



NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

4 JANUARY 2021

Greetings for the new year and welcome back to school! We are pleased to share with you the school's broad directions and key initiatives for 2021.

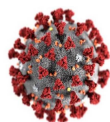


School directions for 2021

2020 was an unprecedented year and we would like to thank all parents for your strong support and cooperation in adhering to the national posture and SMMs.

Forging ahead to thrive in the new normal, PRSS will be scaling up PDLP from Sec 1 to Sec 3 and incorporate blended learning for all levels in 2021 starting from Term 2/2021. Riding on our pilot 1-1 PLD in 2019 where Sec 1 students were assigned a Chromebook, we will transit to students owned PLD for all lower sec students while the Sec 3s will continue to be assigned a Chromebook by the school in 2021. Our aim is to grow self-directed learners who are confident, responsible and discerning users of technology. In tandem with MOEHQ's implementation of the new CCE2021 programme, our school will refresh our CCE curriculum to cater to the diverse needs of digital learners and profile of students to help them grow in character equipped with the 21 century competencies and SKAV (Skills, Knowledge, Attitudes & Values) to thrive in the evolving landscape and be well-prepared for the future that is increasingly VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex & Ambiguous). We will also be celebrating our 35 years in providing a quality education to our youths in the month of March. Our 3 key strategic thrusts viz

- ST1- Quality Learning through Skilful Design & Teaching;
- ST2- Character Development & Active Citizenry through Holistic Education;
- ST3- Enhancing School Capacity & Capability through synergistic partnerships will be the core of our work in navigating new challenges with courage and wisdom in partnerships with stakeholders and our community to ensure that we value-add to the lives of our PRSS family as well as the community.



Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for Phase 3

As Singapore moves into Phase 3 on 28 Dec, and schools re-open in 2021, we need the collective effort of all parents and students to exercise social responsibility, practice good personal hygiene and abide by SMMs at all times so that our school stays safe. These include:

- If your child is feeling unwell, please bring her to see a doctor and do not come to school.
- If there is any adult-household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms, inform the school and keep your child at home.

Daily temperature taking with additional visual screening will continue to be carried out for all staff and students. All students are required to bring a functioning thermometer.

Aligned with the latest national posture, we will allow groups of up to 8 students with 1m spacing between groups in the conduct of CCAs and school activities in the new year.



School Level Camps

Our annual level camps allow all Pasirians to start the year right with clarity of purpose for the year. These camps provide powerful experiential learning experiences to prepare our students well with a strong start for the new academic year. The focus for each level camp is reflected below.

Level	Camp Name	Focus	Dates
Sec 1	Camp Oneiric	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation• Transition support• Start right	
Sec 2	Camp Spark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zeal and joy in learning• Peer Relations	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Pride and Sense of Belonging 	14 –15 Jan
Sec 3	Camp Metamorphosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embracing Change Team Building 	
Sec 4E5N	Camp Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth mindset Preparation for post-sec Building resilience 	
Sec4N4NT	Camp Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life skills Resilience 	



Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDL)

With the scaling up of PDL for secondary schools in 2021, all Sec 1 and 2 students will purchase their own Personal Learning Device (PLD) while Sec 3 students will continue to loan the learning devices from the school. We will provide lockers for all Sec 1-3 students in phases starting with Sec 2s in Jan 2021 for them to safekeep their PLDs.

The school-prescribed PLD, the **Lenovo Convertible Chromebook 500e**, will be used in tandem with the national e-learning platform – the Singapore Student Learning Space – as well as other educational technology to personalise and enhance students' learning. This will also better enable students to acquire digital skills and apply these skills as they navigate an increasingly digitalised world. All PLDs will be pre-installed with a Device Management Application (DMA) which has a variety of functions that will support the use of the PLD in the classrooms, as well as safeguard students' cyber wellness. Details regarding the purchase of PLDs for Sec 1 students will be disseminated separately in mid-January.

Students who need technical assistance with their PLDs, access to school SWN WiFi network for learning or to troubleshoot installation of educational apps on their mobile devices can visit the ICT Office located at Blk C, Level 2 (opposite side of Main Staff Room) Opening Hrs:

- Mon to Thurs: 1410h to 1600h;
- Fri: 1230h to 1500h



Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs)

CCAs play a vital role in our students' holistic development, especially in the area of character building. Regular attendance in CCA reflects a student's sense of

pride and responsibility to learn and participate in school activities. Hence, **CCA attendance is factored into assignment of conduct grade to students**. CCA attendance below 75% will affect the conduct grade adversely. To help students make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Fri, 8 January 2021 from 2.00pm to 6.00pm** to showcase what the various CCAs are about. Secondary 1 students will also be given the opportunity to join any CCA sessions/trainings during the CCA Experience Week (**18 – 22 January**) to find out more and discover their suitability for the CCA.



Road Safety

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The safety of our students is our utmost concern. The school gates will close by **7.45am** daily to limit the movement of cars within the school compound for the safety of our students. For students who arrive after the gate closure, parents are advised to drop them off outside the school gates and student should enter school via main entry gate B. Parents will be allowed to drive into the school compound on rainy days to let your child alight at the sheltered foyer area. For parents who are picking up your children after school, please be advised to wait for your child at the HDB carpark opposite the school. Please remind your child to use the zebra crossing outside the school at all times when crossing the road.



Attendance

Attendance Taking

The school uses the SC mobile to record and monitor student attendance. Should your child fail to register his/her attendance before each day's stipulated reporting time, an SMS message will be sent to your mobile phone to inform you of his/her absence in school by 9.30 am.



Recess and Snack breaks

Three recess slots of 40 minutes each are staggered for students by level between 8.40am to 11.20am daily. Parents may refer to the timetable on the school website for more details. The school will continue with the 15-min snack break for all students during 12.00pm- 12.40pm slot to ensure that they can have a quick energy boost if required. They will remain in class during the snack break. Only plain water and dry, healthy snacks are allowed.



MOE-Financial Assistance Scheme (MOE-FAS)

Singapore Citizen students in financial need may apply for assistance from MOE on school fees and other expenses. The current income criterion is as follows: *Gross Household income - \$2750 or below OR Per Capita Income - \$690 or below*. Eligible students who wish to apply for financial assistance can download the application form from the school website or collect from the General Office.

SCHOOL BILL

Enrichments etc

School Bill

The school will be issuing the school bill for enrichment programmes and other charges. The bill will show the full cost of the enrichment programmes, subsidies borne by the school and co-payment required from the students. In the event where cash payment is needed for the enrichment programmes, you can choose to pay at the AXS stations or the school's general office. Parental consent will be sought for the enrichment programmes before the school bill is issued.



Home-School Partnership

The school firmly believes in partnering parents to provide a quality school experience for our students. Apart from the parents-teachers conferences held at the end of each semester, the school also organises briefings for parents as well as meetings with Home Teachers and School Leaders. In view of Covid-19 situation, we are unable to host the breakfast meetings with parents and will be hosting Zoom Meet with parents instead. You are invited to join in the level-focused conversation with School Leaders and YHs on the following dates:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
5 Feb	26 Feb	05 Mar	29 Jan

More information will be provided nearer the date via PG.



GCE 'N' Level Examination Results

Our students have done well in the 2020 N-Level Exams. All 4NT students have qualified for ITE while 79.2% of 4NA students qualify for 5N.



Staff Movements

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Chua Khoo Wee	HOD/ICT
Ms Leong Su Juen	ST/Music
Ms Kimberlyn Lee	NIE Practicum/ Art & EL
Ms Lee Xin Yan Viviana	NIE Practicum/ PE & Math
Ms Danyel Ong Wei	School Counsellor
Mdm Esther Ang Siew Lay	Receptionist

We thank the following staff whose service have been invaluable to the PRSS We wish them all the best in their future endeavours:

Name	Designation
Mr Mong Kok Thong	HOD/ICT
Ms Rekha d/o Gopal Chandradas	Teacher/English & Social Studies
Ms Ramona Bte Mohamad Sidek	Teacher/English & Maths
Mr Kaddy Koh	Teacher/Maths
Ms Hendriks Hannah Dawn Terese	Teacher/History & Project Work
Mdm Sharifah Zainab	Receptionist

Important Dates in Term 1 2021

Date	Event
4-6 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation
8 Jan	CCA Bazaar
14-15 Jan	Sec 1 to 5 Level Camp
22 -25 Jan	Sec 1 Online CCA Registration
2 Feb	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
8-24 Feb	Annual Health Screening
11 Feb	Chinese New Year Celebrations <i>Dismissal at 10.30 AM</i>
12 Feb	Chinese New Year Public holiday
15 Feb	Chinese New Year School Holiday
16 Feb	Total Defence Day
18 - 19 Feb 23 Feb	HPV Vaccination
8-12 Mar	35 th Anniversary Celebrations Week
12 Mar	Last day of Term 1