



# NEWSFLASH

PASIR RIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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*Greetings for the New Year and welcome back to school! As I formally assume Principalship of Pasir Ris Secondary School in 2026, I thank Mrs Grace Chua for her years of dedicated service to the school and the education fraternity.*

*My team and I are pleased to share with you the school's broad directions and key initiatives in 2026. Looking forward to meeting you at the upcoming parent engagement sessions.*

*Mr Ivan Wu*



## School Directions for 2026

At Pasir Ris Secondary School (PRSS), we are dedicated to our mission of Inspiring Lives, Nurturing Talents, Realising Dreams. Our goal is to shape our students into **Confident Learners** and **Caring, Resilient Citizens**, equipped with the skills, knowledge, values, and attitudes needed to thrive in a VUCA world.

Guided by three key strategic thrusts, we continue to focus on:

1. Quality Learning through Skilful Design and Delivery
2. Character Development and Active Citizenry through a Holistic Education
3. Enhancing School Capacity and Capability through Synergistic Partnerships

As we move forward into 2026, we remain committed to initiatives that uplift and empower our school community. These include exploring the future of Learning through EdTech, prioritising student well-being, and fostering an inclusive school environment. Collaborating with organisations such as MOE HQ, NIE, A\*STAR, NAC, and other industry and community partners, we aim to create meaningful experiences for all Pasirians. These partnerships allow us to enrich learning through interdisciplinary STEAM programmes, overseas learning journeys, and e-twinning projects with schools across Asia and ASEAN, transforming the

world into our classrooms. Central to our efforts is the focus on the I AM - I CAN - I HAVE framework, which encourages students to develop self-leadership and resilience, empowering them to face future challenges with confidence.

We will strengthen the Home-School Link to partner parents in ensuring our students have the requisite support for a smooth transition and progression in their next level of study. We invite parents to join our Parent Support Group (PSG) to co-construct initiatives to support our Pasirians.

Together, we will continue to inspire and nurture our students to be confident learners, caring and resilient citizens.



## Student Attendance

Attendance in school is compulsory. Students are also required to attend all activities planned for them (e.g. lessons after school, CCA training sessions, enrichment courses, learning journeys, school events) unless certified medically unfit for school or excused due to valid reasons.

Students are to assemble in the School Hall/Parade Square/Classroom and be ready for the morning assembly by 8.30am on Mondays, and 7.30am from Tuesdays to Fridays.

Students are to submit their Medical Certificate via Parents Gateway, or to their Home Teacher upon their return to school. The school will take into consideration letters from parents/guardians for non-medical emergencies / urgent family matters. A maximum of **5 letters per semester** will be accepted. Absence without a valid reason for school or CCA is deemed as truancy and students will face due consequences.



## School Level Camps

Our annual level camps allow all Pasirians to start the year right with clarity of purpose. Activities are planned to provide meaningful experiential learning for all students to set their goals for the year. The focus for each level camp is reflected in the following table.

Level	Camp Name	Focus	Dates
Sec 1	Camp Oneiric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation</li> <li>Transition support</li> <li>Start right</li> </ul>	7 – 9 Jan
Sec 2	Camp Spark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer Relations</li> <li>School Pride and Sense of Belonging</li> </ul>	
Sec 3	Camp Metamorphosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embracing Change</li> <li>Team Building</li> <li>Develop 21CC</li> </ul>	
Sec 4E5N	Camp Conquest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth mindset</li> <li>Preparation for post-sec</li> <li>Building resilience</li> </ul>	
Sec4N	Camp Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Lifeskills</li> <li>Building Resilience</li> </ul>	



## Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)

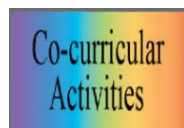
The school will facilitate the purchase of the school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD) for Sec 1 students via the MOE bulk tender. Details regarding the purchase process have been disseminated via Parents Gateway on 22 December 2025. The deadline to indicate intent to purchase the PLD through the school is **5 January 2026**. You may also refer to the [PDLP engagement slides](#) on the school website for more information.

All students are reminded to bring a personal padlock to use the school-provisioned PLD lockers to safe-keep their PLDs and mobile phones when not in use during school hours. All PLDs must be brought home at the end

of each school day to facilitate students' learning and charging of devices at home.

Students who need technical assistance with their PLDs, Student iCON email account and SLS account login, access to the school WiFi network for learning or to troubleshoot installation of educational apps on their mobile devices should visit the ICT Helpdesk located at Blk C, Level 2 (opposite the Main Staff Room) during their respective recess timings or after school hours during the following timings:

- Mon to Thu: 1400h to 1630h;
- Fri: 1230h to 1630h



## 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 in learning and participating in school activities. Hence, CCA attendance is factored into the assignment of conduct grades to students. CCA attendance below 75% will affect the student's conduct grade adversely. To help Secondary 1 students make a more informed decision on their choice of CCA, a CCA Bazaar will be held on **Friday, 16 January 2026 from 1400h to 1800h** to showcase the various CCAs in PRSS. Secondary 1 students will also be given the opportunity to join up to three CCA experience sessions/trials during the CCA Experience Weeks (**12 - 23 January, 1500h to 1800h**) to find out more and discover their suitability for the CCA. Secondary 1 students will have to submit their CCA choices between **26 January and 30 January 2026** before the CCA allocation results are announced from **Monday, 9 February 2026**.



## Blended Learning (BL)

Home-based Blended Learning (BL) days will continue to be implemented fortnightly in 2026 but on ODD week Fridays instead in Semester 1. The BL Days in Semester 2 are tentatively scheduled only on 14 - 16 July and 16 Oct. More details will be shared later this year.

The first BL Day will start on 23 January in Term 1 for all levels. Sec 1 students will only be assigned non-digital assignments in the interim until they receive their PLD

later in Term 1. We intend to include a synchronous lesson (0800 – 0900) for part of the BL day to implement learning experiences that harnesses the affordance of technology and group learning. Please refer to the table on the next page for a typical BL day structure.

Students will stay at home to participate in the learning activities assigned by their teachers. In addition, students are encouraged to pursue topics that they are curious or passionate about as part of Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) on BL Days. This would empower them to take charge of their own learning and encourage them to be life-long and independent learners. A briefing for all students will be conducted during assembly in Term 1 Week 3, where more details will be shared.

### **BL Day Structure**

Period	Subject
0800 – 0900	<i>Subject 1 (Synchronous)</i>
0900 – 0910	<i>Transition</i>
0910 – 1010	<i>Subject 2 (Asynchronous)</i>
1010 – 1040	<i>Break</i>
1040 - 1140	<i>Subject 3 (Asynchronous)</i>
1140 - 1240	<i>Subject 4 (Asynchronous)</i>
1240 – 1430	Lunch
1430 – 1530	SIL
1530 – 1700	Self-study
1700 onwards	Exercise for min. 30 mins



### **Road Safety**

The school gates will close at 0730 daily for student safety. Students arriving after gate closure should be dropped off at the HDB car park opposite the school's main gate and enter via Gate B. Please do not drop off along Tampines Street 21 outside the school gate, as this causes traffic congestion and poses danger to road users and pedestrians. Remind your child to use zebra crossings when crossing the road.

Parents driving into the school compound must drive slowly and watch out for students crossing the sheltered foyer area. Students crossing Tampines

Street 21 (main road) should use the designated pedestrian crossing provided for PRSS students. As the turnstile is being installed at Gate C, students may enter the school via Gate B.

Parents may drive into the school compound on rainy days to drop off their child at the sheltered foyer area. For afternoon pick-ups, please wait at the HDB car park opposite the school due to ongoing improvement works.



### **Improvement Works in School**

As part of our continuous efforts to provide a safe and conducive learning environment, the school will be carrying out improvement and safety enhancement works over the next few months. These works aim to upgrade our facilities to better serve our students and staff.

#### **The planned works include:**

- Refurbishment of male and female toilets at Block A with cleaner and more user-friendly facilities
- Replacement of synthetic turf to ensure a safer playing surface for physical activities
- Installation of full-height turnstiles at Gates C and J to enhance campus security and access control
- Installation of automated roller shutters to improve safety and operational efficiency
- Fabrication of a separation wall at the General Office to create a more secure and functional workspace

We seek your understanding and cooperation during this period. Safety measures will be put in place to ensure minimal disruption to school activities and to safeguard our students and staff.



### **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 0930.



## Recess and Snack breaks

There is one recess slot of 40 minutes for each level between 0840 to 1120 daily. Parents may refer to the timetable on the school website for more details. The school will continue with the 20-min snack break for all lower sec students between 1200 and 1240 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 income criterion for MOE-FAS from year 2026 is as follows: *Gross Household income - \$4000 or below OR Per Capita Income - \$1000 or below.*

MOE will onboard the Household Means Eligibility System (HOMES) to streamline application and means-testing processes from 2026. With HOMES, most applicants no longer need to submit supporting documents, such as income documents, thus making the application process more convenient.

Means-testing for MOE-FAS will automatically take into account the household income of all family members living in the same household as the student and the household's average income over the past 12 months. This approach provides a fair and representative indication of the family's household income. All employment and trade income, including bonuses and allowances, as well as other administrative income as reflected in the Notice of Assessment by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS), such as rental income, will be included in the income assessment.

Eligible students who wish to apply for financial assistance may visit the school website to apply online or through Parents Gateway app -> Services.



## 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.



## Sale of School Uniform

There will be a sale of school uniform on 6 Jan and 14 Jan 2026, 1400h – 1530h at the school canteen. Students may purchase or exchange school uniform on the above dates. The school uniform will be sold through the school bookshop from February 2026 onwards.

Alternatively, parents may visit the vendor retail outlet at 4012 Ang Mo Kio Ave 10, #01-09 Techplace 1, Singapore 569628.



## 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. You are invited to join us for the face-to-face and virtual parent engagement sessions with School Leaders, Key Personnel and your child's Home Teachers on the following dates:

### 1) Face-to-Face Parent Engagement with School Leaders, Key Personnel and Home Teachers:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4/5
9 Jan	28 Jan	21 Jan	21 Jan

### 2) Sec 1 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 6 Mar 2026 Friday (1730h – 1830h)

### 3) Sec 2 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 14 Aug 2026 Friday (1730h – 1830h )

### 4) Sec 3 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 3 Jul 2026 Friday (1730h – 1830h )

### 5) Sec 4 & 5 Virtual Parent Engagement Session

- 15 May 2026 Friday (1730h – 1830h )

More information regarding the above sessions will be provided nearer the date via PG.



## GCE N Level Examination Results 2025

Congratulations to our 4NA / 4NT students on the successful completion of their GCE N Level examinations! All our 4NT students qualify for ITE, while 73% of our 4NA students qualify for 5NA, with 11 students scoring 4 distinctions and above.



## Staff Movement

We welcome the following staff to PRSS.

Name	Designation
Ms Ho Shu Ying	Head of Department (Humanities)
Mr Ong Wei Jin	Head of Department (CCE)
Mdm Chua Huina Carol	Teacher / POA
Mohammed Fazley Bin Alias	STEM Instructor (D&T)
Mr Jonathan Chen	Untrained Teacher

We thank the following staff whose service have been invaluable to PRSS and we wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Name	Reason for Leaving
Mr Sim Keng Yam	Posted to Loyang View Sec Sch as HOD Humanities
Mr Joshua Tan	Posted to Cedar Girls' Sch as HOD CCE
Mr Mohamed Ashiq	Posted to Greendale Sec as VPA
Mr Andy Law	Posted to Physical, Sports, and Outdoor Education Branch, MOE
Mdm Zulaiha Osman	Posted to Tampines Sec Sch
Mr Albert Neo	Resignation
Mdm Mazirah Abdul Rahman	Joining White Sands Pri Sch as Flexi-Adjunct Sch Counsellor

## Important Dates in Term 1 2026

Date	Event
2 Jan	First Day of School
7 - 9 Jan	Sec 1 Orientation & Sec 2-5 Level Camps
9 Jan	Sec 1 Parent Engagement Session
16 Jan	CCA Bazaar For S1 Students
21 Jan	Sec 3 & 4 Parent Engagement Session
23 Jan	BL Day#1
28 Jan	Sec 2 Parent Engagement Session
6 Feb	BL Day #2
13 Feb	Total Defence Day
17 - 18 Feb	Chinese New Year (Public Holidays)
20 Feb	BL Day #3
2 - 6 Mar	Mother Tongue Fortnight
5 Mar	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
6 Mar	BL Day #4
6 Mar	Sec 1 Virtual Parent Engagement Session
14 - 21 Mar	March School Holidays
21 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)
23 Mar	Hari Raya Puasa (OIL)
24 Mar	Back To School