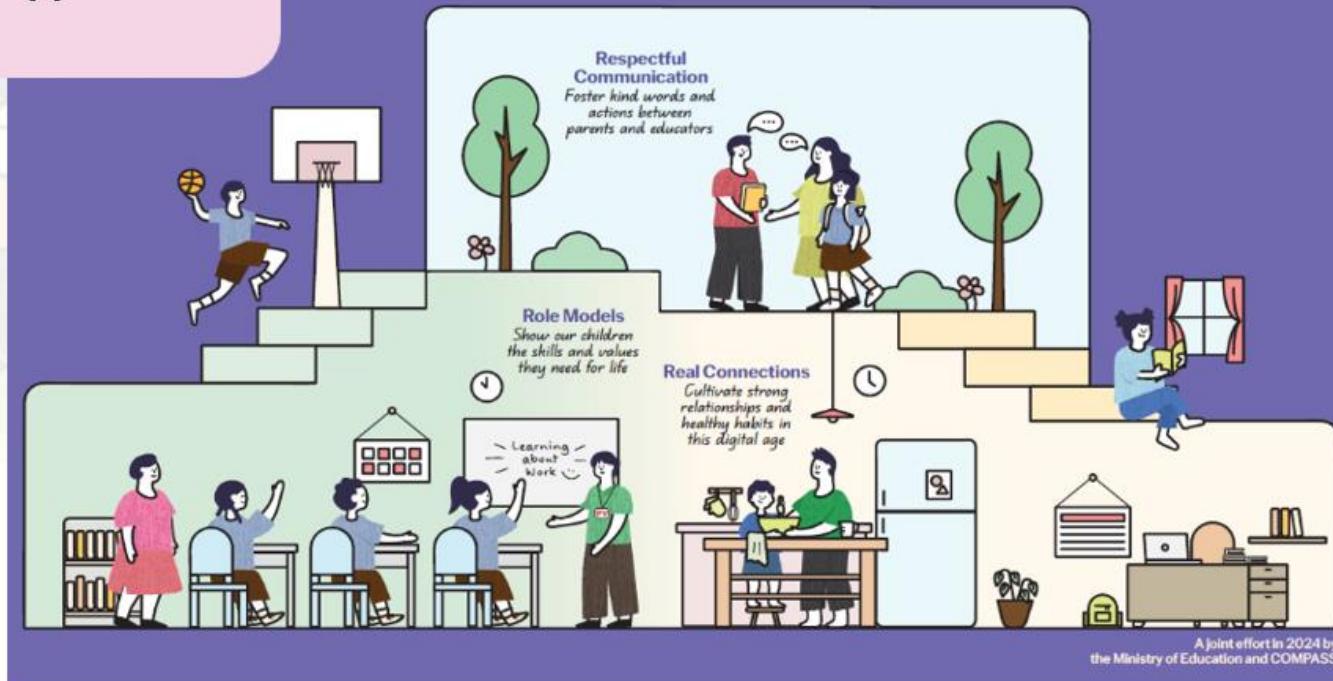
3. Keeping in touch with the school



Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them.

Guidelines for School-Home Partnership

Raising a Happy, Confident, and Kind Generation Together



3 areas we can work together on to foster School-Home Partnership

1 Respectful Communication

2 Role Models

3 Real Connections



Respectful Communication

Foster kind words and actions between schools and educators



Listen to and understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child



Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers



Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours



Respectful Communication – Response Time from Staff



For E-mail correspondence – 3-7-21 guideline applies

- **3 Days – Staff will reply within 3 days for straightforward matters**
- **7 Days – Staff will send a holding reply within 3 days for issues that require further investigation or consultation and respond within 7 to 21 days.**



Respectful Communication – Staff Well-Being

- Protect teacher's personal time
- Contact teachers during school hours only
- Via email or school phone



Respectful Communication – Engagement Charter

- The partnership between schools and parents is an essential one.
- By promoting mutual courtesy and respect in our interactions with each other, we can be good role models for our children and build authentic partnerships that will better benefit our children.





Respectful Communication –



Join Us! Parent Support Group (PSG)

We have a team of dedicated parents supporting each other in nurturing their children. Network, share and learn with fellow parents by involving yourself in school programmes.



Scan to join us!



Role Models

Show our children the skills and values they need for life



Find joy in everyday experiences with our children



Instill confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in our children's abilities



Model good values in words and actions



Check out this video on MOE YouTube for tips on how parents can support the social-emotional learning of their children.

Parents' key concern: How to deal with stress

Experts address challenges such as helping P6 children manage homework, tuition and expectations



Parents with children taking the PSLE are invited to a workshop organised by The Straits Times. Here are some questions about how to reduce stress.

Their challenges include how to juggle schoolwork, revision and tuition; how to help a child experiencing anxiety; and how to regulate their own stress.

Ms Jane Yong is a counselling associate at the Singapore-based local charity Focus on the Family. She has a degree in psychology, and is a licensed counsellor, with over 10 years of experience. She is the main speaker at the Straits Times' PSLE Stress Free workshop on Feb 17.

Hold on Jan 17 at the SPH Auditorium, the workshop is the first event under ST's PSLE Companion series, which has sessions on stress and anxiety curated for PSLE parents.

The questions, put by the participants, edited for clarity, are addressed by Ms Yong and other panellists.

At Primary 6, the year they turn 12, some children do not have the maturity to understand the effort needed to prepare for a national exam like the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). What can parents do?

Ms Yong: "It is important to ask your child what he knows about PSLE. Walk through his schoolwork with him and ask what his results could mean in terms of his future. Encourage him to make choices."

Help him to understand that there are consequences to the choices he makes. Share what interests him and encourage him to let the child form his own opinions.

"The key is to 'right-size' your child's PSLE anxiety. If your child is now in the first year of junior college, has performed well in PSLE, and was in Primary 5, the PSLE was a bit of a load to shift it down into something manageable - the message is that he can do it."

My daughter masks her anxiety and fear behind smiles and says she is fine. How can I open up?

Ms Yong: "You are all likely to be part of the group for being able to identify this because it is not obvious. A simple approach they write with my husband and I share our own



anxieties first, for instance, during a family conversation over dinner, so that the particular child does not feel alone.

"Normalise such discussions so that your child realises that his concerns are no scary to be revealed. Later, when you get to be with him, consider asking him something like 'How are you doing right now?'. You are so happy but I was wondering about...

"Don't worry if she doesn't want to share her concerns with you in her own time if you provide her with a safe space or a time for her to raise them when she is at an earlier decision."

"Normalisation is most helpful when it supports learning without overburdening your child. If it comes at the cost of your time and energy, it may be working against its intended purpose."

My child is stressed by what she thinks are our expectations of her. She says she is not good enough and that she should focus on her strengths. How can I help her?

Ms Yong: "Returning to the office to work, five days a week. When your child struggles to remain independent when we are not around, it can be disappointing you."

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across the week, not just what needs to be completed each day, and in the same space of time. Ask yourself whether the current pace of work is sustainable, and if sleep, recovery and calm learning environments are present. If not, what must be done that day and the next to make this a more reasonable 'stop' time at night, even if it means staying up a bit longer."

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Ms Yong: "We have no expectations" or "Just do your best" sometimes sounds like a cliché, but it is very common and understandable. You can deeply model your child's well-being and future and that concern

can easily turn into stress.

"Children are highly attuned to their parent's emotional states, so it is important to be aware that anxiety is one of the most powerful ways you can support your child. This helps children understand that how they engage in the process of learning is important. It also helps to normalise stress and anxiety by showing your child that it is a natural part of learning for everyone, including adults."

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THE STRAITS TIMES

Monday, February 02, 2026

Their challenges include how to juggle schoolwork, revision and tuition; how to help a child experiencing anxiety; and how to regulate their own stress.

Parents can reduce tension at home during the PSLE year by ensuring their kids are not overloaded academically.



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Assessments



Building Character, Enriching Lives, Stretching Potential

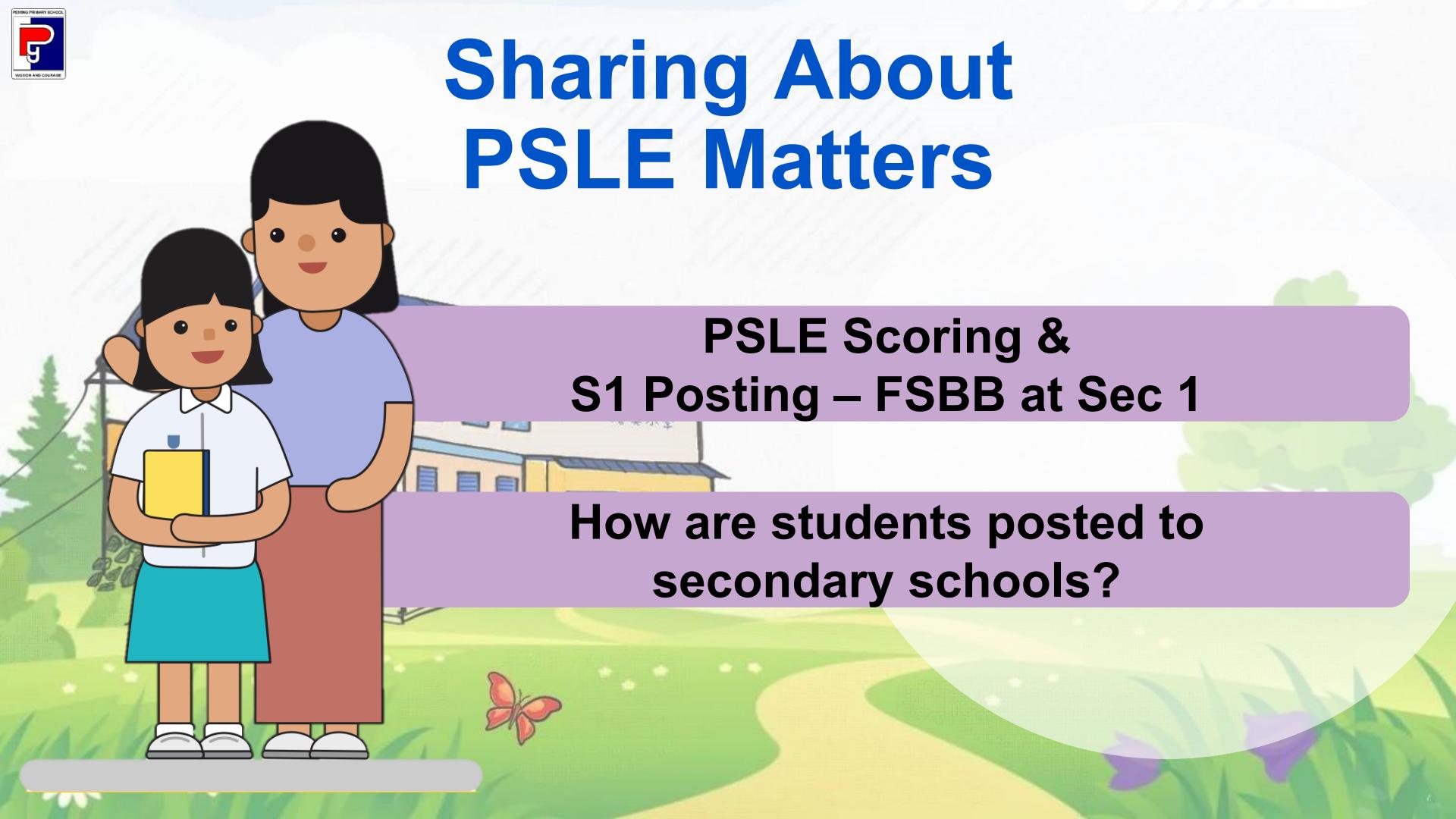
Assessments

For P5 and P6 students, the Weighted Assessments (WA) and End-of-Year Examination details are shown below:

| Level | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Primary 5 | | WA1 (15%) | WA2 (15%) | End of Year (70%) |
| Primary 6 | WA1 (15%) | WA2 (15%) | Prelim (70%) | PSLE |



Sharing About PSLE Matters



PSLE Scoring &
S1 Posting – FSBB at Sec 1

How are students posted to
secondary schools?

Subject-based Banding at Primary 5

At the end of Primary 4

School recommends a subject combination based on your child's results.
Parents fill up an option form indicating preferred combination.

At Primary 5

Your child takes subject combination chosen by parents
English, Math, Science and Mother Tongue are available at standard and foundation level.

Mother Tongue is also available at the higher level.

At the end of Primary 5

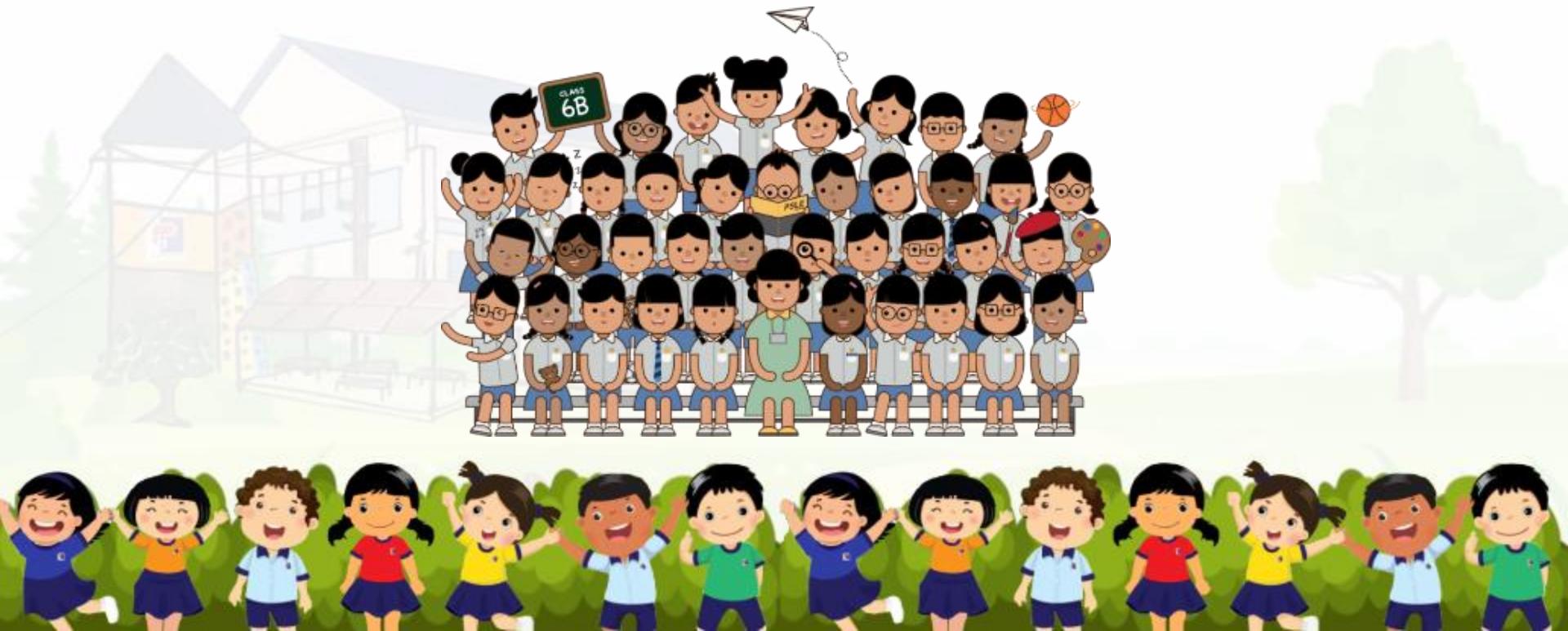
School decides on the subject combination based on your child's results.

At Primary 6

Your child takes subject combination decided by the school



PSLE SCORING



WHAT ARE ACHIEVEMENT LEVELs (AL)?

- Students with similar scores in each subject are grouped into scoring bands measured in 8 ALs.
- AL bands and mark ranges are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum, and mirror the way we learn.

When we learn something new, after some initial practice, we often find ourselves improving significantly.

As we get better, the improvements become small steps, and finally, as we reach a high level, we inch just a little further, even after much learning and practice.

The ALs were designed to reflect this reality of learning. They help educators, students, and parents know how ready students are to access the curriculum at the next level.

| AL | RAW MARK RANGE |
|----|----------------|
| 1 | ≥ 90 |
| 2 | 85 – 89 |
| 3 | 80 – 84 |
| 4 | 75 – 79 |
| 5 | 65 – 74 |
| 6 | 45 – 64 |
| 7 | 20 – 44 |
| 8 | < 20 |



HOW DOES THE PSLE SCORING SYSTEM WORK?

- The overall PSLE Score is made up of 4 subject Achievement Levels (ALs).
- The PSLE Score can range from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.



GRADING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECT GRADES

- Foundation subject grades are graded in scoring bands from **AL A to C**.
- To derive a student's overall PSLE Score for S1 Posting, AL A to AL C for Foundation level subjects are **mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively**.
- This mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of how ready they are for the curriculum in secondary school.

| FOUNDATION LEVEL AL | FOUNDATION RAW MARK RANGE | EQUIVALENT STANDARD LEVEL AL |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| A | 75 – 100 | 6 |
| B | 30 – 74 | 7 |
| C | < 30 | 8 |



NEW

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HIGHER MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGE (HMTL)

- To take HMTL in secondary schools, students should meet the following criteria:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HMTL

PSLE MTL score of AL1 / AL2

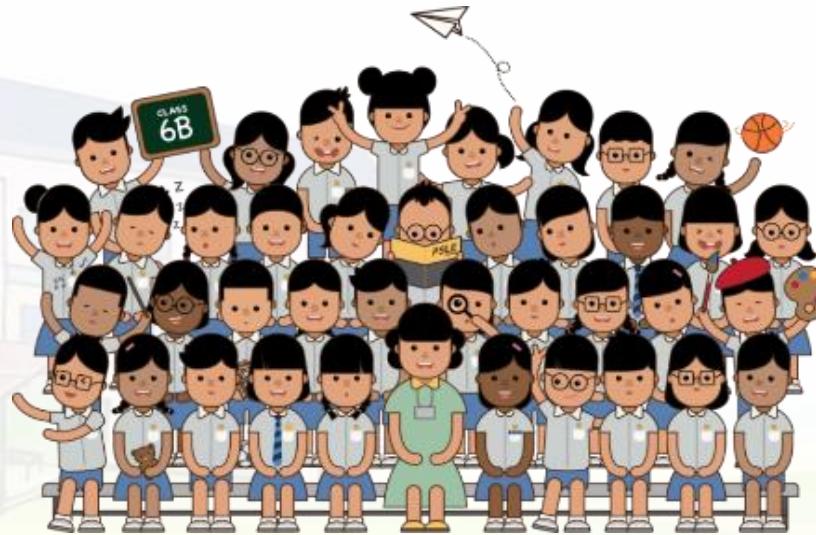
OR

HMTL score of Distinction/Merit

- Schools also have the flexibility to allow students who do not meet the above criteria to take HMTL, if they are assessed to have exceptional ability in MTL and are able to take HMTL without affecting their performance in other subjects.



S1 Posting



HOW DOES THE S1 POSTING WORK?

- Your child has **six choices** in selecting their secondary schools.
- Your child will be posted to a secondary school based on academic merit, i.e., PSLE Score, and their choice order of schools.
- If two or more students with the same PSLE Score vie for the last remaining place(s) in a school, the following tie-breakers are used in the following order:
 1. CITIZENSHIP
 2. CHOICE ORDER OF SCHOOLS
 3. COMPUTERISED BALLOTTING
- The tie-breaker based on school choice order recognises the different considerations that families have in making school choices.



Tie-breakers in the new S1 Posting System

5 students are vying for the last places in the schools of their choice.

| Jane |
|-------------------|
| Singapore Citizen |
| 16 pts |

| Bryan |
|-------------------|
| Singapore Citizen |
| 20 pts |

| Mary |
|-------------------|
| Singapore Citizen |
| 20 pts |

| Alan |
|--------------------|
| Permanent Resident |
| 20 pts |

| Rina |
|--------------------|
| Permanent Resident |
| 20 pts |

Students with better scores will be posted first

Tie-breakers are used only if there are two or more students with the same PSLE Score vying for the last available place(s) in a school.

Here's a simplified example.

Tie-breaker #1: Citizenship

Tie-breaker #2: Choice order of schools

Tie-breaker #3: Computerised balloting

Jane has a better PSLE score. She will be posted first, to **School A**.

Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina have the same score.

As Jane has taken the last available place in School A, Bryan, Mary, Alan and Rina will vie for the last available place in their next choice, **School B**.

Bryan and Mary are Singapore Citizens. They will have priority to enter **School B**.

Alan and Rina will be tie-broken out as they are Permanent Residents. They will be considered for their next choice, **School D**.

CHOICE ORDER MATTERS

Because Bryan ranked School B higher than Mary, he will be posted to **School B**.

Since Bryan has taken the last place in School B, Mary will be posted to **School C**.

Alan and Rina have both ranked School D as their third choice. They will go through computerised balloting to vie for the last remaining place in **School D**.

Through computerised balloting, Alan is posted to **School D**.

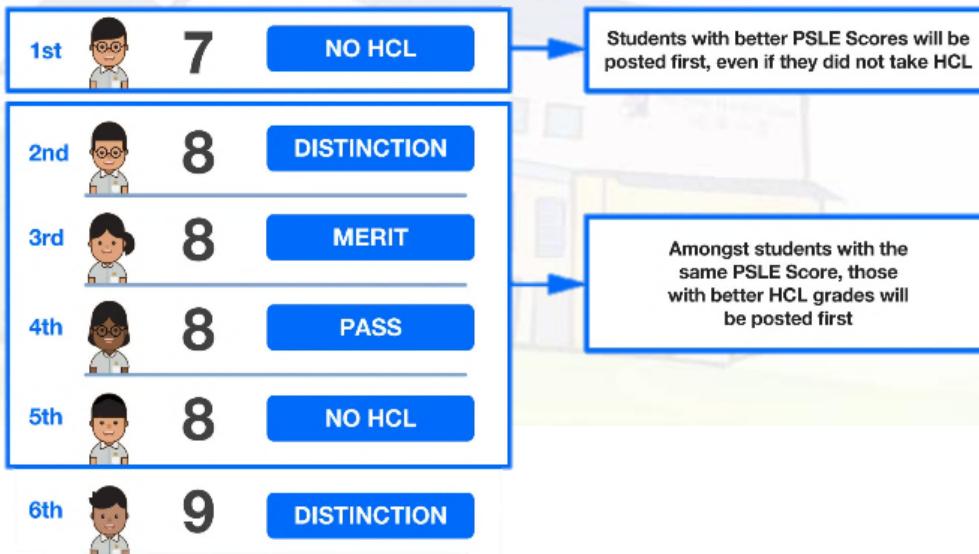
Since Alan has taken the last place in School D, Rina will be posted to her fourth choice, **School E**.



HCL POSTING ADVANTAGE TO SAP SCHOOLS

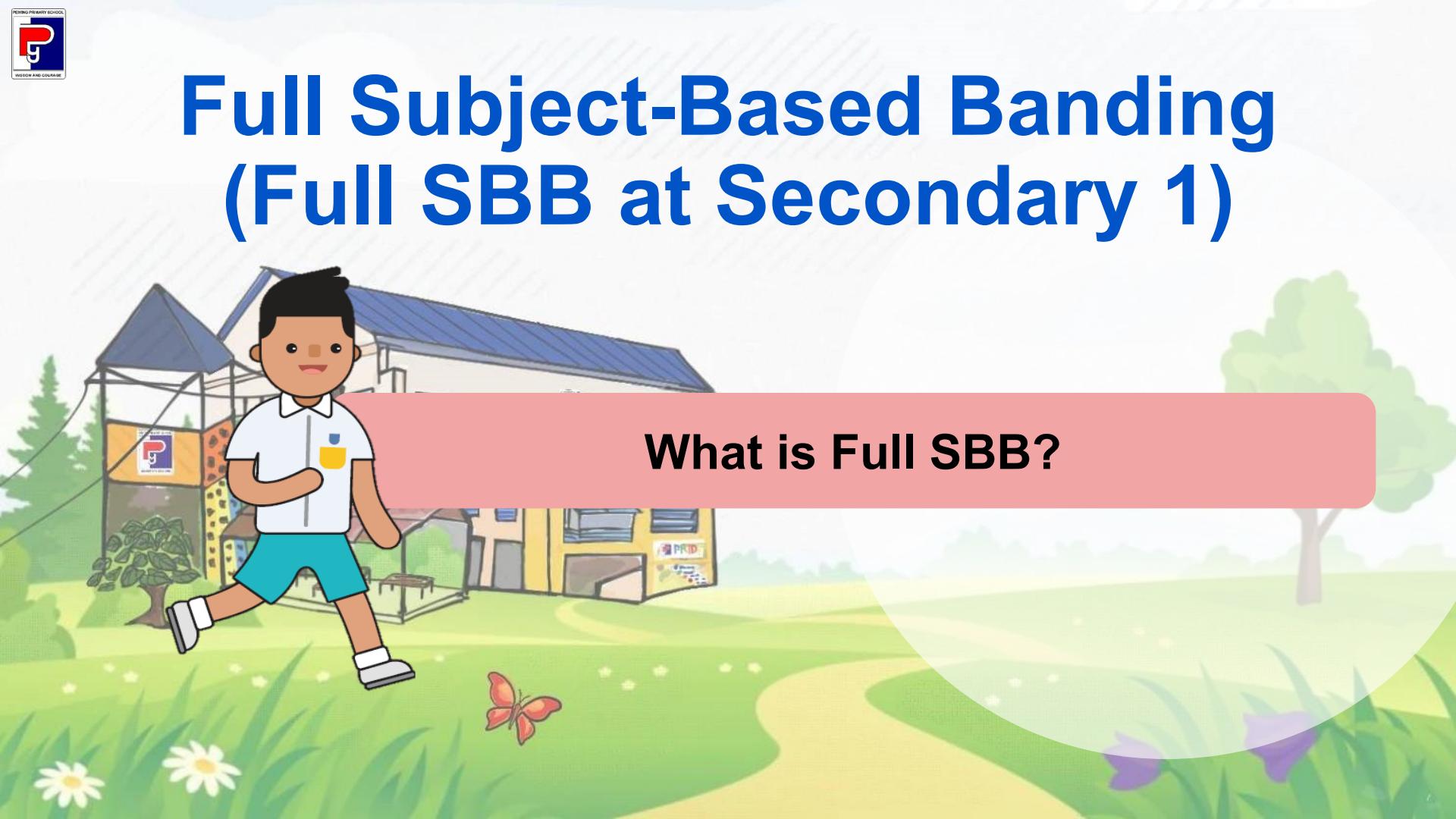
Students who obtained a Distinction/Merit/Pass for HCL at the PSLE and an overall PSLE Score of 14 or better will receive a posting advantage when applying to SAP schools.

Students will be considered for admission to SAP schools in the following order:



- Students' HCL results are denoted as 'D' (Distinction), 'M' (Merit) or 'P' (Pass).
- Students who obtain (i) a Distinction / Merit / Pass in HCL and (ii) a PSLE Score of 14 or better are eligible for posting advantage to SAP schools.
- Students are ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.
- This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 Posting.

Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB at Secondary 1)



What is Full SBB?

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)



- Full SBB pilot commenced in 28 secondary schools.
- The initial feedback from pilot schools has been positive.

- Around 90 schools have implemented aspects of Full SBB by 2023.

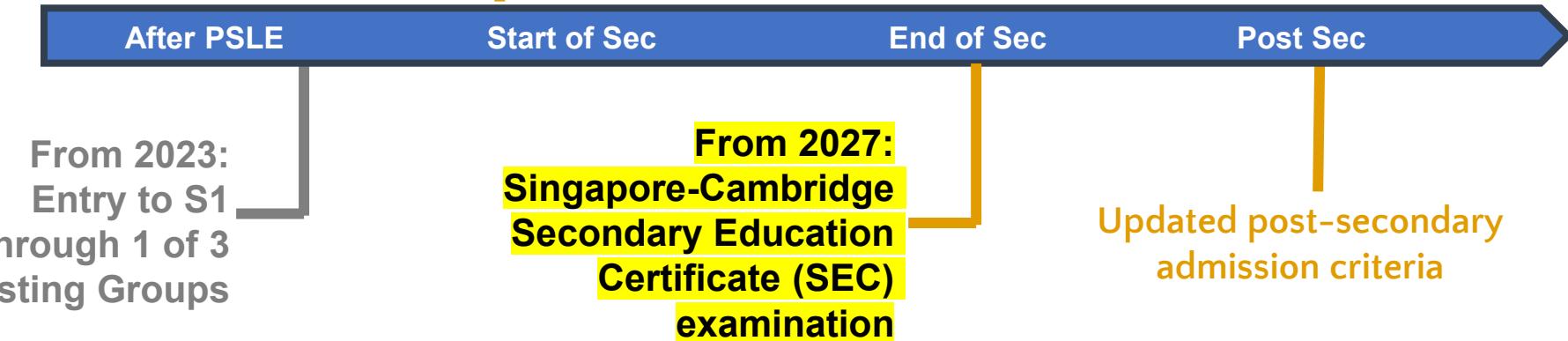
- Remaining schools that admit students from 3 streams will be implementing Full SBB.
- Express, N(A) and N(T) streams will be removed for the 2024 S1 cohort onwards.
- Students will be grouped in mixed form classes in lower secondary.

- From 2027, students will sit for the Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) examinations, instead of the GCE N- and O-Level examinations.
- Students will receive an SEC which reflects the subjects and subject levels that they offered.

FULL SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (FULL SBB)

Secondary school experience under Full SBB

- Mixed form classes and common curriculum subjects at Lower Secondary.
- Subjects to be offered at G1, G2 or G3
- Greater flexibility to customise students' learning by offering subjects at various subject levels.
- Shift away from stream-based subject offerings.



FULL SBB: S1 POSTING

Three Posting Groups to ensure schools are accessible to diverse learners

P6 students are admitted into S1 through 3 Posting Groups: **Posting Group 1, 2 and 3**.

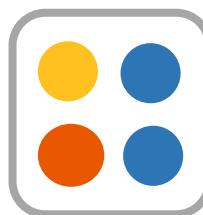
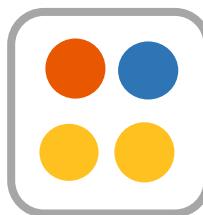
This ensures that schools continue to admit a **diverse profile of students** and students have **access to a wide range of schools**.

| PSLE Score | Posting Group | Subject level for most subjects |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 – 20 | PG3 | G3 |
| 21 and 22 | PG3 or PG2 | G3 or G2 |
| 23 and 24 | PG2 | G2 |
| 25 | PG2 or PG1 | G2 or G1 |
| 26 – 30 <i>(with AL 7 in EL and MA)</i> | PG1 | G1 |

FULL SBB: MIXED FORM CLASSES IN LOWER SECONDARY

- Under Full SBB, students will be placed in mixed form classes in Lower Secondary to ensure a **mix of learner profiles**.
 - Provides students with **more opportunities** to interact with other students of different strengths and interests.
 - Enables students to **build meaningful friendships and learn to value different perspectives**.

With Full SBB:
Mixed form classes



Students posted through **PG3**



Students posted through **PG2**



Students posted through **PG1**

FULL SBB: COMMON CURRICULUM

Common Curriculum Subjects
taken in mixed form classes
(-1/3 curriculum time)

Examinable Subjects:

- Art
- Design & Technology (D&T)
- Food & Consumer Education (FCE)

Non-examinable Subjects:

- Character & Citizenship Education (CCE)
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)

- The six common curriculum subjects would each have a single syllabus for all students at Lower Secondary levels.
 - These subjects will be taught and assessed at a common level that is accessible to all students.
 - Teachers will adopt a range of approaches to cater to the different learning needs of their students.
- For other subjects, students attend classes with others taking the subject at the same subject level.



OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A MORE DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF SEC 1

- Students posted to schools through PG1 and PG2 can offer **English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics and Science** at a more demanding level based on their PSLE AL for each subject.

| FOR STUDENTS POSTED TO SCHOOLS THROUGH PG1 AND PG2 | | | |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| SUBJECT | PSLE SUBJECT LEVEL | PSLE AL FOR SPECIFIC SUBJECT | OPTION TO TAKE THE S1 SUBJECT AT : |
| • English Language • Mother Tongue Language • Mathematics • Science | Standard | AL 5 or better | G3 or G2 |
| | | AL 6 | G2 |
| | Foundation | AL A | G2 |



OFFERING SUBJECTS AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL AT THE START OF S1

- For students who offered **English Language, Mathematics and/or Science** at Foundation level at PSLE, but are otherwise eligible to take most of their subjects at G3 when entering secondary school, they may choose to take these subjects at a less demanding level (LDL; i.e., G2), in consultation with their secondary schools.
- Students have the option to offer **Mother Tongue Languages (MTL)** at LDL based on their PSLE Achievement Level (AL) for the subject:

| POSTING GROUP (PG) | PSLE AL FOR MTL [^] | OPTION TO OFFER MTL AT A LESS DEMANDING LEVEL |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| PG3 | AL 6 | G2 |
| | AL 7-8 | G2 or G1 |
| PG2 | AL 7-8 | G1 |

[^] Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively.

- Students who are eligible to offer MTL at LDL can still choose to offer MTL at-level if they prefer.

SUBJECT LEVEL FLEXIBILITY BEYOND THE START OF S1

- Beyond the start of Sec 1, students may **adjust their subject levels across their secondary school journey**.
 - Students may offer subjects, including English Language, Mother Tongue Languages, Mathematics, Science and Humanities subjects at a **more demanding level** if they meet the criteria and based on the school's holistic considerations.
 - Students who are not coping well may **offer subjects at a less demanding level**, based on their school-based performance and school's holistic considerations, to calibrate their curricular load.
 - In upper secondary, students may offer elective subjects (for example, Additional Mathematics, Art, Design & Technology) at a subject level suited to their strengths, interests and post-secondary aspirations, to **allow them to pursue their interests without adding unduly to their overall curriculum load**.
- Schools will consider **students' learning progress and developmental needs** when helping them determine their subject choices.

Choosing Suitable Secondary Schools

Factors to Consider

Preparing for S1 Posting Exercise



PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS



PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Use the PSLE Score ranges as a reference alongside other important factors, such as the school's distinctive programmes, Co-Curricular Activities (CCA), culture, ethos, and proximity to home when shortlisting school choices that would best fit a student's educational needs.

SchoolFinder Tool



MySkillsFuture Student Portal (Primary)



PSLE SCORE RANGES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The PSLE Score range refers to the PSLE Score of **the first and last student admitted to a particular school in the previous year** via the S1 Posting Exercise.

This shows the range of student profiles who enter each school. The COP is only known at the end of each year's posting exercise

Example

XX Secondary School
PSLE Score range of 2025

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Posting Group 3 | 15 – 20 |
| Posting Group 2 | 21 – 24 |
| Posting Group 1 | 25 – 28 |

PSLE Score of the first student posted into the school in the respective courses

PSLE Score of the last student posted into the school in the respective courses [i.e., the school's Cut-Off Point (COP)]

CHOOSING SUITABLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH YOUR CHILD



SCHOOL CHOICE JOURNEY

- The PSLE Score ranges are a **useful reference point** for parents and students to consider secondary schools.
- Use this information, together with other **important factors** such as the secondary schools' distinctive programmes, CCAs, ethos and cultures, to shortlist schools that would best fit the educational needs of the student.
- If your child has specific talents and strengths beyond the PSLE (e.g. areas such as sports, performing arts and leadership), consider the **Direct School Admission-Secondary (DSA-Sec)** as an alternative admission pathway to access secondary schools that have talent development programmes in these areas.



IMPORTANT FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING SECONDARY SCHOOLS

01 SCHOOL CULTURE



What is the school's culture and ethos?

04 CCAS



Are there CCAs that interest me and can nurture my strengths, abilities and talents?

02 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



How do I feel about the school based on what I saw at the Open House?

04 CCAS

05 SUBJECTS

What subjects are offered in the school?



03 PROGRAMMES



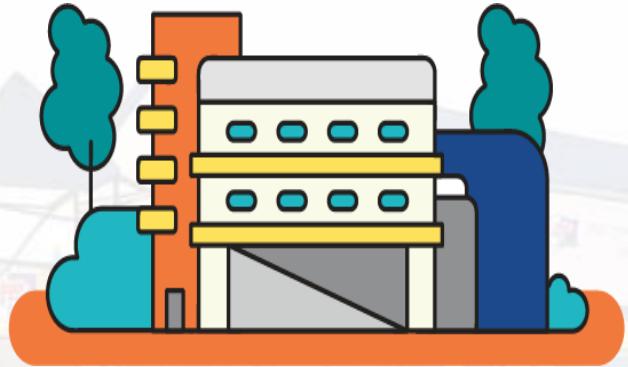
Does the school have programmes I would enjoy?

06 LOCATION

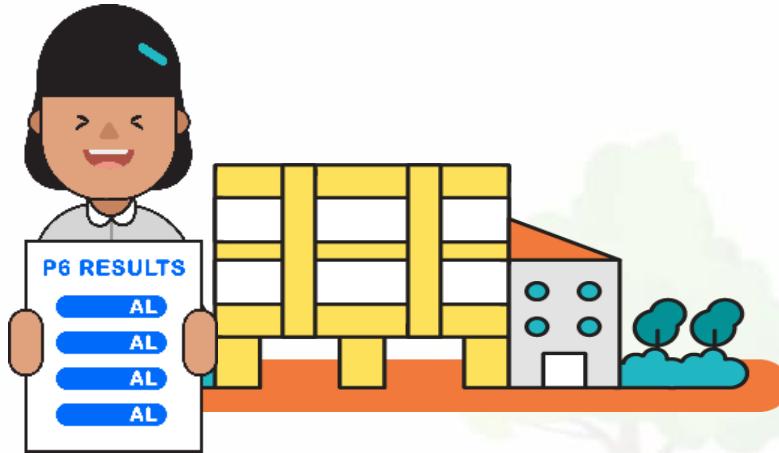
How long will it take for me to travel to school and back home?



PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE

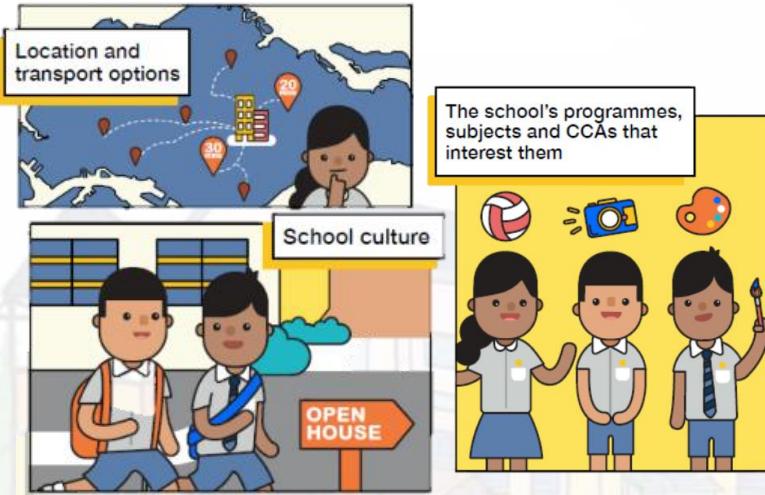


Use all 6 options with a range of Cut-off Points as this will increase your child's chances of being posted to a school of their choice.

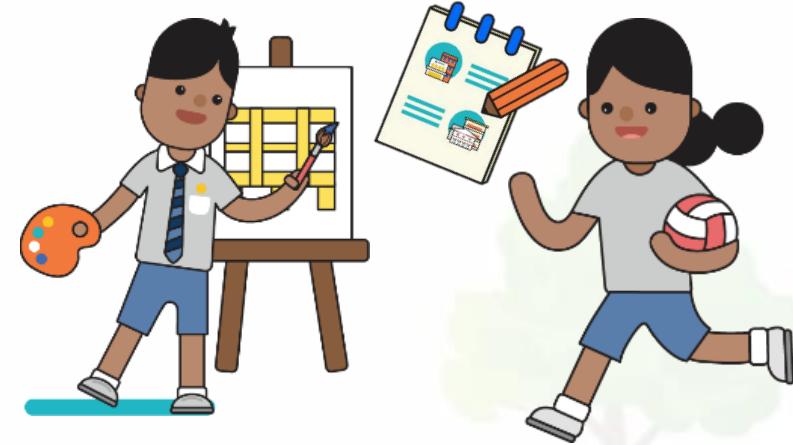


Take reference from schools' PSLE Score ranges, which serve as a guide for you and your child to shortlist school choices. Consider at least 2-3 schools where your child's PSLE Score is better than the school's Cut-off Point.

PREPARING FOR THE S1 POSTING EXERCISE



Shortlist schools that offer programmes that cater to your child's strengths, interests, abilities, talents and learning needs, as well as provide suitable learning environments.



Rank your child's preferred school higher in the choice order of schools. This will increase your child's chances of being posted to that school, if they need to undergo tie-breaking.



TIPS FOR PARENTS



Be open and flexible when discussing your child's preferences, needs and choices.

Manage your own expectations and do not project these expectations onto your child.

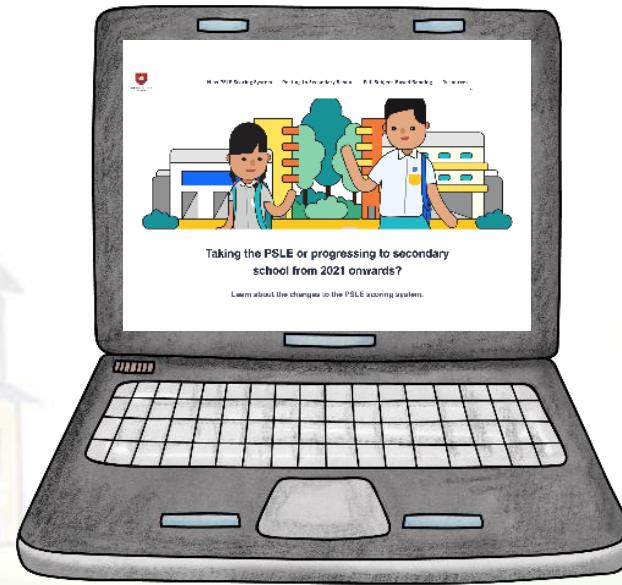
Have regular conversations with your child to understand more about his/her strengths, interests, abilities, talents and aspirations.

Affirm your child and offer support when he/she shares his/her plans with you.

FIND OUT MORE ON THE PSLE-FSBB MICROSITE!



<https://go.gov.sg/pslefsbb>



OTHER RESOURCES

1 SchoolFinder Tool

**SCHOOL
FINDER**



[https://go.gov.sg/
secschoolfinder](https://go.gov.sg/secschoolfinder)

2 “Welcome to Secondary School” video



[https://go.gov.sg/
welcome-to-secondary-
school](https://go.gov.sg/welcome-to-secondary-school)

3 Secondary School Education Booklet



[https://go.gov.sg/
psle-sec-sch-
bookchure](https://go.gov.sg/psle-sec-sch-bookchure)

4 ECG Parent Guide



[https://go.gov.sg/
parent-guide](https://go.gov.sg/parent-guide)



Direct School Admission (DSA) - Secondary for Primary 6 Students

- Direct Admission to Schools at Sec One
- Govt / Govt-Aided Schools
- Independent Schools
- Specialised Schools
- Integrated Programme (IP) Schools
- Special Assistance Plan (SAP) Schools



Is the DSA-Sec right for my child?

If your child has specific **talents** which a school offers the DSA-Sec (talent areas include sports, leadership, academic, music, art)

Talent
Passion
Commitment

And is **passionate** about and **committed** to developing his/her strengths and interests

DSA-Sec can support his/her development in that talent area.



DSA-Sec Timeline

***(tentative) start of May to Mid-June
(4 weeks)**

Apply for DSA-Sec
through [DSA-Sec
Application Portal](#).

Late-October

Rank your offers, if
you receive offers from
multiple schools

PSLE

**Shortlisting and Selection
by secondary schools.**

Each secondary school has different selection criteria
for its categories and programmes. Schools will
inform you of the selection outcome **by Aug.**

You will know whether you
have been allocated to a school
through the DSA-Sec, at the same
time you receive your PSLE results.

Late-November



Where can I find more information on the 2026 DSA-Sec?

- Check the **MOE DSA-Sec website** for important dates and timelines, and for information on how DSA-Sec will be conducted.
- The **SchoolFinder** also contains information on DSA categories and secondary schools offering them.

SchoolFinder

Explore schools based on their distance from your home, locations, CCAs, subjects and programmes offered.

Secondary

SEARCH

Student Well-being





Role Modeling – In Safety and Admin Matters



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- **Thermometer**

- Ensure that your child's thermometer is in working condition.

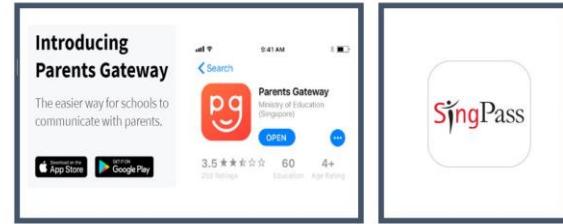
- **Personal Health**

- If unwell, please see a doctor and rest for the duration of the Medical Leave.
 - Advised to put on a mask if coughing or sneezing.



- Parent Gateway (PG)

- strongly encouraged to be on board and use the functions
- letters to parents, consent forms and announcement will be via PG (*new function of Notifying School on child's absence*)



- Road safety

- students who should cycle on the cycling paths
- to park bicycle in school premises or designated bicycle racks in the neighbouring blocks



Role Modeling – Road Safety of Students

For children who arrive in vehicles....

- advise your drivers to drive carefully, reduce vehicle speed and stay alert for pedestrian crossing in school zone
- cooperate with traffic marshals
- let your child alight only at designated drop-off point



Role Modeling – Road Safety of Students

Use the zebra crossing when crossing the road



Do not jaywalk outside the school



- **Students to use pedestrian crossing at blocks 803 and 806 or to enter the school via gate 3 at block 808.**



Real Connections

Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age

Establish good habits for our children to stay confident and in control of their technology use



Build strong bonds through shared experiences and meaningful conversations

Provide a balanced mix of engaging online and offline activities, at school and at home

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Things You Can Do

- Expose your child to a range of social situations.
- For younger children, create opportunities for them to interact with other children of similar ages (e.g. attend school, playdates).
- For older children, encourage them to make friends with people who have similar interests.

Encourage your child to strengthen existing relationships.

- Foster healthy relationships with supportive extended family members.
- Encourage your child to stay in touch with their friends and family members, and mix up with former classmates, via calls or messages (Teachers' Day).

Things You Can Say

- Talk to your child about the qualities that make a friend (e.g. empathy, being respectful), and how to exhibit these qualities.
- When you see your friend struggling, put yourself in their shoes. How would you want a friend to respond to you?
- Older children are often figuring out the balance between being themselves and fitting in with their peers. Encourage them to let their friends know that they can talk to you if they feel pressured to act in ways that they are uncomfortable with.

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Things You Can Do

- Encourage your child to keep an open mind and practice active listening when they are exposed to negative behaviours (e.g. negative comments, posts with negative comments). Encourage your child to respond to them. Encourage your child to be kind and considerate when responding to negative comments, and to connect them and help them understand why their actions are wrong.
- If you were in their shoes, would you agree with their opinion?
- Is my message respectful and empathetic?
- Consider the issue from another person's perspective by applying **S.U.B.K.** (Truthful, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, and Kind).

Posts with negative comments may upset your child, even if they are not directed at them. Encourage your child to respond to negative comments with a kind and empathetic message. If your child is upset by negative comments, consider the issue from another person's perspective by applying **S.U.B.K. (Truthful, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, and Kind). It's okay to feel upset. It's also okay not to respond to these comments. Shall we consider the issue and notifications, and do something else for now?**



Check *Parenting for Wellness Toolbox* for conversation starters to facilitate meaningful conversations, and practical strategies on parenting in a digital age.

Real Connections -

Building Healthy Habits in Children

Encouraging Purposeful Screen Use

Cyberwellness Lessons

- Managing children's screen use and safeguarding them from online risks
- Using of mobile devices for learning and only at appropriate times

Personal Lockers

- Dedicated storage spaces for students to deposit their personal mobile devices before the start of lessons



Real Connections - Building Healthy Habits in Children Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

- Application form can be downloaded from the link provided in the school 1st Keeping in Touch letter.
- Submit the application form to the Form Teacher

Real Connections - Building Healthy Habits in Children POSB Smart Buddy Watch & Fitness Tracker

- Students are allowed to wear POSB Smart Buddy Watch and fitness trackers as long as their functions do not extend beyond time-telling, timekeeping and fitness-related tracking (e.g. step count).
- Such devices should not possess communicative features (e.g. messaging and calling apps/social media access) and photo/video capabilities, which distract students during lessons and do not comply with examination regulations.



National scheme launched to get kids to adopt healthy habits, kick digital and junk food dependence



While most children in Singapore are in good health, many have already picked up poor habits. ST PHOTO: LIM YAOHUI



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Grow Well SG to Support Families in Building Healthy Habits in Children

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The Ministry of Health (MOH), Ministry of Education (MOE) and Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) have jointly launched Grow Well SG, a new national health promotion strategy to enhance preventive care and inculcate healthier lifestyles in children and adolescents. The multi-ministry strategy is aimed at holistically addressing children's health and well-being in the digital age.

- a. **Eat Well** - Fuel for growth and learning. Good nutrition can support growth and enhance overall health and development.
- b. **Sleep Well** - Rest for success. Healthy sleeping routines can improve concentration, mood and physical development.
- c. **Learn Well** - Engage in diverse learning experiences for holistic development. Excessive screen use and unrestricted access to digital technology may hinder our children's learning and affect their mental well-being.
- d. **Exercise Well** - Active bodies, active minds. Regular physical activity can strengthen bodies, sharpen minds and boost self-esteem.

Our Response - Grow Well SG

Led by MOH, MOE and MSF, Grow Well SG is a **new national health promotion strategy to enhance preventive care and inculcate healthier lifestyles in children and adolescents**. We will first focus on **children 0-12 years old** and extend to older age groups subsequently.

Focus on four modifiable behaviours

- 1) Excessive screen time
- 2) Insufficient physical activity
- 3) Poor nutrition
- 4) Inadequate sleep

Providing a supportive environment for the practice of healthy habits from birth throughout childhood

- Tools and resources to empower children, parents and caregivers
- Age-appropriate interventions across natural touchpoints in the preschool, school, healthcare and community settings to reinforce messaging and action
- Additional support for children with identified health concerns

Resources for Parents: Access to Information Given after the School Health Screening

Parents can access HPB's HealthHub to retrieve information on

- Health screening results such as myopia and hearing tests,
- Vaccination performed,
- Referrals to specialists in the Student Health Centre or Regional Healthcare System, if any, and
- **Lifestyle prescription**



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Youth Preventive Service Division

Sample
HEALTH PLAN

Name: [REDACTED]
BCNRIC/FIN: [REDACTED]

Date of Assessment: 23/08/2024

Lifestyle Prescription:

Dear Parent,

Aiden has agreed to the following lifestyle changes during screening:

In addition to his current activities, he wants to ride scooter and cycle regularly, for an extra 2 days a week for 30 minutes per session. Regular exercise can improve strength, memory and thinking! He should try to do more activities outdoors! Outdoor play protects eyesight and can keep myopia away!

He also wants to cut down his intake of sweet drinks to 2 days a week! Limiting his sugar intake and having a well-balanced diet can improve his attention in class and support his growth! Remember to keep mealtimes screen-free to help him be more mindful of his choices!

To help him grow well and concentrate in class, he should aim for about 9 hours of sleep every night. Try to limit screen use 1 hour before bedtime for quality sleep!

These habits are important for your child's overall well-being and development. Your support and encouragement will play a crucial role in helping him stay consistent with these changes. Let's cheer him on!

Note: If your child is on follow-up for any medical condition or allergy, do check in with your doctor to ensure these are safe for him to do before starting lifestyle changes.

How you can support your child:
Scan the QR code for resources and activities to assist in your child's health journey.

A standard black and white QR code located in the bottom right corner of the document, intended for parents to scan with their mobile devices to access additional resources.

Summary of resources for Parents & Child

| Resources | Timeframe | Remarks |
|--|--|--|
| Lifestyle questionnaire and consent form | At the beginning of the year | Sent through schools via Parents Gateway |
| 1. Health Plan Booklet 2. Starter's Kit | At the end of the school's health screening exercise | Disseminated through the Form Teacher |
| The Health Plan for their child on HealthHub: 1. Health screening results 2. Vaccination performed (+/-) 3. Referrals to SHC/RHS (+/-) 4. Lifestyle Prescription | Available 2 weeks after school's health screening exercise | Available on HealthHub  |
| Curated content and programmes by HPB which includes those of sleep habits, healthy eating, etc. | Available anytime | Available on Parenting for Wellness website and Parent Hub  |

Caring & Enabling Environment

- The school is committed to providing a safe, caring and respectful learning environment where every student can learn without fear.
- **We have a zero-tolerance stance on bullying.**



Repeatedly causing intentional harm to others

Hurtful Behaviours

- Include humiliating, distressing or insensitive behaviours
- Range from insensitive words/actions to peer conflicts and bullying
- Undermine psychological safety of victim

Bullying

- Involves repeated or persistent behaviours intended to cause hurt, distress or humiliation
- Can be physical, verbal, social and/or cyber in nature.

Physical- persistent in hitting someone or damaging someone's else belongings.

Verbal-repeated name-calling, spreading rumours or making threats

Social- leaving someone out of a group or things on purpose

Cyber- using online messages, images or videos to hurt someone.



Caring & Enabling Environment

Reporting

- Students may report incidents to any teachers or school staff. All reports will be taken seriously and treated confidentially.

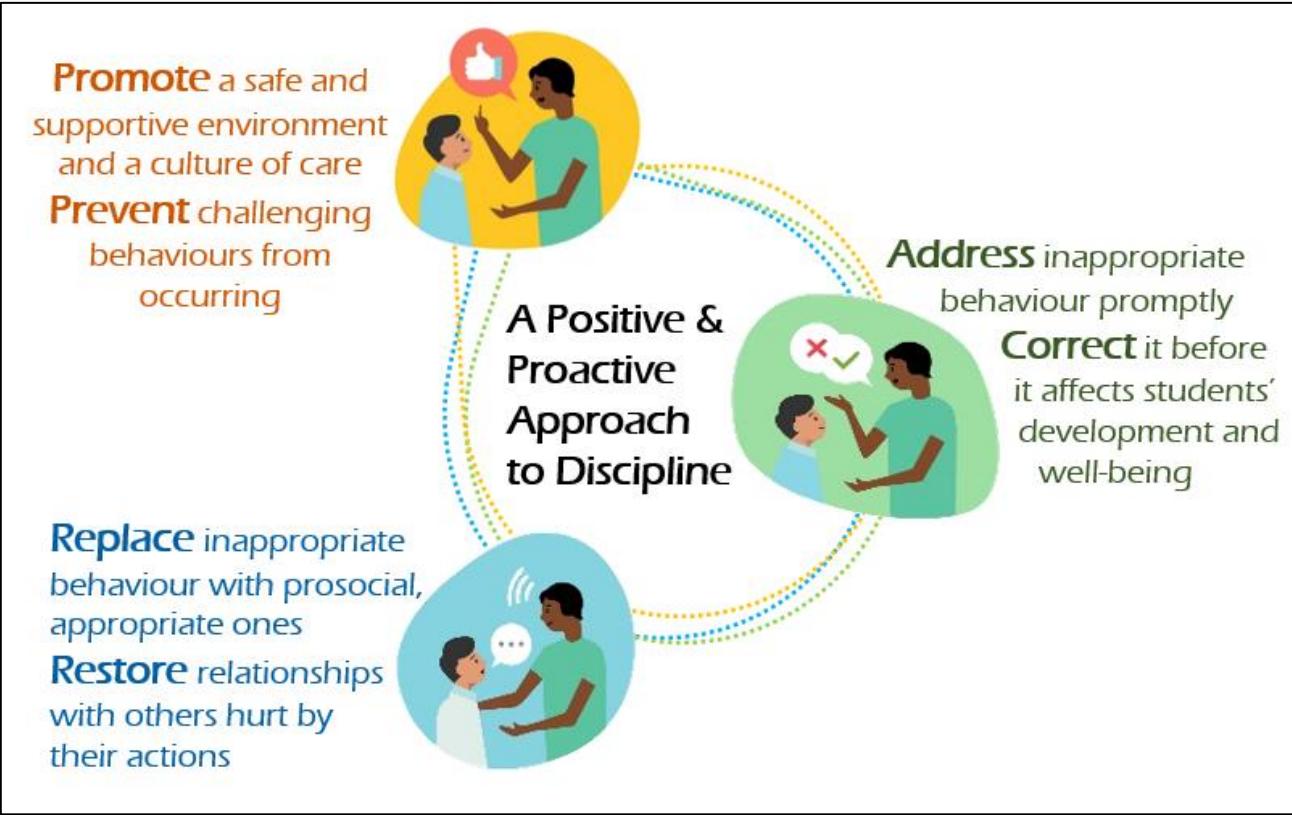
Approach

- School takes a multi-pronged approach to address bullying, guided by MOE's proactive and positive approach to discipline.



Caring & Enabling Environment

Approach



Anti-Vaping



STRICTER ACTION IN SCHOOLS AGAINST VAPING

Vaping is a serious offence in schools. Students caught vaping are reported to HSA, and will face higher penalties from 1 Sep 2025. In addition, schools will implement the following stricter disciplinary measures* against vaping.

| | Vaping | Vaping with Etomidate |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| First-time offenders | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 to 3 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• 1 stroke of the cane (for boys only*)• AND conduct grade adjustment | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 to 5 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• Up to 2 strokes of the cane (for boys only)• AND conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair') |
| Second-time offenders | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 to 5 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• Up to 2 strokes of the cane (for boys only)• AND conduct grade adjustment (no better than 'Fair') | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 to 14 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only)• AND conduct grade adjustment ('Poor') |
| Subsequent offenders | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 to 14 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only)• AND conduct grade adjustment ('Poor') | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 to 14 days of detention and/or suspension; and/or• Up to 3 strokes of the cane (for boys only)• AND conduct grade adjustment ('Poor') |

Visit www.gov.sg/stopvaping for resources to protect your child from vapes.

- * Schools have the autonomy to add other school-based consequences based on their assessment of the case. Students caught selling and trafficking of vapes may be considered for additional penalties, including expulsion (for secondary schools and JCs/MI).
- # Schools will consider mitigating factors for caning, including age profile and maturity of student offender, and whether the student offender has special educational needs and/or mental well-being issues.



Generative Artificial Intelligence



What is Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

How can we tap its opportunities
whilst mitigating its risks?



What is Generative AI (Gen AI)?

What opportunities does it present?

'Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly changing the way children and adolescents play, communicate, and learn. While it has potential to help solve complex problems, AI presents both significant opportunities and notable risks concerning child well-being'

– ¹UNICEF (2023)

While AI is a type of technology that allows computers to perform tasks that usually require human thinking, Gen AI is a type of AI that is probabilistic and predicts the most likely answer.

GenAI presents opportunities for learning:

- Supports learning through personalised and instant feedback
- Assists with ideation
- Provides an avenue to improve digital literacy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills

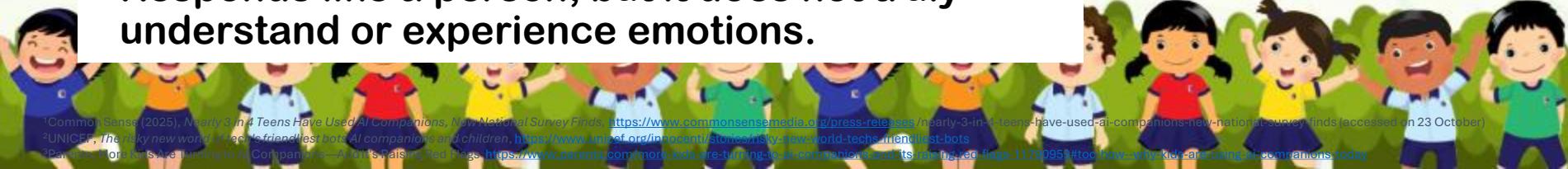
What are the limitations and potential risks of GenAI?

We recognise that GenAI might pose risks, especially when it is not used effectively:

- May give inaccurate or biased answers
- May create tendency for over-reliance when overused
- May pose risks if personal information is shared
- Probabilistic and predicts the most likely answer—it can sound confident even when it is wrong
- Responds like a person, but it does not truly understand or experience emotions.



About **1 in 2** teens would trust AI-generated news story to the same extent or more than one written by a human.²



¹Common Sense (2025), *Nearly 3 in 4 Teens Have Used AI Companions, New National Survey Finds*, <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/press-releases/nearly-3-in-4-teens-have-used-ai-companions-new-national-survey-finds> (accessed on 23 October)

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³Parents, More Kids Are Turning to AI Companions—And It's Raising Red Flags: <https://www.parents.com/more-kids-are-turning-to-ai-companions-and-its-raising-red-flags-11790959#toc-how-why-kids-are-using-ai-companions-today>

How will your child use AI to learn in school?

Find out how your child will use AI to learn and develop AI literacy through the school curriculum



Students will use GenAI to learn in an age-appropriate manner

1. AI use for teaching and learning must be age- and developmentally-appropriate.
 - **Pri 1 to 3 students** will mainly engage in hands-on experiences, with little or no direct use of AI tools.
 - **Pri 4 to 6 students** will use AI tools occasionally with teacher supervision in class to support their learning.
2. There are safe and pedagogically sound AI tools available in the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS). Students will use these tools when their teachers incorporate these tools within the assigned SLS modules.



Scan QR code to read more about SLS AI-enabled features!

Three AI-enabled systems in the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS):

AI CAN MEANINGFULLY TRANSFORM TEACHING AND LEARNING

MOE harnesses Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a strategy to achieve the desired student outcomes, empowering self-directed learning and customising students' learning experiences.

Three AI-enabled systems are now available on the Student Learning Space (SLS):

- Adaptive Learning System
- Teaching and Learning Assistants
- Learning Feedback Assistants

GREATER CUSTOMISATION OF LEARNING

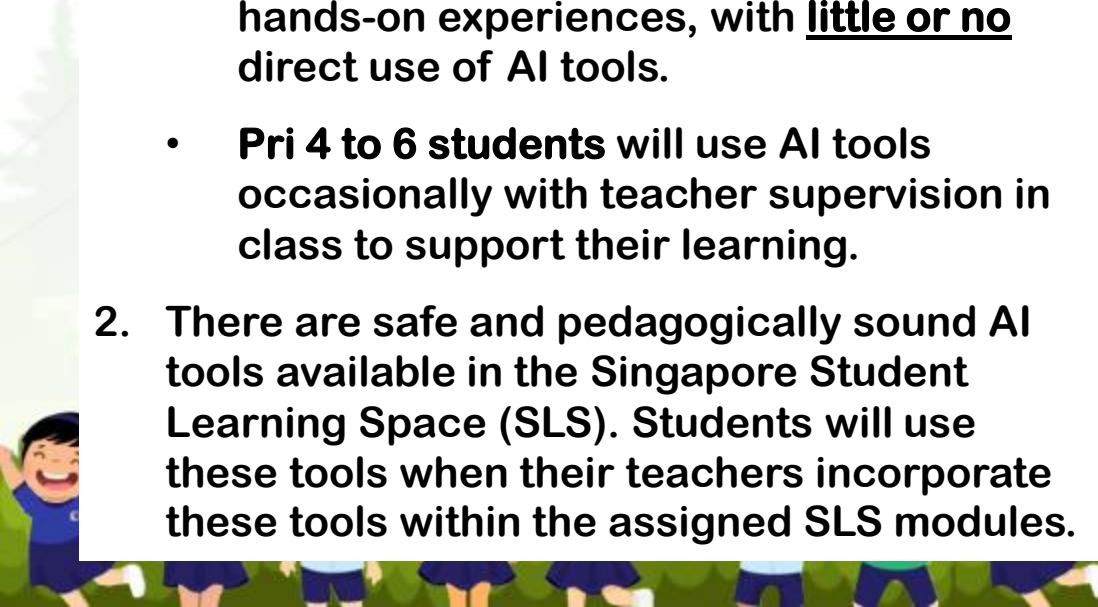
- Adaptive Learning System (ALS) provides a personalised learning pathways to enable students to learn at their own pace.
- Teaching and Learning Assistant (TLA) guides students through self-directed learning through adaptive learning modules based on their learning materials in its knowledge base.

PERSONALISED FEEDBACK FOR LEARNING

Learning Feedback Assistants (LFA) provides timely and targeted feedback across different subjects to help students identify and correct their mistakes. They support the development of students' critical thinking skills, content understanding, as well as writing skills, while enabling teachers to focus on guiding students in deeper learning and higher-level thinking.

SUPPORTING TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Teaching and Learning Assistants support teachers by automating routine tasks, analysing student performance data, and providing lesson design. Tools like Authoring Copilot and Idea Assistant (DIA) help teachers to quickly create compelling ideas and activities, while Data Assistant (DA) allows teacher to quickly analyse student responses to enable teachers to focus on designing more effective and personalised learning experiences.



Students will develop AI literacy throughout primary school

- Under MOE's National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP), students will develop **9 digital competencies** under the **Find, Think, Apply, Create (FTAC) Frame**. (Scan QR code on the right)
- Students will develop AI literacy over their educational journey.

Lower primary students will learn to recognise that AI is present in our daily lives



Upper primary students will learn about the risk of misinformation from AI output, that AI output may contain false information, and how some AI features (e.g. those in SLS) can support learning in a safe digital environment



How should children interact with GenAI?

Parents should discourage your children from relying on AI Companions for social-emotional support, as this may pose challenges for their development:

- Children can become attached to AI Companions (e.g. chatbots) as trusted friends however this interaction poses a number of concerns.
- It blurs the line between fantasy and reality and makes it harder to distinguish good advice from bad advice.
- Overuse of AI may limit opportunities for face-to-face communication, the development of one's empathy and emotional regulation.
- Over prolonged use, children may lack key socio-emotional competencies and struggle with real-world interactions³.



About **1 in 3** teens use AI companions for social interaction and find them as satisfying or more satisfying than those with real-life friends.¹



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THANK YOU!

