



## 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 2018! 2017 has been a good year as our students and staff have once again achieved many breakthroughs and sustained successes which are captured in the compilation of our school achievements in our 2017 year book. Many students have also had new and better experiences in their academic learning and CCAs.

### School Focus for 2018

We will continue to focus on inculcating the joy of learning, developing the entrepreneurial dare and strengthening the Singapore Spirit in our students, in alignment with MOE's direction. We aim to develop our strengths in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) teaching, supported by our distinctive Aeronautics Applied Learning Programme, inter-disciplinary Project Work with a scientific focus on sustainable living; Science Outdoor Learning Experiential Programme/Elementz Science Research Programme, 'O' level Applied Science Electronics Subject (to be introduced to Sec 3/2019), Fun Math Programme, Craft & Technology 3D Design/Printing Programme etc. Our student development programme will centre on the STAR Programme – *Seek out your strength, Take responsibility, Adopt an enterprising spirit, Ready for the world*. We will continue to place a strong emphasis on character education, which is anchored by our Character & Citizenship Education programme and our distinctive Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in Community and Youth Leadership - 'Inspired North Stars Inspire Actions'.

### 2018 Daily Routine, School Calendar and Tests/Exams Schedule

We have given all students a copy each of the above for the whole year, which are also available on our school website. Below is a summary of relevant school events/programmes in Term 1 for your information.

15 Feb	Chinese New Year celebrations (School will end earlier, students will be informed of dismissal time later)
21 to 23 Feb	Common Tests for all levels
2 to 3 Mar	Sec 2 Outdoor Education Camp (over-night)
6 Mar	Sec 1 Home-based Learning (Sec 1 students need not come to school)
7 to 9 Mar	STAR Programme - Sec 1 & 2: Local Learning Journeys; Sec 3: Local Adventure Camp; Sec 4/5: Life Skills and Career Awareness
12 to 16 Mar	Term 1 School Vacation

The tests/exams schedule (subject to changes) is to help our students prepare for tests/exams well in advance and do well in them.

### Changes in CCA Timing on Fridays

In order to allow students to have more "white space" for self-revision, peer/group study, consultations with teachers or preparing for CCA, as well as to allow teachers to have more time to provide better learning support, the school has decided to revise the CCA timing on Fridays so that most of the CCAs will start at 3.00pm and end by 6.00pm. Correspondingly, the training hours on other days have also been revised. Attached is the new daily routine showing the new CCA timing which will take effect from Friday, 2 Feb 2018. The daily routine on the school website will be updated accordingly.

### 2018 Sec 1 Intake

We have 8 Sec 1 classes in 2018 – 5 Express, 2 NA and 1 NT classes. We have continued to be a popular school of choice. 93% of our Sec 1 students chose our school as their first 3 choices, with 52% first choice and 32% second choice. The cut-off points for Express, NA and NT courses have all gone up by two points to 210, 174 and 135 respectively.

### North Star's Pledge

We have revised our North Star's Pledge to make it more impactful for our students – *"I will learn and find my compass; I will excel and strive to go far; I will grow and live a life of purpose; I will shine as I am a North Star!"* With effect from 2018, students will recite the pledge after the school song during morning assembly every Monday. With your support, we hope our students will constantly strive to live up to the pledge and be committed to their learning and growth as a good student.

### Discipline Matters

- To further tighten late-coming, with immediate effect, students who come to school after **8.30am** without any valid reasons will be stopped at the school gate by the security guards and will not be allowed to enter the school compound. Those who have valid reasons should inform their form teachers in advance or ask their parents/guardians to call the general office for verification. Students who come to school **between 8.00am and 8.30am** without any valid reasons will be allowed to go for lessons but will chalk up two counts of latecoming (Students who come to school between 7.30am and 8.00am will chalk out one count of latecoming). Habitual late-comers (i.e. more than 4 times late per semester) will be disciplined and counselled. Disciplinary measures include detention class after school and/or suspension from class/school. Students who are late more than 8 times in a year may receive a conduct grade no better than "Good".

- Students are not allowed to modify the cutting or length of their school shorts/pants, skirts or PE shorts without good reasons. Those found breaking the school rules on attire will be asked to rectify their attire or purchase a new pair of attire. Recalcitrant students may be suspended from lessons or school until they comply with the school rules.

### **Parent Engagement**

Parents are welcomed to participate in the following programmes to be more involved in your child's school life:

- Chinese New Year Celebrations (Thu, 15 Feb morning): Hosting of elderly guests by staff and PSG members
- Parents Support Group's Welcome Brunch for Sec 1 parents interested in joining the PSG (Sat, 3 Mar morning)
- Education and Career Guidance Parents' Forum for Sec 4/5 (Thu, 8 Mar morning): Talks and panel discussion by invited speakers from post-secondary institutions and our ECG Counsellor.

Please keep a look out and register for these activities nearing the dates or call the General Office for more information.

### **Highlights of School Programmes in Term 4/2017**

- Leadership Development and Cultural Immersion trip to Hong Kong (19-25 Nov) - 39 students from our 5 uniformed group and various sports CCAs went on this trip which included 3 hiking trails that challenged the students' physical and endurance limits and built resilience and team spirit. The students also visited a junior high school and various cultural/educational attractions.
- Performing Arts and Cultural Immersion trip to Hangzhou/Suzhou/Shanghai (29 Oct-5 Nov) - 40 students from our 4 performing arts CCAs went on this trip which included a visit to an arts school, attending an arts enrichment workshop, viewing world class international/Chinese arts/cultural performances, and visits to our two twinning schools in Suzhou and various cultural/educational attractions.
- Aeronautics/vocational learning journey to Beijing/Tianjin (19-26 Nov) - 37 students went on this trip and visited various aeronautical/vocational schools and the industry, secondary schools with a niche in aeronautics and various cultural/educational attractions.
- Sec 2 Interdisciplinary Project Work – all Sec 2 students completed their project work on biodiversity conservation or energy sustainability as they studied future challenges to sustainable living. The first group went through the biodiversity trail in Hort Park and then designed similar trails in their neighbourhoods. The second group studied the use of solar energy in a workshop conducted by Temasek Polytechnic and went on to design household devices which worked on renewable sources of energy. The projects were then showcased at Project Work Carnival during post-exam period.
- Arts@KK Women's and Children's Hospital – 138 members from our 4 performing arts CCA groups performed for patients, visitors and staff at KKH on 25 Oct. The event was featured on KKH's Facebook with a big 'thank you' to all our young performers.

### **Highlights of School Achievements/Awards achieved or announced in Term 4/2017**

#### **Students**

- MOE Elective Programme in Malay Language for Secondary Schools (EMAS) Immersion Prog - Firzanah Jafni Jailani (2017 2E2)
- MOE Enhanced Music Programme (EMP) Camp and Showcase – Jared Kim Wei Jun (2017 3E1)
- ITE College West and NIE EBS (Elements of Business Studies) Amazing Race – National champions
- Republic Polytechnic GliderFest 2017 – Best Aesthetic Glider Award
- ITE/NEA/SECDC Sustainable Lifestyle Challenge 2017 – Merit Award (Secondary Category)
- Singapore Computer Society Game of Drones competition – Entered 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- Boys Brigade National Character Quest for Seniors Programme (Sec schools) – Silver Honour Roll (4 teams)

#### **Staff**

- National Day Awards (Long Service Medal) – Mr Ng Hong Pin, Mr Saburudin Bin Samad
- MOE Innergy Award (Bronze) - Mdm Mabel Chia (i/c), Mrs Viddyawati Gunalan and Mrs Alice Anson
- MOE Innergy Award (Commendation) – Mrs Lee Sear Yeon (i/c), Mr Arman Sujak, Mdm Donna Chang and Mr Fauwaz Nurhelmy
- AST (Association of Academy of Singapore Teachers Award (Associate Award) – Ms Teng Siew Lee, Lead Teacher/Chemistry
- MOE Excellent Service Award - Mdm Shalin Hou (Gold); Mr Eddy Sufyan, Mdm Loo Lay Yen, Mr Muhd Hafiz, Mr Muhd Yasin (Silver)
- 2017 Outstanding Contribution Awards (school-based, individual awards) – Mdm Lei Peishan, Mrs Wendy Tan, Miss Koh Bee Choo
- 2017 Biennial NIE Caring Teacher Awards (school-based) – Mr Emmanuel Chng, Mdm Jasmine Phua, Mr Lim Chin Wee, Mr Wong Jee Heng, Mdm Low E Soon

#### **Ex-students**

- Leonna Chua Wan Ling (2014 Sec 4F), Quek Boon Tian (2016 Sec 4E5) – Temasek Polytechnic Scholarship/Freshmen Scholarship

We look forward to working closely with all parents/guardians as partners-in-education and welcome all feedback and suggestions. If you have any queries, please feel free to call the general office or contact your child/ward's Form/Co-Form Teachers. Thank you.

Mr Chia Chor Yann, Principal

## CVSS Daily Routines 2018

w.e.f. 2 Feb 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>School Office Operating Hours</b>	Term Time: 0700hrs - 1800hrs [Mon-Fri]; School Vacation: 0800hrs - 1700hrs [Mon-Fri]; Saturdays: Close				
<b>Morning Assembly</b>	All students are to be at Courtyard by 0720hrs; Flag-raising at 0730 hrs. Students who arrive in school after 0730 hrs will be considered late and those who arrive after 0830 without valid reasons will be required to obtain special permission to enter the school compound.				
<b>Recess</b>	Sec 1 & 2 (0845 - 0915hrs) & (1215 - 1245hrs) Sec 3, 4 & 5 (0945 - 1015hrs) & (1315 - 1345hrs)				
<b>Dismissal Time</b> (Curriculum hours differ for different levels/streams/subject combinations)	No later than 1445hrs	No later than 1545hrs	No later than 1515hrs	No later than 1445hrs	No later than 1215hrs
<b>After School Lessons</b>	<u>External Lessons</u> e.g. HCL, TL, Hindi, 'O' Level Music			<u>External Lessons</u> e.g. HCL, TL, Hindi, 'O' Level Music	
<b>ASSP (After-School Study Prog) (for selected students only)</b>					
<b>CCAs</b>	Basketball (Boys) 1530-1800hrs	Aeronautics 1545-1800hrs	Badminton 1530-1800hrs	Basketball (Boys) 1530-1800hrs	Badminton 1500-1800hrs
	Dance 1530-1730hrs	(Saturday morning for selected students in addition to the above)	Band 1530-1800hrs	Dance 1515-1715hrs	Band 1500-1800hrs
	Floorball 1530-1800hrs		Basketball (Girls) 1530-1800hrs	Floorball 1530-1800hrs	Basketball (Girls) 1500-1730hrs
	Library (Rostered Duty) 1530-1730hrs		Boys Brigade 1530-1730hrs	Netball 1530-1830hrs	Boys Brigade 1430-1800hrs
	Netball 1545-1815hrs		Choir 1530-1800hrs	Videography (for selected students) 1515-1715hrs	Choir (till A&A Day) 1430-1800hrs
	Softball 1600-1830hrs		Drama 1530-1730hrs		Drama 1500-1700hrs
			Girl Guides 1530-1815hrs		Girl Guides 1500-1800hrs
			Library (Rostered Duty) 1530-1730hrs		Environment 1500-1730hrs
			NCC (Air) for selected students 1530-1730hrs		Library (Rostered Duty) 1500-1700hrs
			Netball (Term 1) 1545-1815hrs		NCC (Air) 1430-1800hrs
			PA/AVA 1530-1745hrs		NPCC 1430-1800hrs
			Photography 1530-1800hrs		PA/AVA 1500-1715hrs
			Red Cross 1530-1815hrs		Red Cross 1430-1800hrs
			Softball 1530-1830hrs		Softball 1500-1800hrs
			Videography 1545-1745hrs		Videography (for selected students) 1500-1730hrs

\* School gate will be locked by 1845hrs. All students are to leave the school compound by 1830hrs (Mon-Fri during term time) or 1700hrs (Mon-Fri during school holidays). Students whose CCA end at 1830 are to leave the school compound by 1845 hrs.