



TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, THINKERS AND LEADERS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Secondary One Registration

A very warm welcome to the Tampinesian family! Thank you for choosing Tampines Secondary School (TPSS) for your child/ward. We are excited to walk this journey with you as your child/ward embarks on the secondary school experience.

As the saying goes, *"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success"*. We understand that as a parent/guardian, you want to prepare your child/ward well for the start of a new school year. Here at TPSS, we want to assure you that we will do our best to support your child/ward in settling not just into a new school year but also to a new school experience, as he/she transitions from primary to secondary school.

Please note that there is no requirement for students to report physically to their posted secondary school on 22 December 2025. Instead, we have provided some key information in items 1 to 9 below. Please contact us if you have any queries and we will be most happy to assist.

1. Class Allocation, Secondary One Start Right and Orientation Programme

You will be informed of your child's/ward's class allocation by 31 December 2025 through the "Sec 1 Start Right and Orientation Programme" letter that will be sent via Parents' Gateway (PG).

To support the incoming Sec One students in their transition to secondary school, there will be a 'Start Right' programme on 2 January 2026 followed by an orientation programme on 5 and 6 January 2026. All students are to report to the School Hall on **Friday, 2 January 2026, by 7.30 am**. Information on both programmes, attire, and the schedule for the first week of Term 1 2026 will be provided in the "Sec 1 Start Right and Orientation Programme" letter.



Photos taken during the Sec One Orientation 2025, which aims to promote class bonding, and to support the students in their transition to TPSS.

2. Sales of Books and Uniforms

You are encouraged to purchase books and uniforms online. Online purchases can be done through the respective vendors' websites. You may choose to have the items delivered to your home. For textbooks, you may choose the option for self-collection in school. Collection in school is strictly by appointment only.

If online purchase is not an option for you, you can also do a walk-in purchase of textbooks and uniforms. Similarly, purchase in school is strictly by appointment only. For walk-in purchase of *both* books and uniforms, please make an appointment with the bookshop.

Please see **Annex A** for further details.

In the unfortunate event that the uniform and PE attire are out of stock, Secondary One students may wear their primary school uniform and PE attire for the first week of school. During this first week, our uniform and PE attire will be on sale in school.

3. Offering subjects at a More Demanding Level

The eligibility criteria for students to offer subjects at a More Demanding Level (MDL) can be found at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/schools-offering-full-sbb>. Students who are eligible to offer subjects at an MDL are invited to attend a briefing via Google Meet on **22 December 2025 at 11 am**. The details of the briefing are as follows.

Topic: Briefing for Students Eligible to Offer Subjects at MDL

Time: Dec 22, 2025 11:00 AM

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/rax-gawc-gzw>

4. Mother Tongue Language (MTL)

Bilingualism has been the cornerstone of Singapore's language policy. It is compulsory for students to offer an MTL as one of the subjects studied in school. We offer Chinese Language and Malay Language subjects within the school. Students who study Tamil Language (TL) are to report to TL centres for lessons.

Students who have been exempted from MTL at primary level will continue to be exempted when they progress to secondary level. It is not necessary to resubmit a new application. New applications for exemption from offering MTL must be made officially and will be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Ministry of Education. Please obtain the application form (if required) from the General Office. The deadline for application is 30 April 2026. Further information regarding the exemption can be obtained from <https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages>.

For Higher Mother Tongue, Foreign Language and 3rd Language matters, please refer to **Annex B**.

5. Medical Appeal Transfer

Medical appeals can be filed at the school General Office by **22 December 2025, 12 pm**.

6. Financial Assistance Scheme

As the Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singaporean students in Government and Government-Aided schools, students may be eligible to apply for financial assistance. Detailed information about the household income requirements and the various financial assistance schemes, including the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS), can be found at: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance>.

Completed forms are to be submitted to our school together with the required supporting documents. If an application had previously been submitted to your child's/ward's primary school, no resubmission is required. We will extract successful applications from our system after the release of the Secondary One posting results, and parents/guardians will be notified via PG.

7. Joining the TPSS Parent Support Group (PSG)

Parents are important partners as we work together to bring out the best in our students. We invite you to join the PSG if you would like to collaborate more closely with the school.

For more information, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/tpssparent/psg?authuser=1>

8. Secondary One CCA Open House and Parent Engagement Session

The CCA Open House and Parent Engagement Session will take place on **Friday, 9 January 2026**. Part of the latter includes a meeting with the form teachers of your child/ward. More details will be included in the "Sec 1 Start Right and Orientation Programme" letter which will be sent via PG.

I look forward to meeting you during the Parent Engagement Session and sharing how we will support your child/ward holistically throughout their journey in TPSS.

To better support your child/ward's transition to secondary school, we encourage you to visit the MOE webpages below for tips and suggestions on how you can guide them. Please see:

- <https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/parent-kit/primary-to-secondary-transition.pdf>
- <https://www.moe.gov.sg/secondary/transition-to-secondary>

9. Communication Channels

This letter has also been posted on our school website. PG remains the key portal for schools to relay important information to parents/guardians, while the school website contains useful information for both students and parents/guardians, such as the school's history, subject and CCA offerings as well as school rules and examination matters. We encourage you to access these channels regularly.

Besides the school website, we have our own social media channels. For more information and updates on our school's activities, you may visit and follow us on:

- <https://www.facebook.com/TampinesSec>
- <https://www.instagram.com/tampinessec/>

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In addition, should you have any queries, please contact our school through the following:

Office Number: 6783 5423

Email: TPSS@MOE.EDU.SG

In closing, it takes a village to raise a child. At TPSS, we are committed to partnering with you to develop our students holistically and provide the best possible schooling experience. With your support, we can achieve our mission of nurturing well-rounded Tampinesians ready for the future.

Once again, a warm welcome to Tampines Secondary School – a school where we strive to be a *caring community of learners, thinkers and leaders*.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Tay Yang Fern
Principal
Tampines Secondary School

Purchase of Books and Uniforms**Books and Stationery: Overseas Pte Ltd**

Website for online orders:	https://www.oapl.sg
Purchase options for online orders:	1. Home delivery (orders for Sec 1 books may only be delivered by 1st week of Jan 2026) 2. Self-collection in school (by appointment upon checkout)
Period for online orders:	From 19 Dec 2025 to 21 Dec 2025
Delivery charges:	\$14.50/location
For walk-in purchase in school (Make an appointment)	https://www.oapl.sg
Address:	252 Tampines Street 12 S(529427)
Contact number:	6382 6789 ext 121 (during office hours)
Period for purchase: (For Walk-in Purchase)	19 and 22 Dec 2025: For Secondary 1 Students 23 Dec 2025: For Secondary 1 FAS Students only 26 and 29 Dec 2025: For all levels Time: 9am to 3pm

School Uniform: In-Trend Uniform

Website for online orders :	https://www.intrenduniforms.com
Purchase option:	Walk-in or Home delivery
Email enquiry:	sales@itu.com.sg
Contact number:	6741 0930
Delivery charges:	\$7
Address for walk-in purchase in school	252 Tampines Street 12 S(529427)
Period for purchase:	19 and 22 Dec 2025: For Secondary 1 Students 23 Dec 2025: For Secondary 1 FAS Students only 26 and 29 Dec 2025: For all levels Time: 9am to 3pm

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Higher Mother Tongue and 3rd Language Matters

TPSS offers Higher Chinese Language lessons within our curriculum time for students who are offered Higher Chinese. Students who are offered Higher Malay / Tamil Language will be required to attend lessons outside curriculum hours at one of the approved centres. The school recommends students to study Higher Mother Tongue at the nearest centre to the school:

- Higher Malay Language - Tanjong Katong Secondary School
- Higher Tamil Language - Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School

When accepting the offer, students will be required to submit an application to attend classes at the approved centre.

Students who offer Tamil Language will be required to attend Tamil Language classes at one of the approved centres. The school recommends students to study Tamil Language at the nearest centre to the school, Changkat Changi Secondary School. Students will be required to submit an application to attend classes at the approved centre.

Students who offer a Foreign or Asian Language in-lieu of Mother Tongue may apply to attend classes at the Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC). As admission priority will be given to students who offer Foreign or Asian Language as 3rd language, students will be placed on a waiting list after the application is received. When a vacancy arises, students will be required to take a readiness test before he/she will be admitted. As the placement to take classes at MOELC is based on available vacancy subject to passing the readiness test, students will be required to attend private lessons outside curriculum hours for the Foreign or Asian Language in-lieu of Mother Tongue that they are offering. They are allowed to stop attending the private classes only when they have secured a place at MOELC. Students who are not applying to attend classes at MOELC will be required to attend private classes outside curriculum hours.

Students who offer Non-Tamil Indian Languages (NTIL) will be required to attend classes at an NTIL Centre.

Students who have exercised the option to offer Malay (Special Programme) can refer to the main page of our school website (<https://tampinessec.moe.edu.sg>) for further details. Lessons are conducted in our school.

Please contact the following officers if you have any queries or need any clarification.

Mdm Halimah Bte Mohmad SH/Malay Language	Halimah_mohmad@moe.edu.sg	Issues relating to: Malay (Special Programme) Higher Malay Language
Ms Li Kaiying HOD/Mother Tongue Languages	Li_kaiying@moe.edu.sg	Issues relating to: Higher Chinese Language Tamil Language, Higher Tamil Language Non-Tamil Indian Languages Foreign Languages Mother Tongue Exemption