



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin Week 3 of Term 3, you would be aware that things are moving forward at a steady pace in your child's/ward's school year. There are many events and activities to look forward to, even as there is a greater mindfulness about examinations towards the end of the year. Examinations will be less daunting if your child/ward exercises the disciplines that we constantly remind our students about: for instance, paying attention when teachers are teaching, being participative when they are invited to share their thoughts and views, and being responsible to complete their assigned class and homework excellently. You can see that these are values of our school that you can reinforce at home as well. I am also pleased to share below some of the other aspects of school life that have helped to reinforce our school values.

Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp

It was an exciting and interesting week for our Sec 1 students last week as they enjoyed the week camping at MOE's Adventure Centre at Changi Cove. It was very evident when I visited the camp and also when receiving the students when they returned last Friday that they had a very meaningful learning experience. I was also heartened to hear about the compliments from the Camp Facilitators at the camp, as they were impressed by how well our students responded to instructions and how they were able to "think on their feet" when posed with challenges. There was a good sense of camaraderie and team work as they went through their activities, choosing to show respect for each other and having the discipline and responsibility to doing everything excellently.

I am also very grateful to the Class Mentors who have journeyed with their charges since the beginning of the year, building the good rapport and relationship with them. This camp provides another opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other better, and for the teachers to identify strengths and abilities in their charges to develop them in.

Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB) – CNA Documentary

You will be aware that our school embarked on FSBB this year with our Sec 1 students. As mentioned above about the Sec 1 adventure camp, it is heartening to see how well things have developed.

MOE has commissioned CNA to produce a current affairs programme on Full SBB implementation in schools, entitled 'A New School of Thought: Full Subject-Based Banding'. The programme will explain Full SBB through the lens of school leaders, teachers, students and their parents, focusing on:

- i. Mixed form classes;
- ii. Lessons showing how different subject levels are executed;
- iii. Common curriculum subjects and mixed form classes; and
- iv. Students' and parents' take on their Full SBB experience in their respective pilot schools.



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The programme will air on CNA on the following days:

Telecast of programme	Date and Time
i. 1 st telecast	13 July (Thu), 7pm
ii. Repeat telecast	13 July (Thu), 11pm
iii. Repeat telecast	14 July (Fri), 1pm

Thereafter, Mediacorp will host the programme on its meWATCH platform.

Youtube Link	QR Code
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<https://go.gov.sg/fullsbbcna>



I am sharing this with you as this is a major move in our education system and some of you may have children or relatives who will be going into secondary school after this year. Do feel free to let your relatives know about this programme too. Note that by 2024, all secondary schools will introduce Full SBB for their Secondary 1 cohorts, if they have not already embarked on it earlier.

Conclusion

We are living in exciting times. We have successfully navigated through COVID-19, which has taught us a lot of things. Thankfully, it has made us stronger and more resilient as a nation and people. I hope that as parents/guardians, you will engage your child/ward to consider the learning that you and they can gain from this experience. Every experience we go through, whether good or bad, can be a learning experience that makes us better. Let's continue to make a point to learn and grow, so that we can find our Success through Diligence.

Warmest regards,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal