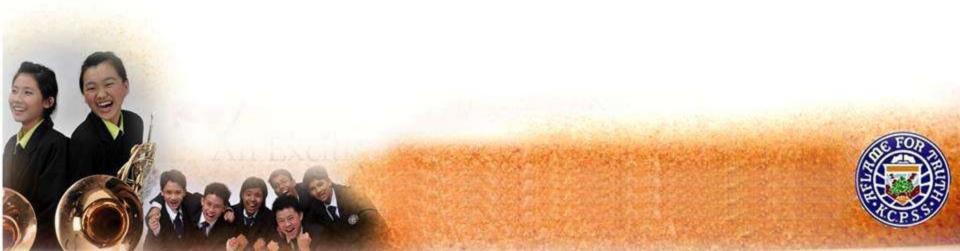
# In Conversation: Supporting Your Child in Secondary School

7 *January 2022* 



## **Programme flow**

Principal's time
Overview of Secondary One Experience

- Academic Matters
  - CCA matters

Personalised Digital Learning Programme

Question and Answer



# PRINCIPAL'S TIME





#### **Mission**

We provide a conducive and nurturing Christian environment for the holistic development of every child through high engagement in, achievement through and enjoyment of learning.

#### **Values**

God-fearing
Resilience
Agape

Conscientiousness Empathy

#### **Vision**

Every KCPian A Servant Leader and Scholar

#### **Motto**

Aflame For Truth

2021: Kuo Chuan at the Heart of Every Community



## Aflame for Truth!

- To be Aflame for Truth, we are...
  - ...anchored in our faith and purpose
  - ...motivated by a desire to do good, to do our best, and to make a difference
  - ...strengthened by the relationships around us and the community that we are a part of
    - ...humble, caring and good role models for all people and communities that we meet
      - ... a school that goes beyond education!

#### **Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.



## 2022: A School on a Hill

- Kuo Chuan Presbyterian has a long, blessed history:
  - Founded by missionaries seeking to save and transform lives in 1924
  - Aided by the sacrifice and generosity of many educators, leaders, families and more
  - Went through seasons of struggle as the school split, survived and merged
  - Finally came to lay down roots in Bishan with strong anchor churches and communities

Began to excel and thrive as schools able to provide students and the community with a wonderful education!

## 2022: A School on a Hill

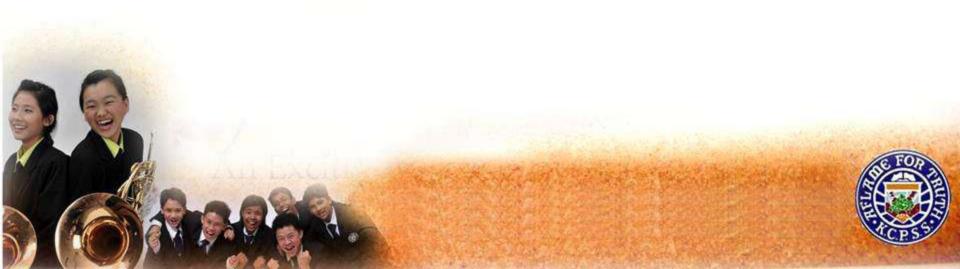
- Beyond 2022 (and 2024), Kuo Chuan is a school that will continue to do God's work
- Always, we will be Aflame for Truth!
  - We will do this by delivering an education that is the best that we can offer
  - We will build connections, community and transforms lives through our acts of service
    - We will develop students to be the light of the world, never hidden, always lifting up lives in every

## Secondary I

- Transition: Faith, relationships and care
- Trust: Voice, choice and presence
- Transformation: Discovery, passions and perseverance



## Sec 1 Student Experience



## Overview of the Secondary One Students Experience

#### **CCE Experience**

- End of Year Examination
- Interclass Competition (if condition permits)
- Class Belonging Projects

#### **CCE Experience (Application)**

- Youth Day Celebration
  - Values in Action (Advocacy)
- Class Belonging Projects
- Humanities Learning Journey (if condition permits)

# Term 2

#### **CCE Experience (Building Competencies)**

- Class Belonging Project
- Character & Citizenship Education Day (CCE Day)
  - ECG Focused Training
    - MySkillsFuture portal
- Values in Action (VIA)
- Humanities Learning Journey (if condition permits)
- Interclass Competition (if condition permits)
- Student Leaders nomination



#### **CCE Experience (Transition)**

- Peer Support @ Sec 1 Orientation Prog (Jan)
  - Social Skills Lessons
- Values in Action (VIA)
- Class Belonging Project
- Resilience training @ Cross Country

## Time Management is Key!

Changes in Secondary School Life

- 4 subjects to 10 subjects
- CCA participation is compulsory





## **ENGLISH & LITERATURE**

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mdm Elaine Samboo, HOD English



#### **English Language**

What do parents need to know about Sec 1 English?

Skills cum Thematic based approach in the teaching of English Language

Process skills: writing, speaking, listening, reading and viewing

**Applied Learning Programme in Media Literacy** is anchored within the English Curriculum where students will be exposed to podcasting in Sec 1, film and broadcasting in Sec 2, as well as journalistic writing in Sec 3.

What are some of the challenges that students may face about the subject?

Students may struggle with limited ideas, weak knowledge of grammar and limited vocabulary





#### How can parents help their child in this subject?

- \*Reading: Encourage reading extensively.
- **❖ Writing:** Pen Reflections, Journals, Blogs, and Travelogues
- **❖ Listening:** Listen & Watch *News on 5*.
- **Speaking:** Create opportunities to discuss issues with your child over mealtimes while bonding as a family. You can also discuss newspaper articles



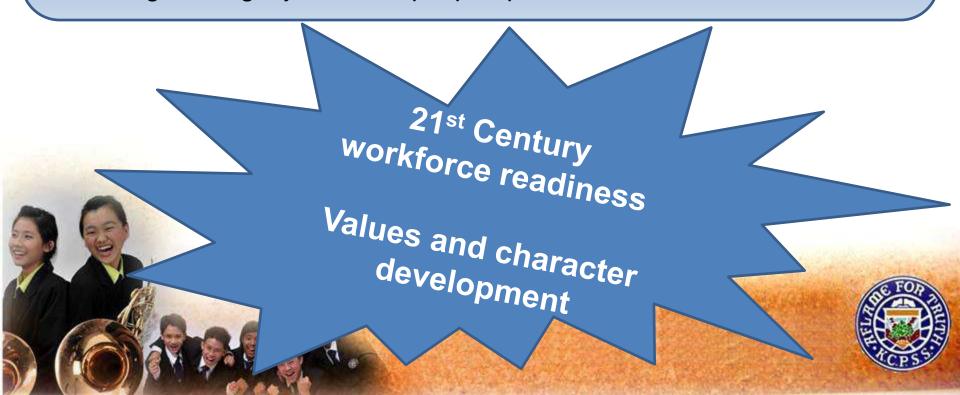


### Literature

How can parents help their child in this subject?

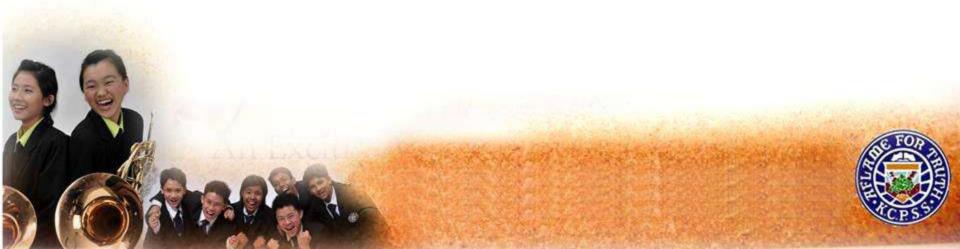
At the end of Lower Secondary, your child will be able to...

- Critically analyse literary texts
- Develop and communicate personal responses
- Manage ambiguity and multiple perspectives



## **MOTHER TONGUE**

**Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mdm Genevieve Tan, HOD, Mother Tongue** 



## MT Themes & Vocabulary Exposure:

## Secondary 1:

Family, schools and after school's activities (CCAs, VIA, Environment)

## Secondary 2:

Community, Life-skills & Innovation Skills:

Explore, Evaluate, Justify & Argue





## **Mathematics**

**Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Ms Clara Yeo, HOD Math** 



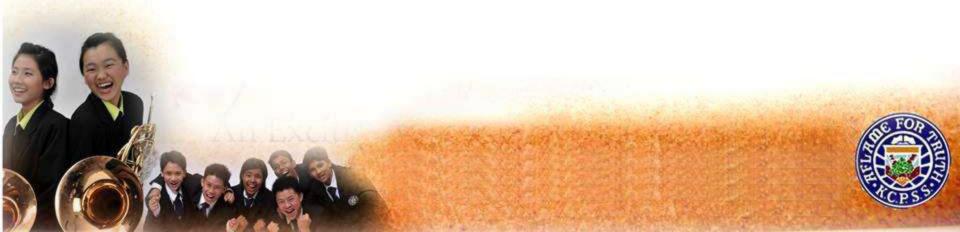
### **Transition from Primary to Secondary School**

- Model Method to Algebra Method
- Use of manipulatives such as alge-disc, alge-cards and balancing scale to learn algebra
- No more Multiple Choice Question (which does not require working nor presentation)
- In Secondary School, calculator is allowed for both papers in both 'N' level and 'O' level.
- Parents can expect at least 1 piece (usually 2 pieces) of Math homework each week.



## HUMANITIES

**Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mr. Chelliah Trevor Devendran, HOD Humanities** 



#### What do parents need to know about Sec 1 History?

1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation in 2021- A journey through time 1299-1970 (Sec 1-2)

Source based case studies

Structured essay questions

Historical Investigations- Research based group project (Inquiry based learning)

(How was life in colonial Singapore?)
Skills based and not so much content

## What are some of the challenges that students may face about the subject?

Students may struggle with understanding Source based case studies and writing short essays.

Students may have difficulty working in groups
Students may also not know much about Singapore's History
especially in the period of 1299 to early 1800s.

# What do parents need to know about Sec 1 Geography? 1st year of implementation in 2021 Water, Rainforests and mangroves Geographical Investigations- Research based group project (Inquiry based learning) (Testing the quality of water) Skills based and not so much content

## What are some of the challenges that students may face about the subject?

Students may struggle analysing sources for response to geographical issues and writing short essays.

Students may have difficulty working in groups

#### How can parents help their child in Humanities?

- 1. Listen to their perspectives and question them on why they came to a conclusion
- 2. Get them to analyse if information they see is reliable
- 3. Watch the NEWS daily to understand more about current affairs
- 4. Read the newspapers daily
- Visit the Singapore River, the National Museum of Singapore,
   Bishan Park and Botanic Gardens



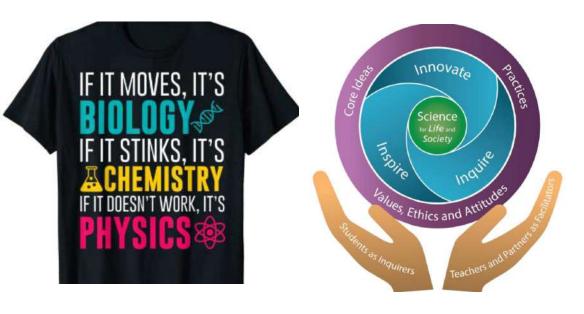


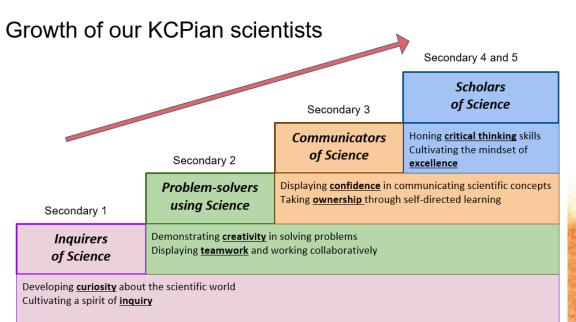
## SCIENCE

**Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mr Rene Yeo, HOD Science** 



#### WHAT IS SCIENCE?





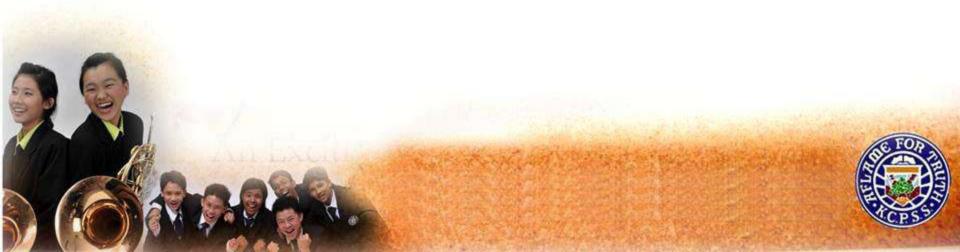
How can parents help their child in this subject?

- Set High Expectations
- See Science Everywhere
- Lead family discussions on science-related topics
- Encourage boys and girls equally
- Connect Science with a family vacation
- Be active in your children's formal Science education

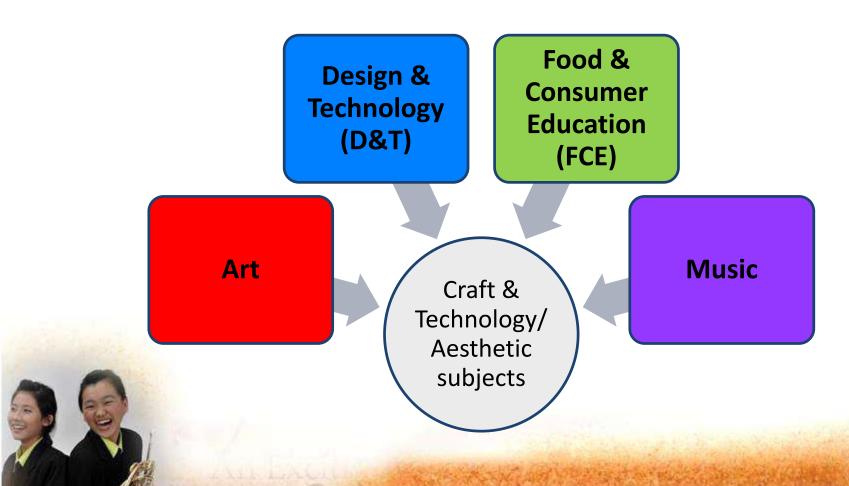


## **Craft and Technology**

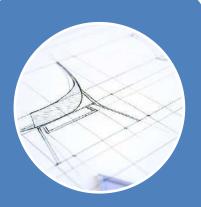
**Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mr Chua Chee Yong, HOD Craft & Technology** 



## **Craft & Technology/Aesthetic Subjects**







#### D&T

- Problem-solving design activities
- Application of technology
- Awareness of materials and basic processes



#### Art

- Visual literacy
- Observe, understand and make meaning of what you see
- •Communicate your ideas



#### **FCE**

- Empowers students to be health-conscious and discerning consumers
- Healthy plate design for individuals and families to optimize resources (food, finance and time) to meet users' needs



#### Music

- Develop awareness and appreciation of music in local and global cultures
- Develop ability for creative expression and communication through music
- Provide basis to develop an informed and life-long involvement in music

**Craft & Technology/Aesthetic Subjects** 



## So What is Art/D&T/FCE/Music?

#### All 4 subjects...

- Involve a common element of DESIGN
  - A design process is involved
- Require student to exercise critical THINKING
  - Problem-Solving and think 'Designerly'
- Application Project-Based subjects
  - Require student to do much independent and consistent research / work with academic self-discipline



## Interested to find out more about the C&T Curriculum?

Mr Chua Chee Yong
HOD Craft and Technology (C&T)

Mdm Png Siew Hoon Subject Head Design & Technology



# Art and Music Elective Programmes (AEP/MEP)





Dates (2022)	AEP Selection exercise	IVIEP Selection exercise
4 – 17 Jan	<b>Phase 1</b> : Online application including submission of an e-portfolio of artworks	Phase 1A: Online application including submission of student's recorded video performance
MEP: 26 Jan AEP: 19 Feb	Briefing for shortlisted applicants and parents (via Zoom) on 19 Feb.	Phase 1B: e-Listening Test held in applicant's own secondary school from 3:00 - 4:00 pm  Briefing for all student applicants and parents (via Zoom) from 5.30 - 6.30pm
Bet. 16 – 25 Feb [for shortlisted applicants only]	Phase 2: e-Interview in applicant's own secondary school (via Zoom).	Phase 2: Either live interview held at MEP Centres or e-interview held in applicant's own secondary school (via Zoom).
By 4 Mar	Receive final selection result via applicant's own secondary school	

Commencement of programmes at AEP/MEP Centres in Term 2 Week

may change in accordance with the COVID-19 Safe Management Me

check the MOE websites for the latest updates on details of the Selection Exercise.

MFP Selection Exercise

From 21 Mar

(Term 2, Week 1)

**AFP Selection Exercise** 

#### Interested to find out more about AEP and MEP

For Art Elective Program (AEP) and Music Elective Programme (MEP)

Find out more and apply online via the AEP and MEP webpages on MOE website:

#### **AEP:**

https://www.moe.gov.sg/programmes/aep-sec

#### MEP:

https://www.moe.gov.sg/programmes/mep-sec

and / or

Find out more from

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- Mrs Esther Tay (MEP)
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# CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Mr. Pandiyan Govindaraju, HOD Character and Citizenship Education







Dr. Kavitha Ramachandran

Mrs Tang Lai Chan



Mr Su Wei Zhi



Miss Cheri Nam

1 Faith 1 Grace







Mdm Siti Shahirah Mr Lee Chong Min



Mdm Siti Nurhizah Miss Mitchelle Ang





Mdm Nur Diyanah Miss Ng Yin Yee



Mrs Esther Tay

Mr Mathivanan





Mdm Norhajjarrillah Ms Ho Shiao Hwee



# The KCPSS CCA Experience

**For Secondary 1 Parents** 

Mr Kenneth Khoo – HOD PE/CCA



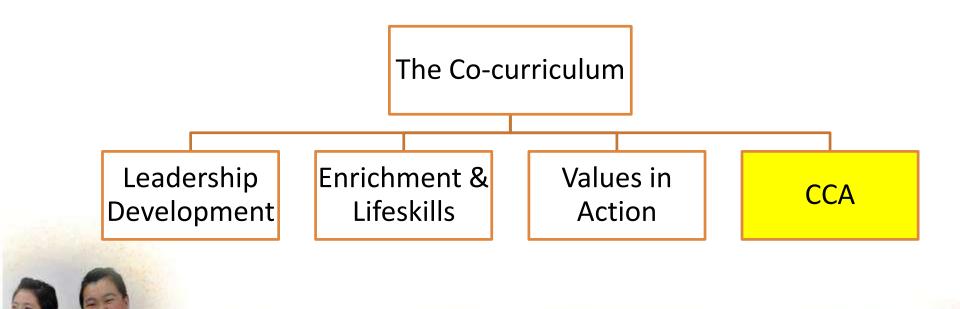
#### To share:

- the purpose of Co-curricular Programmes
- the intent & domains of LEAPS 2.0
- & how parents can support the holistic development of your child
- the CCAs offered in KCPSS
- Overview of Sec 1 CCA registration & enrolment process



### The Co-Curriculum

 The Curriculum & Co-curriculum complement each other to provide holistic education for your child





## **Key CCA Features**

Designed to give your child a variety of experiences

 Focus on Experiential Learning – i.e. Leadership opportunities, Character Building

Provides multiple avenues to experience success





# How does CCA Experience in Sec Sch differ from Pri Sch

## Pri Sch

**Discovery** of Interest & Talents

Broad Exposure with opportunities for Specialisation

Highly Encouraged

## Sec Sch

**Development** of Interest & Talents

Specialisation with opportunities for Broad Exposure

Mandatory

## Role of Parents in the holistic development of your child

- Support School programmes & initiatives
- Reinforcement of values, life skills, interests and strengths at home
- Providing guidance in their CCA Choices





## Recognition System for Co-Curricular Attainment

# LEAPS 2.0 (CCA RECORD)











## LEAPS 2.0 DOMAINS

to recognise students'holistic development

Leadership
Enrichment
Achievement
Participation
Service





### **LEAPS 2.0 AT A GLANCE**

#### Leadership

<u>Leadership</u>

 <u>appointments</u>
 held by your
 child over his/her

 4-5 years in the school

#### **Enrichment**

- Determined by attendance in enrichment programmes like camps, workshops, courses, etc.
- Though they are recorded but not computed in LEAPS, enrichment is still useful in portfolio building for postsecondary applications

#### **Achievement**

- Determined by your child's number of years representing the school.
- Also determined by <u>competition</u> attainment

#### **Participation**

 Attendance and conduct during CCA

#### Service

Determined by your child's active participation in school-based and external service learning projects or VIA (Values in Action) Projects





#### **LEAPS 2.0 ATTAINMENT BY LEVELS**

Levels	Leadership	Achievement	Participation	Service	Enrichment
1		Basic level o	f attainment		
2					Info is
3					recorded, but
4					computed
5		Highest level	of attainment		

Refer to School website for specific domain level descriptors:

https://kuochuanpresbyteriansec.moe.edu.sg/the-kuo-chuan-experience/co-curricular-activities-cca



# A Student-Centric, Values-Driven Education



		(A)
Co-Curricular	Basic	Bonus
Experience	Requirement for	<b>Points for</b>
	Level of	<b>Application to</b>
9	Attainment in	Post-Secondary
	Domains	Institutions
Excellent	4,3,3,3	2
Good	4,1,1,1	1
	3,2,1,1	
	2,2,2,1	
Fair	did not meet	0
	above criteria	

### **KCPSS CCA Development Plan**

The Sch has structured its co-curricular programme to help your child attain the "Excellent" grade at his/her graduation.

What your child gets out of the sch's co-curriculum experience also hinges on his/her willingness to embrace the opportunities that are provided.

L	Leadership	Achievement	Participation	Service
1				
2				
3	✓	✓	✓	
4				✓
5				

Service: Complete at least 24 hours of service and at least 2 VIA projects that impacts the school or community

Participation: At least 4 Years of 75% CCA attendance

Leadership: Ample Leadership
Opportunities and Structured
Leadership Training Programs at Level
3 & Above

Achievement: Represented the Sch in at least 2 Inter-Sch
Competitions

## **KCPSS CCA Offerings**









#### **Sports**

- Netball (Girls)
- Football (Boys)
- Volleyball (Boys)
- Table Tennis
- Shooting
- Badminton (Boys)
- Basketball (Boys)

## Performing Arts

- Concert Band
- English Drama
- Guzheng Ensemble
- Modern/Chinese
   Dance
- Choir

## Clubs & Societies

- Robotics
- Photography
- Infocomm Technology
- Art and Crafts

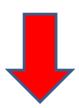
## Uniformed Groups

- NCDCC
- NPCC
- Boys' Brigade (Boys)
- Girls' Brigade (Girls)
- Girl Guides (Girls)

#### **KCPSS CCA Enrolment Process**

**CCA Showcase** 

7 Jan



**CCA Talent ID Phase** 

11 - 22 Jan



CCA Commences



1 Feb

CCA Allocation released



28 Jan

**CCA Option e-submission** 

24 Jan



## Talent Identification 11 – 22 Jan

- Help students gain awareness of their talents & help CCA identify potential recruits
- Keep an open mind & attend different sessions to make an informed choice
- If a CCA is interested in your child, they may offer him/her
  a Talent ID form. Your child's chances of getting in that CCA
  is higher if he/she has a form & has selected that CCA as
  his/her top choice.

# Supporting the Holistic Development of my Child

What kind of person does my child want to be?

How can I reinforce my child's learning of values and life skills in his /her Co-Curricular Programmes? Is my child able to cope?

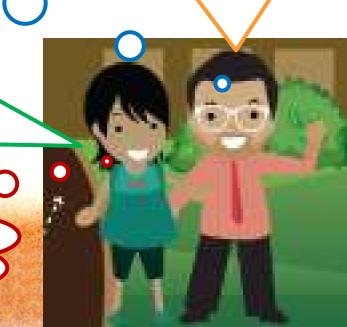
How can I help to support him/her in the learning pursuits?

How can this CCA contribute to my child's holistic development?

What can my child offer to this particular CCA?

What is my child interested in?

What is my child good at?



#### **KCPSS CCA Enrolment Process**

# **CCA Training Commences**

CCA Appeal Period

1 Feb

21-25 Feb

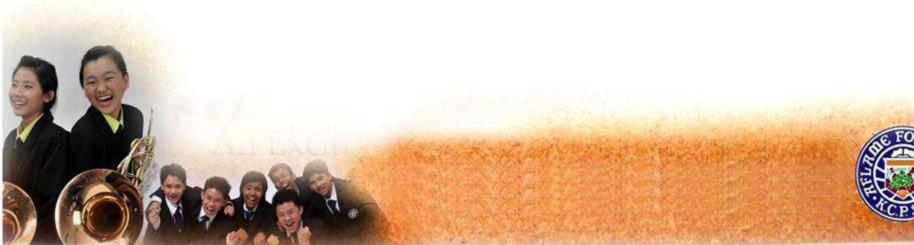
- All sec 1 students are to attend their allocated CCA training sessions
- Good attendance in current CCA is a pre-requisite for a CCA transfer appeal to be considered





## **Subsequent CCA Transfers**

- Emphasis on commitment to CCA
- Only during the start of school year
- Case to case basis, subjected to valid grounds (i.e., medical)



### **Involvement in External Activities**

- All students require a school-based CCA
- External activities should be over and above school-based CCA
- Where possible, sch will support students involvement in Sports not offered as CCA in the school, by registering them for individual based NSG competitions.
- Participation in external competitions will also contribute to students Achievement domain in LEAPS.





# MOE / SportSG Strategic Partnership CCA

- Participation in Athletics externally
- Can be offered in lieu of School-based CCA
- Scan QR code to find out more



## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP CCA (SP-CCA) ATHLETICS

A MOE – SportSG CCA programme for secondary school students who are passionate about Athletics!

All secondary school students, regardless of abilities and prior experience, are welcome!



#### **WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?**



#### WIDE PORTFOLIO OF DISCIPLINES

Experience multiple Athletics disciplines at centralised training location(s).



### INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED PROGRAMME & EXPERIENCES

Fun, enjoyable and specially curated for maximum benefits with trainings of up to three times a week.



QUALITY

Values-based coaching that develops character and life skills.



#### DEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAYS

Learn, progress and reach your full potential.



## Sec 1 CCA Selection Timeline

Date	Event		
T1W1 7 Jan	CCA Talk to Students CCA Showcase  We are		
T1W2-3 11-22 Jan	Talent ID Sessions here		
T1W4 24 Jan	Deadline for CCA Selection on Online Portal		
T1W4 28 Jan	Release of CCA Allocation		
T1W5 1 Feb	CCA Commences for Sec 1 Students Hardcopy attendance to be taken		
T1W8 21-25 Feb	CCA Appeal Phase Begins		
T1W9 4 Mar	Appeal Results Confirmed Sec 1 CCA Membership confirmed for the year		

### Letter to Parents

- CCA Enrolment Timeline
- Details on Trials & Registration
- Unique login ID & password for CCA registration portal
- Key websites & links



CCA Registration
Portal



CCA Page on School Website



# How can your Child Maximise his/her Co-Curricular Experiences



Attend all mandatory Sch activities: Camps, VIA Projects, CCA, Learning Journeys



Keep an open mind & be willing to try new experiences beyond comfort zone



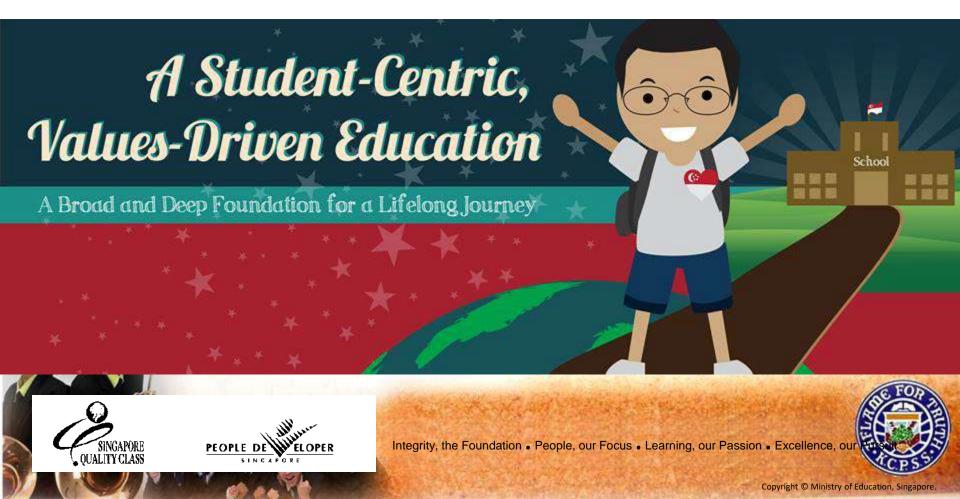
Take lead & initiative where possible & appropriate



Learn to enjoy CCA and make new friends



# A Holistic Education for Secondary School Students - LEAPS 2.0







#### **Contact Email:**

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# ICT related matter

Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School
Ms Faye Tan,
HOD Information and Communication Technology









# **Enabling Future-ready Learners**

Personalised
Digital
Learning
Programme
the KCPSS way

### **National Digital Literacy Programme NDLP**

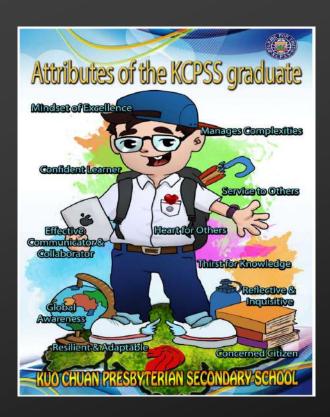
#### Launched in March 2020

- ✓ Make digital learning inclusive → students with digital literacies to be future-ready
- ✓ Every student will own a school-prescribed personal learning device (PLD) by end 2021. (Singapore Citizens being able to pay using Edusave Account)

# **Personalised Digital Learning Programme** *as part of NDLP*

- ✓ Prepare students to be future ready in the digital age
- ✓ Goes beyond the provision of a Personalised Learning Device.
- ✓ Provide learning experiences to 'find, think, apply and create' through mediated use of technology





# Intended Outcomes of the PDLP

#### **Support Development of Digital Literacies**

√ immersive environment for students to develop the dispositions, knowledge and skills to thrive in the digital environment.

# Support self-directed and collaborative learning

✓ learn online according to their needs and interests and to collaborate, anytime, anywhere

#### **Enhance Teaching and Learning**

√ harness technology for greater effectiveness in teaching and learning in providing learning experiences for students



## Learning with the iPad

#### **Active Learning**

Learn and research beyond the textbooks anywhere, anytime

## Collaborating and Serving

VIA, service to others
Collaborate with peers



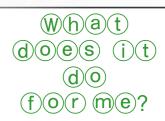
#### **Creating**

Digital Artefacts (Podcast, Video, Photojournalism)









**Makes learning** fruitful, fun and collaborative.

Pushes me to want to learn more on my own.

Learn on the go.

How would I describe the PLD?

> Easy to manage.

Use anytime, anywhere.

I just like it!



Cool +Tech Savvy.

Excited.

I can learn whatever interests me.

> I can accomplish anything!





#### The Functionalities



## **KCPSS Personal Learning Device Bundle**

iPad (Wifi) 8<sup>th</sup> Generation

128 GB

Ram: 4GB

Storage:

Display: 10.2" Retina Display
Stylus: Apple Pencil (1st Gen)

Casing: Logitech Rugged Combo

(with Keyboard)

Colour: Space Grey

Insurance: 3 Year AppleCare +

Warranty and 3 Year Insurance

**Total Cost with GST: \$957.65** 





## **Funding Support**

#### **Singapore Citizens**

- ✓ Paid using Child's Edusave account after 2nd-tiered miscellaneous fees have been provisioned for
- ✓ School bill will be given if cash payout is required
- ✓ Student on **MOE-FAS**: Cash out-of-pocket = \$0
- -subsidies even for insufficient Edusave balance.
- ✓ Subsidies will be provided for SC who needs support, particularly those whose Gross

  Household Income (GHI) is below \$4,000 or Per

  Capita Income (PCI)# is below \$1,000. PCI# is GHI

divided by the number of household members.

#### **Non-Singapore Citizens**

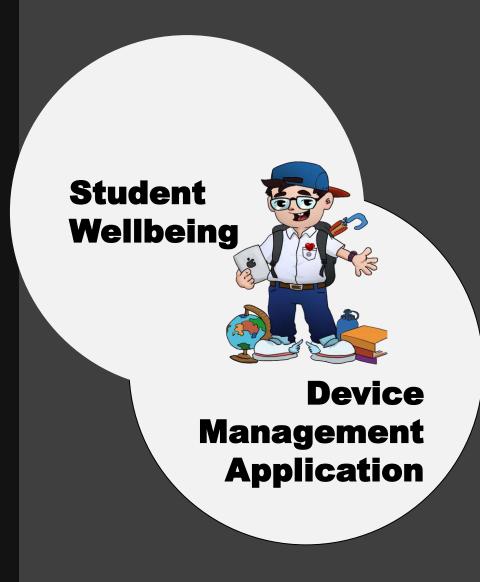
✓ Permanent residents (PR) and international students (IS) who needs support, particularly those whose Gross Household Income (GHI) is below \$4,000 or Per Capita Income (PCI)# is below \$1,000. PCI# is GHI divided by the number of household members.

Do approach the Form Teachers should you have any queries or send your queries in to

https://go.gov.sg/kcpss-pdlp-parents-enquiries on the support that you might need.



Safe and Effective use of the Device



# Cyber Wellness- KCPSS Strategies

- **✓** Caring and Enabling School Environment
  - ➤ Peer Support Culture
    - peer buddies
    - class committee
  - > Strong relationship between teachers + students
  - Supported by Student Development Team

It takes a village to raise a child...

**√CCE** lessons

**√** Partners engagement (KPMG, SP, Singtel, FM987)

We will need to have strong partnership with you





# Device Management Application DMA

To provide a safe learning experience, and to prevent misuse of the device.

- DMA software will be installed on all students' devices to be used in school, for both devices purchased through the school and pre-existing student-owned devices.
- DMA is funded by MOE and will be uninstalled when your child graduates/leaves the school.
- Parents will have the option to decide on the levels of control of the DMA after school hours.

More information will be given in the letter that would be sent in the next 2 weeks.

#### What's Next

#### **Next 2 Weeks**

Letter to Parents for Procurement would be sent through PG next 2 weeks (we will inform students) \*pending some information from HQ

Once the letter is received, parents to go to Formsg link to be indicated in the letter to give consent for:

- Intent to purchase (Yes/ No)
- Use of Edusave (Singaporeans Only) (Yes/ No)
- Collection of Device (who to collect → do let your child collect with their friends in school!)

Collection of iPad by Term 2

Do approach the Form Teachers should you have any queries or send your queries in to <a href="https://go.gov.sg/kcpss-pdlp-parents-enquiries">https://go.gov.sg/kcpss-pdlp-parents-enquiries</a> on the support that you might need.



## KUO CHUAN PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

#### WHO ARE WE?

A group of parents volunteer and teacher-in-charge who work closely to create and maintain a nurturing school environment for our children's learning and holistic development.

#### WHAT DO WE DO?

- Network of links for the school, its families and the community
- Suport the varies activities organised by the school
- Nurture the potential in every child through home-school partnership
- Support parents' development through educational and professional seminars





## **KUO CHUAN PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

#### WHAT ARE OUR MAIN CHANNELS?

Parents Whatsapp Support Group

• Targeted group for each level for more relevant and accurate information exchange

#### Prayer Group

• Every 1st Thursday of the month for the well being of school, leaders, teachers & students

#### **PSG** website

- Announcement
- Photos gallery of events

Zoom meetings

### **OUR PASS YEAR HIGHLIGHTS**













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## **Q&A SEGMENT**

