



## COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL 康柏中学

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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to a new school year in 2023!

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Mr Chua Tung Kian, the new Principal for Compassvale Secondary School. While I am new to the school, I bring along diverse experiences in leadership, policy, curriculum and learning design. The learning environment in CVSS is rich and broad, and together with the very capable team here, we will grow it from strength to strength. Thank you for entrusting your child/ward to CVSS. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Please read through the following important information to start the school year well.

### **School Terms for 2023**

Semester 1	Term 1	Tuesday, 3 January to Friday, 10 March
	Term 2	Monday, 20 March to Friday, 26 May
Semester 2	Term 3	Monday, 26 June to Friday, 1 September
	Term 4	Monday, 11 September to Fri, 17 November

### **Arrival and Dismissal Times**

- All students will report to the school courtyard on Tue 3 Jan at 7.30am. Subsequently, students will report to the courtyard for flag-raising on Mondays and Fridays, and to their respective classrooms for flag-raising on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays by 7.30am. Incoming Sec 1s are reminded to report to the canteen first on the first day of school where they will inform the student councillors on duty of their classes, who will then lead them to the courtyard.
- As proper decorum and respect for the school song, students would be required to attend school in their full school uniform with school tie on Mondays. Students can attend school in full or half uniform from Tuesdays to Fridays. On days where students have PE, they may report to school in their PE attire.
- Students who arrive after 7.30am will be considered late. All latecomers will report to the student management team at the foyer.
- The dismissal time on Mondays to Thursdays is usually 3.00pm, depending on respective class timetables. On Fridays, students are dismissed at 12.30pm.
- There may be early school dismissal on some days in the year. Students should inform their parents as and when necessary. Details of arrival/dismissal times, after school lessons and CCAs are provided in **Annex A: Student Daily Routines**.
- For the safety of our students entering the school in the morning, parents who drive their children to school should drop their children off at the roundabout between HDB Block 296A and 296B.

### **2023 School Calendar for Major Events/Programmes**

- Please see attached **Annex B** for our **Calendar for Major Events/Programmes**.

## **Safe Management Measures**

- With the relaxation of Safe Management Measures announced in August 2022, mask-wearing is optional in both indoor and outdoor settings.
- Social responsibility is key to keeping the school safe for everyone. Students who are unwell or have a positive ART result should not report to school. They should inform their Form Teachers and follow MOH's Protocols 1 and 2 respectively. Students who are close contacts of infected persons should follow MOH's Protocol 3 and ensure they have a valid negative ART result before coming to school. While daily temperature taking has been discontinued, please remind your child to bring their personal thermometer to school daily for use when necessary.

## **Communication Channels with Parents**

- Home-school partnership is critical for the success of your child. To facilitate communications, we have provided email addresses of all form teachers and key personnel in **Annex C: Staff Contact List**. Parents may also contact teachers through the general office during school hours. However, teachers may not be able to respond immediately or may only be able to respond on the next working day. We would like to emphasise that a trusting and respectful relationship between schools and parents includes respecting teachers' personal time and space. Hence teachers are not expected to respond to parents'/students' queries during weekends except for emergencies. Teachers are also not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents. Communication channels with parents will also include Parents Gateway and the school website.
- We have scheduled a Meet-the-Form-Teachers (MTFT) session on 26 May for all levels. You will have the opportunity to discuss the progress of your child/ward with the form/co-form teachers to support the learning of your child/ward. Details will be given nearer the date.

## **Back to School Programme**

- To help students ease back into school and start the year on a right footing, we have planned this programme for Sec 2 to 5 students on the first day of school (3 Jan). Form Teachers will check-in on their well-being, set expectations and routines for ownership of learning and growth. Class bonding activities to build positive student-student and teacher-student relationships will also feature in the programme. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on 3 Jan.

## **2023 Sec 1 Cohort, Orientation Programme (3-6 Jan), CCA Open House and Parents' Talk (13 Jan)**

- We will be inducting our 2023 Sec 1 students through an exciting orientation programme, fully led by our student leaders. They will learn about the school, the teachers and importantly, make new friends and discover more about themselves. We will be holding a CCA Open House for them on 13 Jan from 2 to 4 pm for them to find out more about the different CCAs we offer.
- A Parents' Talk will be held on 13 Jan over Zoom from 4 to 6 pm. We will share more about understanding and supporting your child's transition to secondary school, CCA selection and some other important matters with you. Parents will also have a chance to interact with your child's form teachers. More information on the Parents' Talk will be disseminated via Parents' Gateway nearer the date.

## **Full Subject-based Banding (Full SBB)**

- CVSS will start implementing Full SBB from 2023 to strengthen the joy of learning in our students and better cater to their diverse strengths and interests. Starting from the 2023 Sec 1 cohort, students will also be grouped in mixed form classes, where there will be more opportunities for students to interact with other students taking different subject combinations.

## **Blended Learning (BL) and Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP)**

- The PDLP helps to prepare our students for an increasingly digitalized world, where self-directedness, collaboration and digital literacy are crucial. All our students will have the opportunity to learn curriculum content through a mix of in-school and home-based activities, online and offline, individually and working in teams.
- Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days – To provide opportunities for self-directed learning and exploration to complement classroom learning, HBL days are scheduled for all students (the schedule of HBL days is found at **Annex B: Calendar for Major School Events/Programmes**). On HBL Days, students need NOT report to school. Instructions for students and lesson packages will be provided later.
- Personal Learning Device (PLD) – Sec 2 to 5 students have been issued a PLD. More details on the issuance of PLDs to Sec 1s will be communicated at a later date. The PLD will support our efforts to equip your child with important digital and media literacies, as well as 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies. It is students' responsibility to take good care of their PLDs. Details on the management and care of students' PLDs may be found in our 2023 Student Companion, pp. 27-28. Your child/ward's PLD is installed with a Device Management Application (DMA) to provide a safer digital learning environment for learning. You will be able to monitor your child's/ward's PLD activities, via the DMA Parent Portal, and partner the school to ensure his/her cyber well-being.
- Parents/guardians play an active role in partnering us to help your child/ward navigate the digital environment, so that they can thrive in an increasingly interconnected, diverse and rapidly changing world. MOE and CVSS will continue to share more digital parenting tips through our communication channels.

## **School-based Assessment and National Examinations 2023**

- In line with MOE's policies and guidelines on school-based assessments, there will no longer be Mid-Year Examinations (MYE) for all levels from 2023. This will free up time for our teachers to craft richer learning experiences for your child. At all levels, students will receive regular feedback on their learning through termly Weighted Assessments (WA). Our school-based assessments are complemented with effective pedagogies to deepen students' learning, encourage self-directed learning and strengthen holistic development.
- The schedules and weighting of our school-based assessment and national examinations are given in **Annex D: School-based Assessment and National Examinations Information 2023**.
- More details on our school's Holistic Assessments, Educational and Career Guidance and Examination Rules and Regulations may be found in our 2023 Student Companion, pp. 30 - 51.

## **Nominations for President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)**

- The PAT recognises experienced teachers for their dedication and hard work in developing our young. These teachers prepare students for life, as well as model commitment to continuous learning and enterprise. The OYEA recognises excellent young teachers (35 years and younger) for their youthful idealism, energy, enthusiasm and active involvement in the development of youths. Nomination for PAT 2023 and OYEA 2023 is open and will close on 11 Jan 2023. We invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) at the URLs [go.gov.sg/pat2023](https://go.gov.sg/pat2023) for PAT or [go.gov.sg/oyea2023](https://go.gov.sg/oyea2023) for OYEA.

Thank you and best wishes for 2023.

The School Leadership Team,  
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Mr Sukhdev Singh, Vice-principal  
Mrs Jacqueline Tang, Vice-principal