



NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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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 2022.



School Directions for 2022

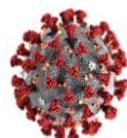
Pasir Ris Secondary School (PRSS) is committed to our mission - Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams, to nurture our students to be Confident Learners, Caring and Resilient Citizens who have the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values to navigate the complexities of the VUCA world.

Following the implementation of NDLP across schools in Spore, our students have eased into fortnightly blended learning as a routine since 2020. In 2022, we will continue with the fortnightly blended learning with refinements made to quality lessons designed by teachers and will also be exploring hybrid learning as a viable feature in our curriculum where students who are off-site (eg due to Covid-19 SMM) may access our lessons online.

The school's key strategic directions are encapsulated in our 3 strategic thrusts viz

- ST1- Quality Learning through Skilful Design & Delivery;
- ST2- Character Development & Active Citizenry through a Holistic Education;
- ST3- Enhancing School Capacity & Capability through synergistic partnerships

Core to our work in 2022 will be supporting our students' well-being (PIEs- Physical, Intellectual, Social-emotional) where cyberwellness and mental health will continue to be emphasised. Fostering Student Agency in self-directed learning, self-disciplined and active citizenry will also be high on our agenda. Teachers will also continue to upskill and grow their professional practice to lead, care and inspire our Pasirians to be better version of themselves as they progress to a new academic year and class. We strongly believe in partnering parents and the community to support our students and cater to their diverse interests and needs.



Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

As Singapore moves into the endemic phase, and schools re-open in 2022, 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. If your child is feeling unwell, please bring him/her to see a doctor and do not come to school.

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 and the TraceTogether token or turn on their TT App daily so as to facilitate automatic close contact tracing.

Aligned with the latest national posture, we will allow groups of up to 5 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. Due to SMMs this year, our level camp will be recalibrated to class-based enrichment activities to continue to provide meaningful experiential learning to prepare our students well 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	10 –11 Jan
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 	
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)

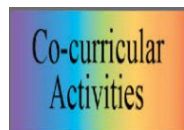
The school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD), the **Lenovo Convertible Chromebook 500e**, will continue to be used in tandem with the national e-learning platform – the Singapore Student Learning Space – as well as other educational technology to personalise and enhance students' learning. This will also better enable students to acquire digital skills and apply these skills as they navigate an increasingly digitalised world.

Students are reminded to bring a personal padlock to make use of the school-provisioned PLD lockers to safekeep their PLDs when these are not in use during school hours. All PLDs must be brought home at the end of school days to facilitate students' learning and charging of devices at home.

For Sec 1 students, the school will facilitate the purchase of the PLD via the MOE bulk tender. Details regarding the purchase process will be disseminated to students and parents in Term 1 Week 2. A parent engagement session will be conducted on 21 January to share more about the programme and address questions relating to it. In the meantime, please refer to the [school website](#) for more information.

Students who need technical assistance with their PLDs, access to school 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) after school hours during the following timings:

- Mon to Thu: 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 student's Conduct Grade adversely. To help students make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Fri, 14 January 2022 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 (**19 – 25 January**) to find out more and discover their suitability for the CCA. Secondary 1 students will have to submit their CCA choices by **Wed, 26 January** before the CCA allocation results is confirmed latest by **Fri, 4 February 2022**.



Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning days will continue to be implemented in 2022. BL days in Term 1 for all cohorts are on 26

Jan, 9 Feb, 23 Feb and 9 Mar. S2 and S4/5 students will have their first BL day on 12 Jan. Students will stay at home to participate in the learning activities designed by the teachers, supported by their PLDs (i.e. Chromebook). For Student-Initiated Learning, students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about. This would empower students to take charge of their own learning and encourage them to be life-long and independent learners.



Road Safety

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 at the HDB car park opposite the school main gate and students 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. Do not drop off your child along Tampines St 21 just outside the school gate as this could cause traffic

congestion and pose a danger to other road users and pedestrians. Please remind your child to use the zebra crossings outside the school at all times when crossing the road.

SCHOOL 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

Four 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 between 12.00pm and 12.40pm 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.

Cashless Payment in School

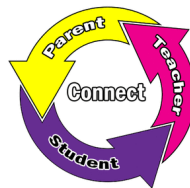


As the nation moves towards digitalization, our school has partnered POSB to introduce cashless payments via NETS Contactless cards, EZ-Link cards and School Smart Cards at the School Canteen and Bookshop. Parents may also choose to sign up for the POSB Smart Buddy Programme, which allows you to manage your child's allowance and daily expenses. Cash payments will still be accepted in the canteen and bookshop.

SCHOOL BILL Enrichments etc

School Bill

The school will be issuing the school bill for enrichment programmes and other charges in Feb. 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 SAM kisok or the school's general office. Parental consent will be sought for the enrichment programmes before the school bill is issued.

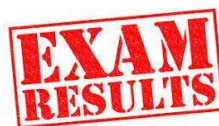


Home-School Partnership

The school 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 online meetings with parents via the Zoom platform. 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
21 Jan	25 Feb	04 Mar	04 Feb

More information will be provided nearer the date via PG.



GCE 'N' Level Examination Results

Congratulations to our 4NA / 4NT students on their good performance at the 2021 GCE N Level examinations! All our 4NT students qualify for ITE, while 86.7% of our 4NA students qualify for 5NA. Please refer to the school website for more details of results and good stories.



Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Mr Gohel Amarsinh	HOD/Student Management
Ms Lim Man Qin Grace	SH/Special Projects
Mdm Zulaiha Bte Osman	Teacher/ Chemistry & Math
Mr Seong Then Yee	Teacher/ Math & Physics
Mdm Beatrice Goh	Teacher/ English & Math
Ms Li Xin Yao	Intern/ Chinese & Chinese Literature

We thank the following staff whose service have been invaluable to PRSS and we wish them all the best in their new postings.

Name	Posting wef 1 Jan 2022
Mr Ow Kok Meng	Assumption Pathway School – Head of Department, PE & CCA
Mr Koh Bing Qin	Academy of Singapore Teachers – Academy Officer
Mdm Ng Xiang Ming	Sengkang Green Primary School - Teacher

Important Dates in Term 1 2022

Date	Event
4 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation
10-11 Jan	Sec 1 to 5 Class-Based Level Camp
12 Jan	Sec 2 & 4/5 Blended Learning Day
14 Jan	CCA Bazaar
21 Jan	Sec 1 Parents Engagement Session
26 Jan	Blended Learning Day
26 -27 Jan	Sec 1 Online CCA Registration
31 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations
1 - 2 Feb	Chinese New Year Public holiday
4 Feb	Sec 4/5 Parents Engagement Session
9 Feb	Blended Learning Day
15 Feb	Total Defence Day
23 Feb	Blended Learning
25 Feb	Sec 2 Parents Engagement Session
4 Mar	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
4 Mar	Sec 3 Parents Engagement Session
9 Mar	Blended Learning Day
11 Mar	Cross Country
11 Mar	Last day of Term 1