



Sec 1 Welcome Session for Parents

Sec 1 Orientation Camp and CCA Orientation 2021



Friendship Forged



Dare to Try



Joy of Learning



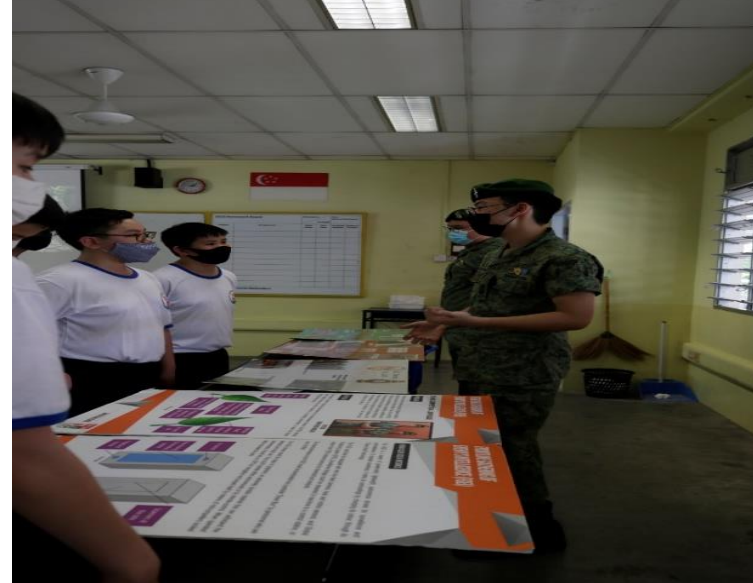
Teamwork



Self-discovery



Onward!



Principal

Ms Tan Hwee Pin



Vice-Principals

Mr Daniel Chung



Mrs Selva





VISION

Gessians of
Excellence
Standing &
Significance



MISSION

Nurturing the
best in each &
**Striving ever
onward**



VALUES

Integrity

I

Compassion

Can

Resilience

Really

Discipline

Do

Respect

what's **R**ight

Begin with the end in mind



THE GESSIAN PORTRAIT



PRINCIPLED LEADER

Demonstrates integrity and moral courage in word and deed



ENGAGED LEARNER

Constructs knowledge using both self-directed and collaborative means



REFLECTIVE & INNOVATIVE THINKER

Manages complexities and innovates for a better future

ACTIVE CITIZEN

Thinks globally and makes a positive impact on the community



Our Year 1 Team





Mr Clarence Loh
Year Head
I/C Sec 1

Gatekeepers for Sec 1



Mrs Serene See-Toh
School Staff Developer



Mrs Tan-Ong Li Pei
HOD / Mathematics

Mr Teo Kok Keong

HOD / Student Management



Discipline Teachers (Sec 1)



Mr Ng Kian Fatt



Ms Khadijah



Mr Ang Zhao Liang
(In-charge)

PTA Liaison Officer



Mdm Foo Lee Lian
Senior Teacher (Geography)

PTA Registered in 1950



PTA is 71 years old

Holistic Education

It takes a village to raise a child. But that also means it takes the whole village to change the way we raise a child. (Minister, Committee of Supply Speech, 2016)

School Camps – immersing students in authentic situations where they need to learn collaboratively and build trust with each other

School Experiences – such as learning journeys, enrichment programmes, assemblies, for a more holistic education, to build class and school identity

CCA training – character building and strengthening social and emotional competencies

Essential school information



GAN ENG SENG SCHOOL



2021

Student Handbook

- Term Letter to parents
- School Website
- Parents' Gateway for announcements
- Email addresses of staff on school website
- Student Handbook



GESS Assessment Plan

	Term 1	Term 2		Term 3	Term 4	
Sec 1	WA	WA	MYE	WA	WA	EYE
	10	15		15	10 (AA)	50

- No Mid-year exam
- Alternative Assessments (AA) is given by all subjects.
- Weighted Assessment dates will be given by subject teachers.
- Fewer assessments and every assessment is important.

Home-school collaboration for each child

Two guiding principles are used to frame parent practices:

[1] Students succeed when schools and parents work hand in hand to support students in learning self-management skills, taking responsibility and building resilience.

[2] Mutual respect and trust forms the strong foundation for positive engagement between schools and parents.

Supporting your child's transition through

Secondary School

Build a caring home environment to nurture the social and emotional skills of your child using these S.A.F.E. tips.

SUPPORT

- **Find out** how your child's preferences are changing. Show interest by asking open-ended questions.
- **Make a habit of chatting** at a fixed time each day.
E.g. At dinner time.

FAMILIARISE

- **Find out** what secondary school life is like for students these days.
- **Excite** him/her about new experiences secondary school students can have.
- **Encourage** him/her to pick up a new hobby or hone skills in outdoor sports.
- **Limit** his/her time spent on digital devices.

AFFIRM

- **Remember** your child's strengths. **Build** his/her self-esteem in those areas.
E.g. "You have the unique ability to get along well with people."
- **Praise and affirm** efforts in front of relatives and friends.
E.g. "She is very helpful towards her grandparents."

EMPATHISE

- **Acknowledge** your child's varying emotions.
E.g. "I understand you feel anxious about starting school without any of your old friends."
- **Encourage** your child to share thoughts and feelings about the new school.
- **Prioritise** sufficient sleep.



Spend Time Chatting. Use T.A.D.

Talk

Talk about the different realities faced by teens these days compared to the past.
E.g. How you communicated with friends without social media.

Ask

Ask about his/her thoughts and feelings on people and events around him/her or in the news.
E.g. What are some ways of having wholesome fun? How does he/she feel about the different types of jobs that adults do?

Discuss

Discuss some acceptable boundaries with regard to the use of electronic devices.
E.g. What are some rules for having a mobile phone (with or without a data plan)?

QUICK TIPS

- **Listen attentively** to understand what your child might be feeling and thinking.
- **Avoid providing advice** immediately when not asked.



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These tips may be used with children of other ages too, if depends on each child's needs. Using these tips as your child journeys through the school years can help ease anxiety and worries, and build warmer and closer relationships at home.

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Here are some tips to make this happen...

- Encourage your child to help out with household chores.



Communication with teachers

Parents can reach out to the teachers by

i) Calling the office (tel number: 64745594)

The office will pass the message to teachers and teachers will return the call to parents within the day if teachers are present in school on that day.

ii) Write to teacher's email address found in school website

iii) If you wish to meet the teacher face-to-face, please make an appointment with the teacher first.

Home-school collaboration for each child

Encourage your child to

- Make informed choices based on values
- Persevere and don't give up easily
- Look for alternative solutions to a problem
- Accept the consequences of their informed decision

Give your child time to rest after school.

Trust our teachers to do the necessary.

Additional questions/ feedback

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*Thank
you*

