



KUO CHUAN PRESBYTERIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary: A School on a Hill

As we come to the end of 2021, I am encouraged and heartened by many good stories of hope and positivity in Singapore and the Kuo Chuan community. As a nation, we can be proud of recent sporting achievements and our steady progress in overcoming COVID-19. Indeed, our unity, determination and perseverance have seen us through a challenging year.

KCPSS has also been richly blessed; in recent weeks, we received good news in the form of our improved national examination results. Our students have done us proud, and I look forward to sharing more when the further results are released. We are especially proud of students who were able to overcome challenging circumstances and difficult moments to demonstrate our school G.R.A.C.E. values.

Kuo Chuan at the Heart of our Communities



As I reflect on 2021 and how God has seen us through the year, I am grateful for the strong support of parents and the school community. With your positive engagement, constructive feedback and reassuring presence, we were able to ensure the well-being of our students, even as we nourished their intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual growth. My hope is that KCPSS will continue to be a school that provides not just students, but families and the wider community with an environment to thrive and flourish.

Let us journey together

These are complex and challenging times for us all, and our children and students need the right environment for them to learn and grow. Therefore, please reach out to our staff and teachers, and establish strong connections and relationships with them so that we can journey with you. If you do have any feedback, suggestions or have a wish to contribute or serve, I welcome you to get in touch.



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A School on a Hill

I am certain that 2022 will see KCPSS break new ground. We will be embarking on new learning experiences with our iPad and with Blended Learning, and many school programmes will continue to adapt to use new ways of achieving our educational outcomes. More importantly, we will intentionally strengthen our school curriculum so that our KCPians will serve, lead and make an impact in their lives, so that they can be a light in the lives of many. In Matthew 5:14, we are told that a city on a hill cannot be hidden; in the same way, KCPSS will be a school on a hill!

New beginnings

Finally, allow me to also share good news. For 2022, Mrs Esther Chee will be joining us as a new Vice-Principal. Mrs Chee is an experienced school leader who has served in various schools and in MOE. Mr Timothy Tan, who has served the school with distinction, will be leaving the service at the end of January. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.



From L-R: Mr Timothy Tan (VP), Mr Justin Tan (P),
Mrs Esther Chee (VP), Mr Edmund Tin (VPA)

To God be the Glory!

Mr Justin Tan
Principal

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School calendar updates

1. Do take note of the following key dates and details for Term 1.

Date	Level	Event	Remarks
Tue 4 Jan	All	First Day of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are to report to school in their white uniform. Flag raising will start at 7.30am. Dismissal will be at 12.20pm for Sec 1 students, and at 1pm for all other levels.
Wed 5 Jan	Sec 4-5	Poly Open House	For students who have signed up. The session is from 4-6pm.
Fri 7 Jan	Sec 1	CCA Open House	Details will be shared via PG.
Mon 10 Jan to Tue 11 Jan	Sec 3	Orientation Programme	Details will be shared with Sec 3 parents separately.
Wed 12 Jan to Fri 14 Jan	-	GCE O-Level results	Details will be provided when the date is announced.
Mon 31 Jan	All	CNY Celebration	School will be dismissed at 1030am.
Tue 1 Feb to Wed 2 Feb	Chinese New Year		School resumes on Thu 3 Feb.
Mon 7 Feb	All	Commencement of Blended Learning	Details will be provided at a later date.
Tue 15 Feb	All	Total Defence Day	Commemoration and celebrations will be conducted through the week during curriculum time
Fri 11 Mar	All	KCPSS Annual Cross Country	Details will be provided at a later date.

In Conversation with the Principal

Each year, we conduct a series of webinars to share with parents updates about the school and to provide you a platform to share feedback and ask questions. Each webinar will be conducted from 6pm to 7pm.

Date	Level	Remarks
Fri 7 Jan	Sec 1	Sec 1 parents can register through the link sent via PG.
Fri 21 Jan	Sec 4 & 5	The registration link will be sent at a later date.
Fri 25 Feb	Sec 3	
Thu 10 Mar	Sec 2	

Blended Learning

2. By 2022, all secondary schools will implement Blended Learning. In KCPSS, this will take the form of regular Home-Based Learning days, during which students will be guided through learning activities at home. These activities will cover various aspects of our curriculum, complement teaching and learning in school, and develop in students the confidence and passion to learn in a self-directed way.



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3. We will commence Blended Learning on alternate Mondays from Mon 7 Feb. Further details, including details of the daily routine, curriculum coverage, and other forms of support, will be provided closer to the date. During Blended Learning days, the school remains open for students who need additional support.

Use of Digital Devices for learning

4. With the adoption of the iPad as a key tool for learning in KCPSS, it is important that clear boundaries and expectations be set for the use of digital devices for learning, both in and out of school. Please be assured that within school, teachers will guide students to be responsible and balanced in their use of their phones and iPad, with an emphasis on accountability and a focus on meaningful learning.

5. Specifically, students are to keep their digital devices in their bags at all times except for use in educational activities, or at designated areas during breaks or after school hours. The school will support students by reinforcing such habits through progressive measures, which may include limiting access to digital apps, or safekeeping devices where appropriate.

6. We seek your support to reinforce these expectations with your child. Our student handbook, which will be distributed to students digitally in the coming week, has a section on the acceptable use of digital devices. Do have a conversation with your child about such use, especially out of school. If you wish to clarify any of our expectations or need support, please do not hesitate to reach out your child's Form Teachers.

Daily Morning Routine

7. For 2022, we will adjust our morning routine to allow more time for teachers to connect with students and to support their well-being. School will now start promptly each day at 7.30am with the National Anthem and Pledge taking, to be followed by our Morning Message and Form Teacher time, before lessons begin at 8am.

8. Please remind your child to be punctual. Students are to be present in the classroom or designated morning venue at 7.30am.

COVID-19 Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

9. In line with the national posture, we will continue with our SMMs. We seek your support to do the following:

- a. Do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have flu-like symptoms.
- b. Ensure that your child has a TT token or app installed on their phone. They should also have a functioning thermometer and always wear a mask.
- c. If your child is placed on HRW, please ensure that your child has a negative ART result before coming to school.
- d. If your child has a positive ART result, you should follow MOH's protocols and inform the school.
- e. Students who receive vaccination doses will be excused from strenuous physical activities for 2 weeks from the date of vaccination. Please remind your child to let teachers know.



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- f. If travel plans for your child were changed over Nov and Dec 2021, the travel declaration done via PG needs to be updated. If you have not done so, please do so by Mon 3 Jan.

10. Do note that all visitors (including parents) coming into our school must be fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, you will have to perform a Fast & Easy Testing (FET) using the Antigen Rapid Test kit and the result must be negative. The test should be performed at home prior to your visit.

11. If you are accompanying your child to school in the morning or bringing your child home from school at dismissal, please note that you should not enter the school. If you are dropping off your child at the school foyer in the morning or picking up your child after school, please do not alight from your vehicle.

12. Thank you for your continued support and compliance with national measures.

Traffic Safety

13. For parents who are driving your children to school, please observe traffic safety rules as you drop off your child. At the foyer, ensure that your child alights from the vehicle speedily on the left side to allow for a safer and smoother traffic flow. Please refrain from overtaking any stationary cars.

14. Do not stop along the road outside of school in both directions, as this poses an accident risk and creates congestion. There are also many cyclists, joggers, staff and students in our school vicinity, so please be observant and mindful of their presence.

15. We thank you for your cooperation with our staff, who work tirelessly at directing traffic to ensure our children's safety.



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Parent Support Group message

On behalf of the Parent Support Group (PSG), I would like to welcome you to Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School (KCPSS)

The PSG is a group of parent volunteers who work closely with the school to create and maintain a nurturing school environment for our children's learning and holistic development. It is also a platform for the parents to build friendship with like-minded parents.

I strongly believe in the importance of active home-school partnership. Your presence in school will convey an important message to your child about the value placed on schooling. By joining the Parent Support Group (PSG), you will go beyond supporting your own child, and contribute to a larger group of pupils in the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new parent members who have joined our group, and to sincerely thank the current members who continue to support the PSG during this pandemic year.

A big thanks to our 2021 PSG EXCO team for the commitment, and I welcome our new committee members aboard for Year 2022. I would also like to thank the school for the endless support, guidance and trust given.

I am confident that with your unceasing dedication, we will continue to have more success and fun in the years to come! Let's strive ahead together and have an awesome 2022.

*Thank you
Annie Chua
Chairlady
KCPSS Parent Support Group*
