



TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, THINKERS AND LEADERS

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Secondary One Registration

Thank you for choosing Tampines Secondary School (TPSS) for your child / ward. We warmly welcome you to the Tampinesian family! We are excited to walk this journey with you as your child / ward goes through 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 and indeed a new school experience. Here at TPSS, we want to assure you that we will do our best to help your child / ward settle in, not just to a new school year but also to a whole new school experience, as he / she transits from the primary to the secondary school environment.

Although the current COVID-19 situation means that we cannot meet and talk to you face-to-face, we nevertheless want to provide you with key information on matters relating to Secondary One registration. This is covered in items 1 to 7 below. We have made every effort to be as clear and concise as possible; please contact us if you have any queries and we will be most happy to help.

1. Class Allocation and Orientation

All students are to report to school on 4 January 2021 by 7.30 am. We will be sending a letter to inform you of the class allocated to your child / ward as well as the orientation programme by 29 December 2020.

2. Sales of Books and Uniform

Due to COVID-19 safe management measures, you are encouraged to purchase books and uniforms online. Online purchases can be done through the respective vendors' websites. You may choose for the items to be delivered to your home. For textbooks, you may choose to self-collect in school. Collection in school is strictly by appointment for one student and one accompanying adult only.

We do allow purchase of textbooks and uniforms in our school. Similarly, purchase in school is strictly by appointment for one student and one accompanying adult only. For *both* books and uniform walk-in purchase, please make an appointment with the bookshop.

See **Annex A** for further details.

3. Subject-Based Banding (SBB)

On SBB eligibility for Sec 1NANT students, parents will receive a separate Letter of Offer via PG before 6 pm later today (22 December 2020). This letter will provide more information as well as details of the SBB briefing via video conference. The SBB briefing will take place on 23 December 2020 at 11 am.

4. Mother Tongue Language

Bilingualism has been the cornerstone of Singapore's language policy. It is compulsory for students to offer a Mother Tongue Language (MTL) as one of the subjects studied in school. We offer Chinese Language and Malay Language subjects within the school. Students who offer 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 has to 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. Further information regarding the exemption can be obtained from <https://beta.moe.gov.sg/primary/curriculum/mother-tongue-languages/exemption/>.

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

5. Medical Appeal Transfer

If you assess that Tampines Secondary School is unable to accommodate your child / ward's physical health or special learning needs, you may appeal for a transfer. Medical appeals can be filed at the school by 23 December 2020, 12 pm.

Please note:

- Appeals will only be considered on exceptional basis for students with:
 - Serious medical conditions, such as chronic heart conditions or kidney problems.
 - Severe physical impairments, such as those requiring permanent use of a wheelchair.
- All appeals must be accompanied by relevant supporting documents, such as medical reports and letters from doctors.
- We will help to file your appeal. The appeal result will be released in early January.
- Your child / ward should continue to attend our school until his/her transfer is approved.
- Transfers are subjected to vacancies at the requested transfer school.

6. Financial Assistance Scheme

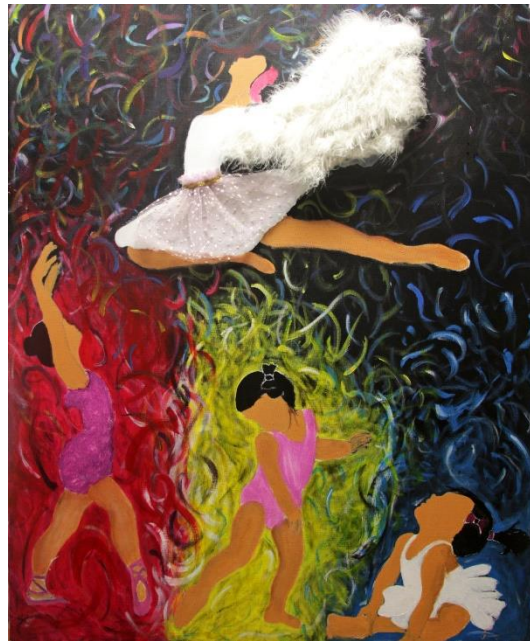
As the Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singapore students in Government and Government-Aided schools, students may be eligible to apply for financial assistance. Detailed information about the household income requirements and benefits can be found at: <https://beta.moe.gov.sg/fees-assistance-awards-scholarships/financial-assistance/>

Completed forms are to be submitted with supporting documents to our school. However, if application had been made previously at the primary school, we will extract successful applications from our system after the Secondary One posting results and parents will be notified via Parents Gateway.

7. Joining the Parents as Partners Network (PPN)

Parents are important partners as we work together to bring out the best in our students. We invite you to join the PPN if you would like to collaborate more closely with the school. For more information, please see: <https://sites.google.com/moe.edu.sg/tpssparent/ppn?authuser=1>

In closing, it takes a village to raise a child. At TPSS, we are committed to working with you, our valuable parents / guardians, to give our students the best possible schooling experience, be it academic learning, co-curricular activities or other school programmes. With your support, we believe that we will be able to accomplish our school mission – to *provide a well-rounded education in a nurturing environment to prepare Tampinesians for the future.*



Some of our students' artworks depicting the well-rounded education that TPSS strives to provide for our students.

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This letter is posted onto the Parents Gateway (PG) as well as our school website. PG is a key portal for schools to relay important information to parents, while the school website contains useful information for both students and parents, 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 to know more about school matters relating to your child / ward.

Besides the school website, we also 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/>

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

Office: 67835423

Email: TPSS@MOE.EDU.SG

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. 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,



Mr Lan Mingjun

Principal

Tampines Secondary School

Annex A**Books and Stationery: Overseas Pte Ltd**

Website for online orders:	https://www.oapl.sg
Purchase options for online orders:	1. Home delivery (recommended) 2. Self-collection (in TPSS)
Period for online orders:	From 22 Dec 2020 to 28 Dec 2020
Delivery charges:	\$12
For walk-in purchase, use this weblink:	https://www.picktime.com/oapl
Address:	252 Tampines Street 12
Contact number:	63826789
Operating hours:	8 am to 4 pm (23 Dec & 28 Dec 2020 – reserved for Sec 1) 8 am to 12 pm (24 Dec 2020 – reserved for FAS students ONLY)

School Uniform: In-Trend Uniform (FOR ONLINE PURCHASES ONLY)

Website:	https://www.intrenduniforms.com
Purchase options:	Home delivery only
Period for online orders	From 22 Dec 2020 to 28 Dec 2020
Address:	729 Geylang Road Singapore 389640
Contact number:	67410930
Operating Hours:	10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Mon to Fri) 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Sat) Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays
Delivery charges:	\$10

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School Uniform: In-Trend Uniform (FOR PURCHASE IN SCHOOL)

Purchase options:	Purchase in school (together with walk-in purchase of books. Please use the weblink https://www.picktime.com/oapl to book an appointment)
Period for	From 22 Dec 2020 to 28 Dec 2020
Address:	252 Tampines Street 12
Contact number:	67410930
Operating Hours School for Sec 1 registration exercise	8 am to 4 pm (23 Dec & 28 Dec 2020 – reserved for Sec 1) 8 am to 12 pm (24 Dec 2020 – reserved for Sec 1 FAS students ONLY)

Annex B

Higher Mother Tongue and 3rd Language Matters

The school offers Higher Chinese Language (HCL) for students with the interest and ability to handle the demands of HCL. HCL supports students to acquire a more in-depth understanding of the language and achieve a higher level of proficiency. You may scan the QR code below or visit <http://gg.gg/apply4hcl> to submit an online application to offer Higher Chinese Language if you are keen to offer HCL and have met one of the following eligibility criteria:

Eligibility Criteria:

Studied Higher Chinese Language in Primary School
Achieved A or A* grade for Chinese Language in PSLE



The deadline for application is 28 Dec 2020. We will review your application and the outcome of your application will be shared at the beginning of the new school year. Please do not purchase Chinese textbooks until the outcome of the application is received.

Students who are offered Higher Malay Language will be required to attend Higher Malay Language lessons outside curriculum hours at one of the approved centres. The school recommends students to study Higher Malay Language at the nearest centre to the school, Tanjong Katong 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 are offered Higher Tamil Language will be required to attend Higher Tamil Language lessons outside curriculum hours at one of the approved centres. The school recommends students to study Higher Tamil Language at the nearest centre to the school, 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 a Foreign or Asian Language in-lieu of Mother Tongue will be required to attend classes outside curriculum hours at MOELC or a private education provider. 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) will receive further news on the outcome and registration process. Lessons are conducted in TPSS.

Please contact Mr Esfan Rizal Bin Rahwom, Subject Head/Malay Language at esfan_rizal_rahwom@moe.edu.sg if you have any queries or need any clarification.