



# PUNGGOL SECONDARY SCHOOL

培道中学

From the Principal's Desk

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Dear Stakeholders,

We begin the new school year with our annual Secondary One Orientation Camp and Secondary 1 Breakfast with Parents. Other highlights in this issue include CCA achievement, Secondary 3 Flag Day and Secondary 2 Visits to Polytechnic Open House.

## Secondary One Orientation Camp

The annual Secondary One Orientation Camp (SOOC) is not only a platform for our well-trained Student Leaders to organise, execute and facilitate a camp, but also to guide the new Secondary One students to assimilate into Punggol Secondary School and develop a sense of belonging and pride towards the school.

The Secondary One cohort participated enthusiastically in the orientation camp. Our Student Leaders organised team-building games, cheering sessions and dances for the students to get to know their classmates better and familiarise themselves with the school compound. Each class was also given an opportunity to prepare a short performance whereby students showcased their talents during the campfire to our school leaders, teachers and parents.



Team-building games



Campfire night

After one and half days of games that aimed to help the Secondary Ones develop an understanding of the school values of Propriety, Righteousness, Integrity and Self-respect, they were proud to call themselves Punggolites.

## Secondary One Breakfast with Parents

The Secondary One Breakfast with Parents Session was held on 22 January 2018. The session started with the Vice Principal Madam Ching explaining to the parents, the school's Philosophy, Mission, Vision and Values (PMVV) and the focus for the Secondary 1 cohort – 'Enjoying Secondary School Life'. She explained the importance of the Sec 1 students starting secondary school life on a good note and having joy in their learning.



Parents listening to school directions and focus of Secondary 1 cohort

Mdm Ching also explained the school’s initiative of inculcating in all Punggol students the good habit of journaling the ‘Daily Improvement, Monthly Change, Yearly Growth’.

Following that, parents had the opportunity to meet up with form teachers and key personnel to find out more their child’s progress. It was also a platform to inform parents of various support avenues, such as the Parent Support Group and Family Matters @ School Programme. In addition, parents also clarified their doubts about school policies with the staff.



Our teachers interacting with parents

**National Police Cadet Corps – Gold Award**

We are proud to announce that our NPCC unit has received the Gold award for the Unit Overall Proficiency Awards for 2017.

The National Police Cadet Corps Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) is conferred annually by the NPCC HQ. It is awarded by assessing the overall performance of NPCC school units in a work year. All NPCC secondary school units will participate in the assessment process.



Our NPCC cadets advocating crime prevention messages to members of the public

The unit is grateful to our mentor, Mr Sultan Shaheed, for envisioning the success of our NPCC unit. The unit owes this success to the dedicated Teacher Officers, Cadet Inspectors and Voluntary Instructors who have worked day and night for the betterment of the unit. In addition, we would like to thank our past and present cadets of our NPCC unit for their contribution.



Our 2017 batch of Secondary 2 & 3 cadets who completed their camp at Pulau Ubin



Our NPCC marching contingent for National Day school parade

We would also like to extend our thanks to Punggol Neighbourhood Police Centre for collaborating with us for crime prevention projects.

### Singapore Heart Foundation Flag Day

The Secondary 3 cohort participated in the Singapore Heart Foundation Flag Day on Saturday, 20 January 2018. Flag Day is part of the school's efforts to contribute to the community. It is also part of the school's formal curriculum to infuse values and develop resilience in the students. The Secondary 3 Flag Day also prepares the students for their service-learning project during the Student Development Week in March.



Students approaching members of the public for donations outside Bedok MRT station

A series of sharing was planned for the students to better understand the significance of this flag day beyond just selling flags to raise funds. It was imperative that students appreciate the potential impact that they would have on working for the good of society. This year, the Singapore Heart Foundation had one of its clients to share the heart-felt narrative of how the foundation supported and aided him in his difficult times. The sharing gave students the impetus to do the best they could for the fund-raising.

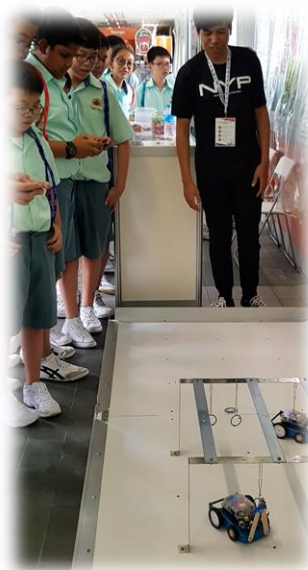


Student approaching a member of the public for donations at Tampines Bus Interchange

### Polytechnic Open House 2018

As part of the Education & Career Guidance (ECG) curriculum, Secondary Two students went on a learning journey to the Open Houses of Nanyang Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and Republic Polytechnic on 4 January 2018. The objectives are to provide students with the knowledge of the courses offered in the polytechnic, the admission criteria and the direct school admission application criteria. It also helps students to make an informed decision for their subject combinations at the end of the year.

During the visit, students participated in a range of activities, from attending lectures from the various schools to participating in hands-on activities on navigating robots and course-related games.



Students engaged in navigation of robots

All in all, the majority of students shared that they are more aware of the courses offered in the various polytechnics and the cut-off points, and are already considering their post-secondary options. As shared by Lenice Sior of Class 2E, 'Knowing the cut-off points allows us to choose our subject combinations wisely and work harder in the subjects we have chosen.'