

## Sec 1 Briefing for Parents 10 January 2025 4pm to 5.30pm

## Welcome Address

#### Ms Bian Yu Wei

Principal Evergreen Secondary School





# The questions on our Sec 1s' minds...

- How to make friends and be more confident
- How to study and be disciplined
- How to become a student leader
- How to cope with stress and balancing new responsibilities
- ...and phone/iPad use



## Ready, Sec(ondary), Go! Supporting Our Children in Secondary School

- Managing longer days in school
- Developing greater self-directedness in learning
- Managing device use and online presence
- Adjusting to new friendships
- Changes in the way teenagers wish to communicate



#### As we journey with our children, remember to... MAINTAIN A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP USING T.E.E.N

#### • Time

Conciously set aside time to spend with our children. Find regular opportunities, such as at meals or taking walks together.

#### • Expectations

Help our children discover their goals and interests. While we may have expectations for them, they have their own set of strengths and interests.

#### • Empathy

Encourage our children to share their thoughts and feelings, and listen without judgment. They will be more willing to listen knowing we are seeking to understand them.

#### • Nurture

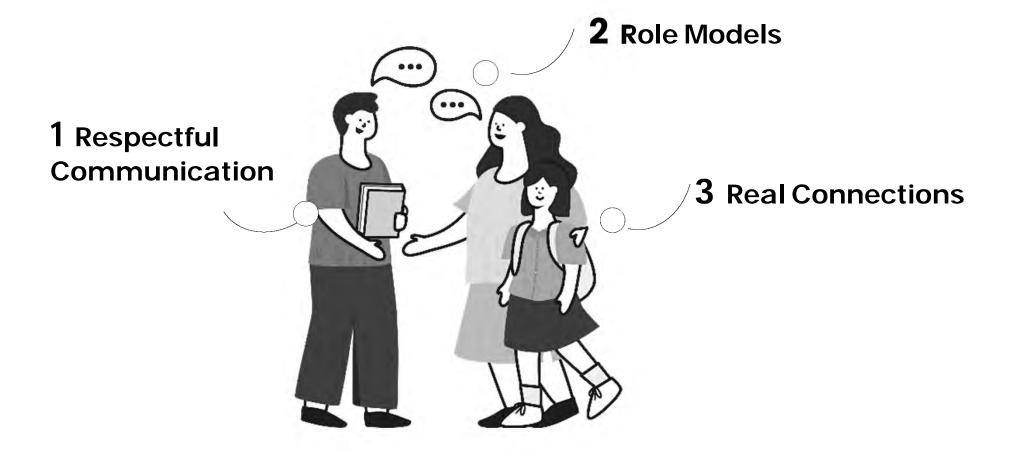
Seek to be a facilitator, rather than a supervisor. Let them try when experiencing challenges and discover solutions themselves to learn.



## **School-Home Partnership**



# 3 areas we can work together on to foster **School-Home** Partnership



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## **Respectful Communication**

## Foster kind words and actions between schools and educators



Listen to and understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child



Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers



Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours



## **Role Models**

## Show our children the skills and values they need for life



Find joy in everyday experiences with our children



Instill confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in our children's abilities



Model good values in words and actions

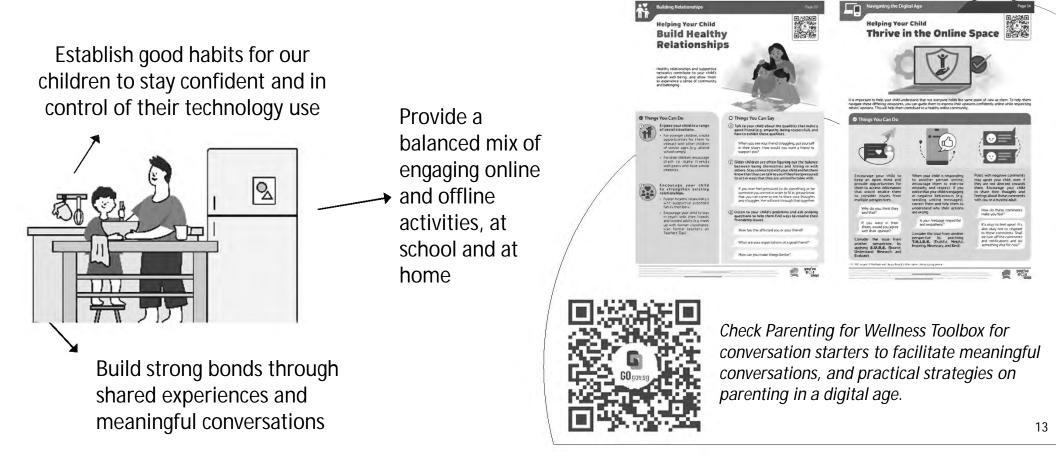




Check out this video on MOE YouTube for tips on how parents can support the social-emotional learning of their children.

## **Real Connections**

Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age





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## **Evergreen in Learning, Exceptional in Character**

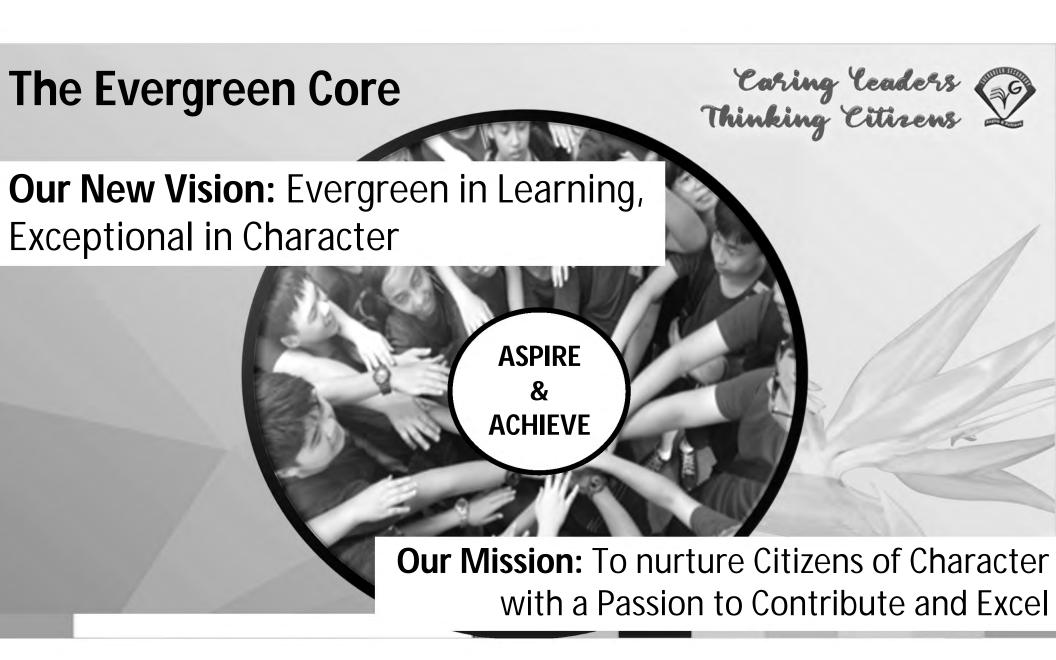
#### Student Handbook 2025

- School rules, expectations and policies
- Details about key student programmes
- Tips for students about how to study, manage stress and set targets
- Key dates are in the online school calendar

# The Evergreen Tree

Sec 4: Blossom with Readiness	
	Sec 3: Branch Out with Resilience
Sec 2: Stand Tall with Dynamism	

Sec 1: Take Root with Confidence

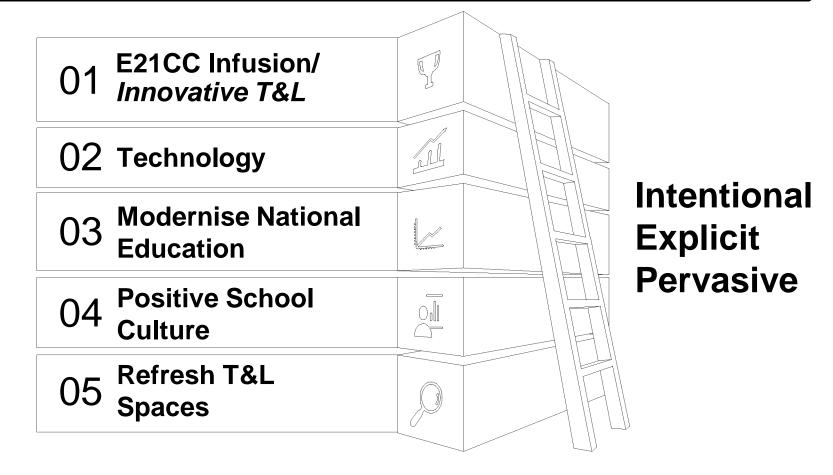


#### The Evergreen Core

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## **EV5G- Evergreen's Five Growth Edges**



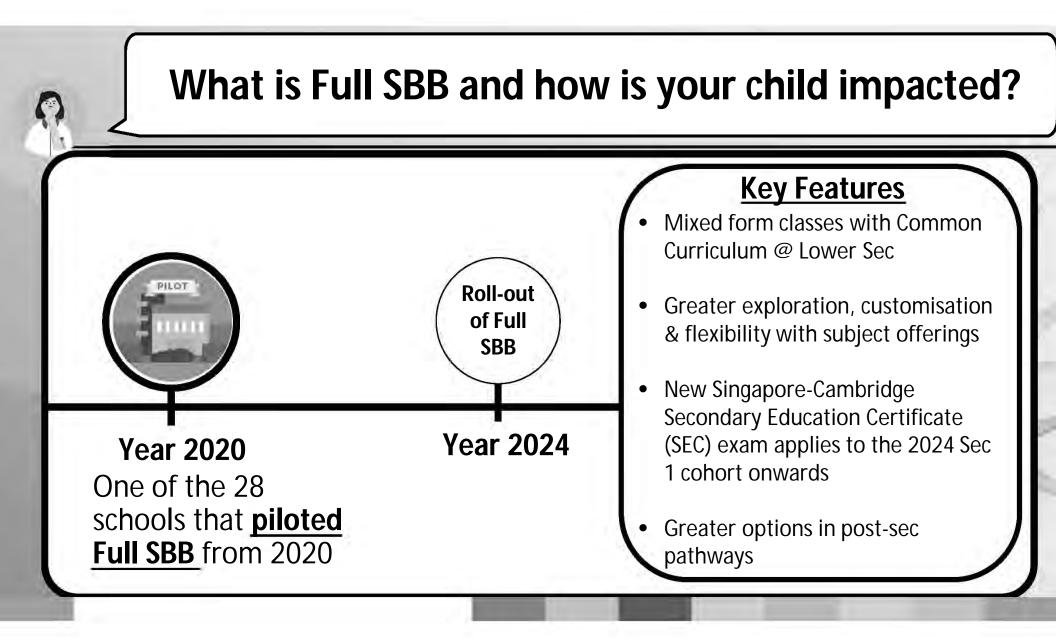
#### **The Exceptional Evergreen Experience**

#### **Evergreen in Learning**

- Innovative Pedagogies enhanced with EdTech
- Stretch Opportunities
- Meeting Students' Different Learning Needs
- Balanced Assessment
- Future-Ready Approach
- Immersive Learning Spaces

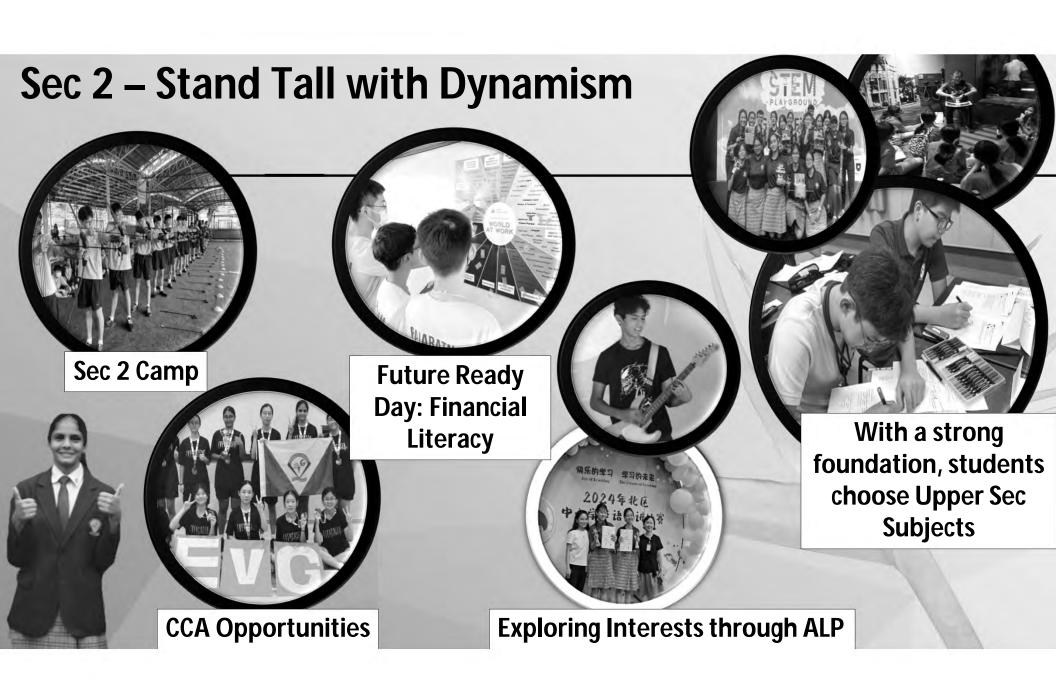
#### **Exceptional in Character**

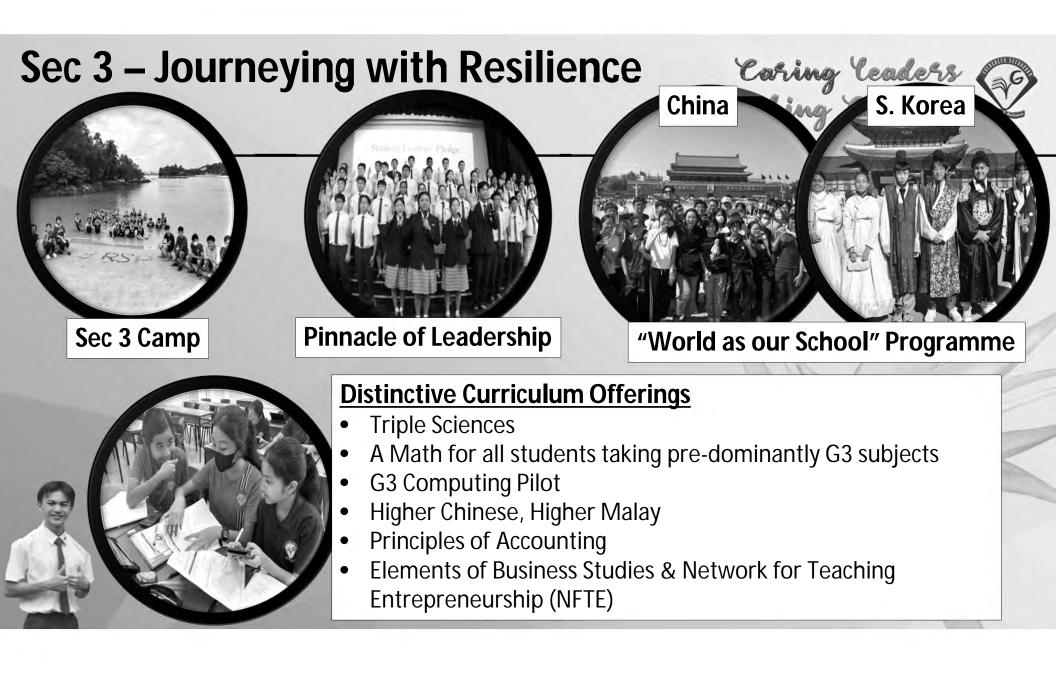
- Positive Classroom Culture
- Peer Support
- Character & Citizenship Education
- Strong Discipline Ethos
- Leadership Opportunities
- Vibrant, Dynamic School Life



			POST-SEC	PATHWAYS		
Students taking at least	ITE Year 1 Entry	ITE Year 2 Entry	Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP)		Millennia Institute	Junior College
6 G3 subjects	~	~	NEW V	~	$\checkmark$	~
5 G3 subjects	~	~	NEW	~	~	
4 G3 + 1 G2 subjects subject	~	$\checkmark$	NEW	NEW V		
5 G2 subjects	$\checkmark$	~	~			
4 G1 subjects	$\checkmark$	NEW.				









#### The Evergreen Edge: Preparing EVGians for the Future

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Learning for Life Programme (LLP): Strengthening Resilience, Character and Leadership through Sports Education





Applied Learning Programme (ALP): Effective Communicators with a Heart Enhanced ALP in Mother Tongue Languages (1 in 4 Schools in SG)

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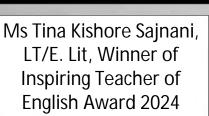


#### **Our Staff, Our Pride**



Mdm Norhayati Bte Jidin, ST/ML, Finalist in the Role Model Category for the Arif Budiman Malay Language Teacher Award (AGAB) 2024







Mr Samuel Soong, ST/Music, MOE Service Excellence Award (Platinum) Winner



Ms Pricilia Teng, ST/Science, Winner of Outstanding STEM Teacher Award 2024

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#### **Ministry of Defence Total Defence Advocate Award** 2024





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## Full Subject-based Banding (Full SBB)

Ms Hanna Maryam Samri HOD English Language and Literature

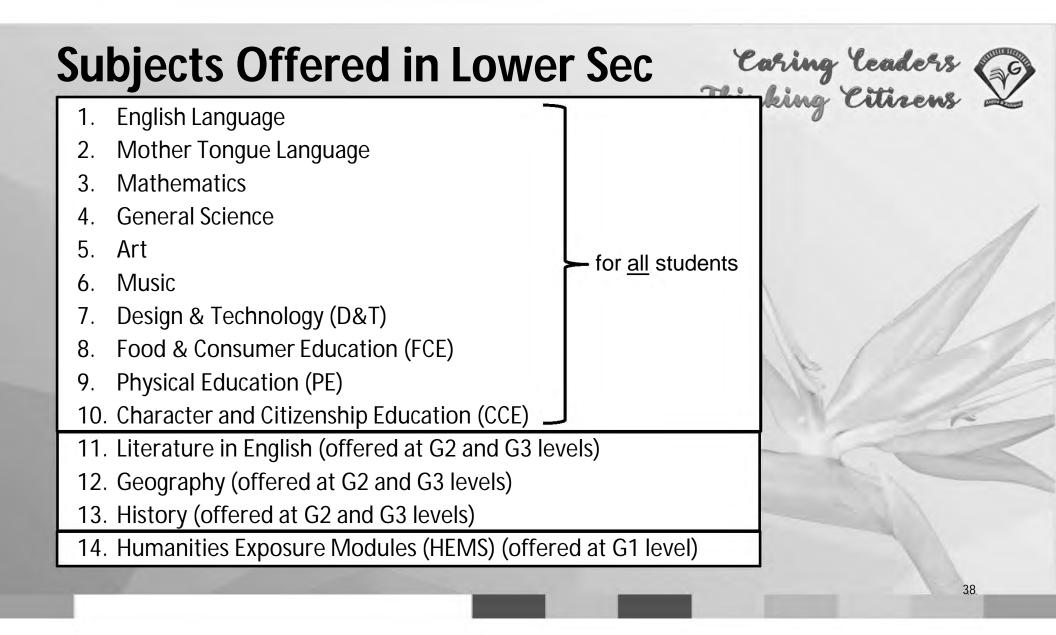
## **Full Subject-based Banding** (Full SBB) School

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Your child/ward is in mixed form classes, i.e., each class consists of students posted in via different posting groups.





### Common Curriculum (Art / Music / D&T / FCE / PE / CCD)



**Timetable Example** 

EVERGREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL, Singapore										<u>Snack Break</u> Mon to Thu: Period 10 Fri: Period 8				
	1 7:50 - 8:25	2 8:25 - 9:00	<b>3</b> 9:00 - 9:35	<b>4</b> 9:35 - 10:10	5 10:10 - 10:45	6	<b>7</b>	8	9	10 13:05 - 13:40	11 13:40 - 14:15	12 14:15 - 14:50	13 14:50 - 15	
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## Assessment in Evergreen





#### **Evergreen in Learning, Exceptional in Character**

- We adopt learner-centric and balanced assessment practices to nurture emerging 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies (e21CC) and lifelong learning.
- Our balanced assessment approach includes both formative and summative assessments.
- Summative assessments include Weighted Assessments (WA) and End-of-Year Examinations (EYE).
- WAs may be conducted in pen-and-paper format, and they may also take the form of Alternative Assessments (AAs) such as performance tasks, projects and presentations.

#### **Assessment for 2025**

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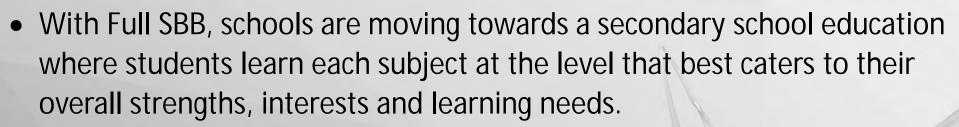


#### One weighted assessment per term:

Levels	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	
S1 2 and 2	1 <sup>st</sup> WA	2 <sup>nd</sup> WA	3 <sup>rd</sup> WA	EOY	
S1, 2 and 3	15%	15%	15%	55%	
S4 and 5	1 <sup>st</sup> WA	2 <sup>nd</sup> WA	Pre	elim	
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### **Secondary 1 Progression**





- As such, all students will generally progress to Secondary 2.
   Teachers will check in with students and parents to discuss the subjects and respective subject levels that best suit the student.
  - Students can offer certain subjects at a more demanding level based on his/her interest and learning progress, as well as school's holistic considerations.

#### Points of entry for students who are Caring Ceaders taking subjects at G1 and G2 level Thinking Citizens

Dec 2024	After release of PSLE posting result (Letters of Offer issued)	
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May 2025	Based on Semester 1 weighted assessments and teachers' feedback of learning attitudes and aptitude	K
Oct 2025	After release of End-of-Year Examination results and teachers' feedback of learning attitudes and aptitude	

## **Eligibility Criteria**



 Students who are currently taking subjects at G1 or G2 level will be offered the subject at more demanding level if they meet the following criteria:

Current Subject Level	School-based results for Semester 1, or Secondary 1 overall for Semester 2	Option to offer subject at
G1	75% or higher in specific subject	G2 level starting from next semester
G2		G3 level starting from next semester

• Your child/ward can choose to accept or reject the offer.

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## **Applied Learning Programme (ALP) -Effective Communicators with a Heart**

Ms Hanna Maryam Samri HOD English Language and Literature

### **Objective**

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To leverage on authentic, real-world contexts to develop values, communication skills, and creative and critical thinking skills.



#### **Enhanced ALP**



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- 1 out of only 4 schools in Singapore
- The only school in the North Zone
- EL, CL/ML ALP are offered to all students

## **Examples of Tiered Programmes**

#### English Language ALP: Effective Communicators with a Heart



#### Tier 2 (within school)

Tier 3 (beyond school)

Image: Sec 1: Drama<br/>• Sec 2: Forum Theatre<br/>• Sec 3: Presentation Skills• Emcee Training<br/>• School Tours during Open<br/>House• ELDDS Debate, Drama &<br/>Writing competitions<br/>• Outreach Ambassadors<br/>• KidsREAD Ambassadors

### **Examples of Tiered Programmes**

#### **Enhanced ALP for Mother Tongue Languages**

#### Tier 1 (curriculum)

Tier 2 (within school)

#### Tier 3 (beyond school)



#### Creative Expressions Through Music

- One of the unique features of EVG's ALP and Enhanced ALP
- Develops musical talents through a structured talent development programme -EVG P.R.I.S.M. Experience that sees students participating in and organising music events in and outside school

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#### EVG P.R.I.S.M. Experience

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Perform at Lunchtime Concerts / any other relevant Tier 1 showcase.		Discovering & Dev	Tier 2 ↑	eveloping M	Organise Lunchtime Concerts / any other relevant Tier 1 showcase			
Lower Secondary Music Showcase		Disco	Tier 1	De	Group Leadership in LS Project Work			

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Mr James Ng HOD PE & CCA

#### Learning for Life (LLP) Programme: Strengthening Resilience, Character & Leadership through Sports Education



#### Caring Leaders D Thinking Citizens **Three-Tiered Approach for LLP EDUCATE INSPIRE** - Explicit teaching **SPECIALISE** of values in PE - Workshops & Life skills-based learning journeys - Play Inclusive PE classroom - Sports - Sports Leaders curriculum enrichment Camp Leadership & programmes - National Sports outdoor - Specialised fitness Association experiential & conditioning programme

#### **Examples of Programmes under** the Three-Tiered Approach for LLP



**Annual EVG Road Run** 



Level Camps, e.g. Sec 1 Camp Confidence







Sports enrichment programmes for **CCAs, Sports Camp & Sports Carnival** 



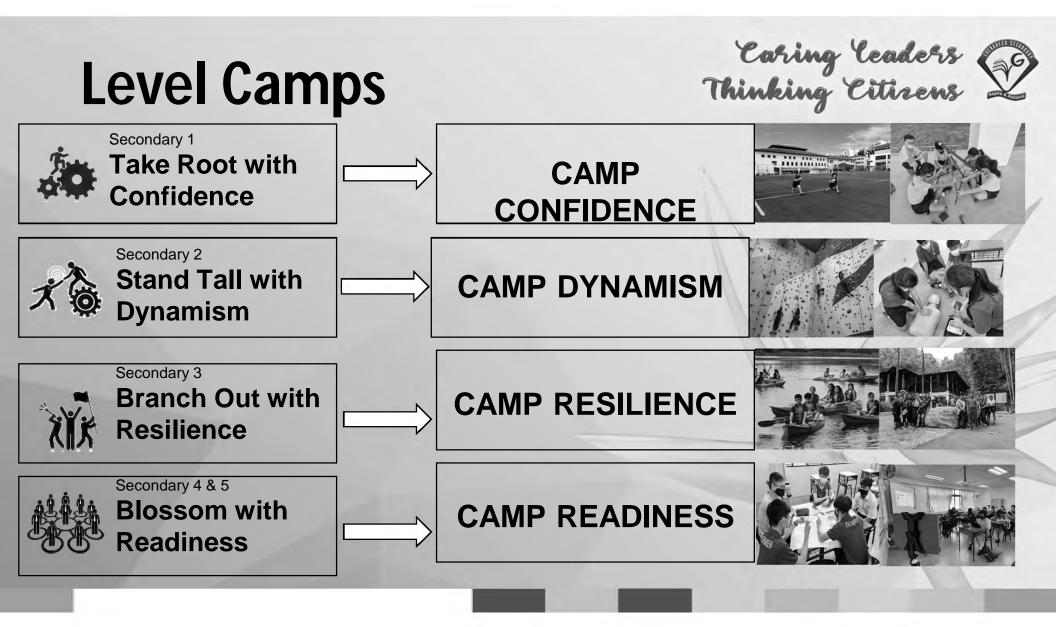


Sec 3 Camp Resilience



**Play Inclusive** 

**Sports Leaders Developmental** Programme (Sports Singapore)





## **CCA & Leadership Development @ EVG**



## **Range of CCA Options**

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#### **Sports**

**Badminton** Netball Table Tennis Rugby (boys) Volleyball **Cross-country** 

**Chinese Dance** Malay Dance Gamelan Ensemble **Chinese Orchestra** Guitar Ensemble

**Performing Arts** 

**Clubs and Societies** ELDDS **Digital Media Club** Youth Flying Club **Interact Club** 

**Uniformed Groups** NCC NPCC **Red Cross Youth** NCDCC

## **CCA Policy**

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- CCA is **COMPULSORY** for all Secondary school students.
- Active participation in at least <u>ONE</u> CCA
- Minimum of 75% attendance for the first CCA in each academic year
- Truancy from CCA = Truancy from school/class
- LEAPS 2.0 4 domains of holistic development, namely leadership, achievement, participation and service

## A Student-Centric, Values-Driven Education

A Broad and Deep Foundation for a Lifelong Journey

### LEAPS 2.0

- 4 Domains of LEAPS 2.0
- 5 Levels of Attainment: 1 5



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### **LEAPS 2.0 CCA Recognition**

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Co-Curricular Experience	Basic Requirement for Level of Attainment in the 4 Domains	Bonus Points (for applications to JC/MI, Poly & ITE)
Excellent	4,3,3,3	2
Good	4,1,1,1 3,2,1,1 2,2,2,1	1
Fair	Did not meet above criteria	0

#### **Recognising Participation Outside School**

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#### **External CCA**

- Students' representation of external organisations can be recognised.
- Please seek school endorsement by submitting relevant documents containing the details of the external activities.
- Students must participate in at least one CCA in school before recognition can be given to their external CCAs.

#### **SP-CCA (Ethnic Dance)**

- A mixture of online and face-2-face sessions
- Not in lieu of school-based CCA

#### **SP-CCA (Water Polo, Athletics,** Canoeing)

- Travel to centralised locations for training
- Do not need to have a school-based CCA if endorsed by Principal

#### **Timeline for CCA Allocation**

**Events** Dates Week 2 - 5 CCA Marketing for Sec 1 Recruitment 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 (Fri) **CCA Open House** 13<sup>th</sup> Jan – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 **CCA** Trials Start of Online CCA Option Exercise 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 (4 choices from at least 2 CCA groups, max of 2 from each CCA group) 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 End of Online CCA Option Exercise 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 **Results of CCA Allocation** 

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# Aspire & Achieve

## Evergreen Secondary School Opportunities for Leadersnip

#### Developing Thinking and Caring Leaders

- Class Chairpersons
- CCA Leaders
  - Captains (boy and girl)
  - o CCA Chairpersons
  - Warrant officer, Master sergeant and Station inspector (or equivalent)
- House Captains
- Prefects, Prefects EXCO and CCA EXCO Members
- Digital Ambassadors and Subject Representatives





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## **Positive Discipline @ EVG**

Mr Wong Wei Tang SH/Student Management

### What is Positive Discipline?



Positive discipline is EVG's approach to guide and develop youths into **well-adjusted** members of our society.

- Firm and affirm
- Interest of the child at heart
- Focus on the behaviour, not the person
- Long-term change

#### Objectives and Intended Outcomes of Positive Discipline

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- Self-directed to do the right thing when no one is watching
- Demonstrating responsibility to self and others
- Respecting self and others in physical and online contexts
- Encouraging one another to be the best of themselves each day
- Eventually leading others in good behaviour



## Parents, Our Partners

Strong partnership with parents to help our students pick up positive habits, stay away from negative habits, and to sustain a healthy lifestyle

# Educate Engage

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## Parents, Our Partners



### Regular communication with parents by Form Teachers, Subject Teachers and **Discipline Level Coordinators**

## **Some Key School Policies**



Day	Assembly Time
Monday	0730 hrs
Tuesday	0850 hrs
Wednesday	0730 hrs
Thursday	0850 hrs
Friday	0730 hrs



## Some Key School Policies Thinking Citizens

Consistent attendance helps build strong foundations for learning.

Students may be excused for up to 5 days per semester for valid reasons with a parent/guardian's letter.

Valid reasons include:

- Student is unwell and submits a parent/guardian's letter of excuse
- Compassionate reasons: bereavement or serious illness of a family member.





Refer to Student Handbook for details on the following:

- Attire
- Mobile phone usage
- Lockers
- iPad Personal Learning Devices (when Sec 1 students receive their own set)

## **Some Key School Policies**



A safe and positive school environment enables all to thrive.

Zero Tolerance for Bullying.

Thank you for your partnership in instilling excellent character and values in our children.

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#### Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) & Student Well-being Programmes (SWB)

Ms Julia Raj HOD CCE & SWB

### **Key Beliefs**

**Good character** has no shelf-life, unlike skills and knowledge.

**Every child** can be nurtured to become a citizen of good character.

Deep learning happens when we engage the **head**, **heart and hands**.

Character development takes place when there is **care**.

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### **Overview of Programmes**

#### Within Curriculum Hours

- Character & Citizenship Development Lessons
- Home Periods
- Cyber Wellness
- Sexuality Education
- Education and Career Guidance

#### Enhancing Support

- Financial Assistance Schemes
- Counselling and Intervention
- Partnership with Parents Activities



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#### **Examples of Programmes**





**Cohort Wide Programmes - VIA** 



Education & Career Guidance & Skills Future



Values Education in lessons, e.g. PE



**NE & Cyber Wellness Programmes** 



Emergency Preparedness – Cohort CPR & AED

#### **Partnership with Parents**

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Participation in Termly Meetings, Workshops, Parent-Child Bonding Activities & School Events

Event: PSG Term 1 MeetingDate: Saturday 22 February 2025 from 9.30 to 11.00 a.m.Venue: School Library (Level 3)







## Join Us! Parent Support Group (PSG)

A team of dedicated parents supporting each other in nurturing their children. Network, share and learn with fellow parents by involving yourself in initiatives such as parenting workshops and school events.



EVERGREEN Parent Support Group

https://go.gov.sg/joinevgpsg



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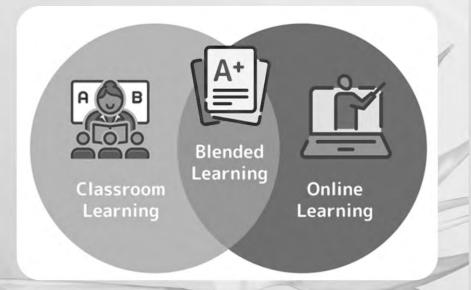
# Blended Learning (BL) Day

Mr Melvin Chua HOD EdTech

## **Home-based BL Days**

- MOE introduced home-based learning with Student-initiated Learning (SIL) as a regular feature of schooling experience.
- Since 2022, all secondary schools and junior colleges have home-based learning days.
- In EVG, we call ours "Blended Learning Day".

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## **Intent of Blended Learning**

- Nurture self-directed and independent learners
- Develop passionate and intrinsically motivated learners

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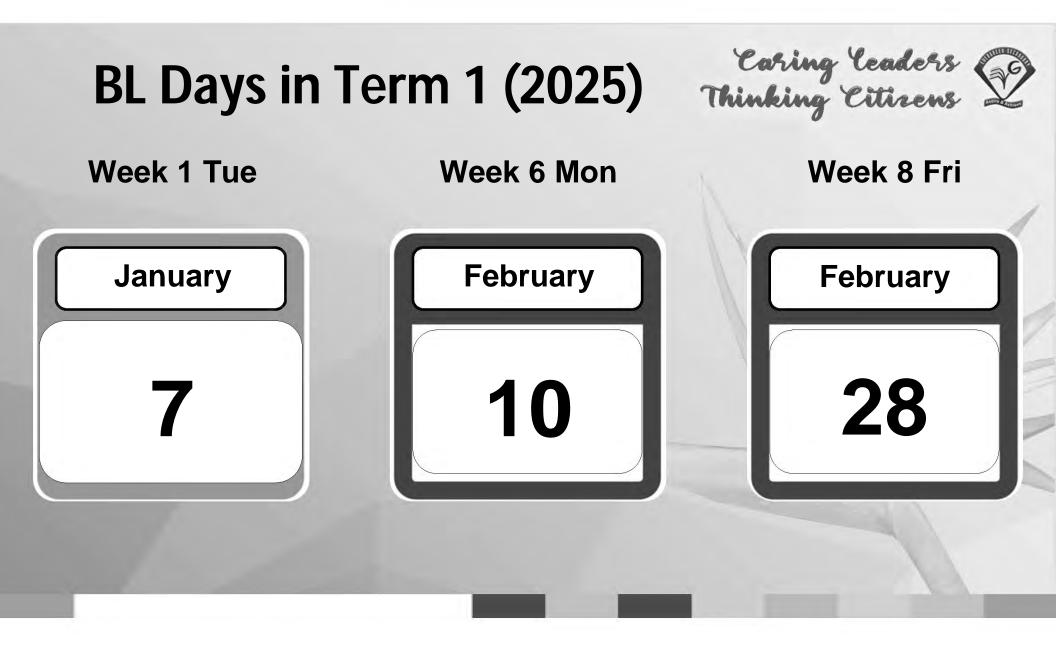


## Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) Caring Cenders

SIL is

an opportunity for your child/ward to learn to be an **independent**, **passionate** and **lifelong learner** 

a dedicated time during HBL for your child/ward to explore his/her personal interests, both within and outside the curriculum



## **Sample of BL Day Timetable**

Time **BL Day 1** BL Day 2 G3 & G2 Geography 0800 to 0900 PE G1 Humanities Exposure Module 0900 to 1000 Mother Tongue English 1000 to 1030 **Break time** 1030 to 1130 **Mathematics** Design & Technology 1130 to 1230 Science Music 1230 to 1330 Lunch Break 1330 to 1430 Student-Initiated Learning (SIL)

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# **Personal Learning Device (PLD)** Initiative

Mr Melvin Chua HOD EdTech



The world is fast-changing with digital technology becoming integral in our lives. The National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) was launched to **prepare our children to be future-ready.** 

This Personal Learning Device Initiative will support your child to:

- learn better in this digital age; and
- be ready for the digital economy.

## **Use of Personal** Learning Device (PLD)

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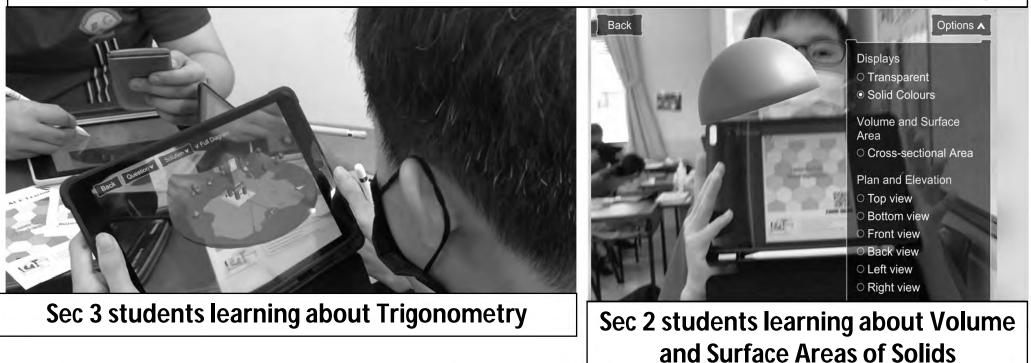




- iPad was chosen due to its userfriendliness, portability, strong battery life, productivity and support for teaching and learning.
- Programmes are conducted to build capacity of students in the use of iPad to enhance their learning experiences.

#### **Examples of Use in Lessons**

#### Use of ICT tool to create VR experience and enhance students' learning



#### **Responsible Use of Devices**

 MOE has made significant Installed on device to changes to the Character and ensure safe learning **Citizenship Education** experience & prevent • Topics include: Cyber Use, misuse Device Cyber Will be uninstalled when **Cyber Identity, Cyber** Management Wellness the child **Relationships**, Cyber Application Education graduates/leaves (DMA) Citizenship, Cyber school Ethics Understand the Acceptable Model good digital habits Parents as expectations of device Use Policy for your child **Partners** use to enable a conducive (AUP) Have conversations with learning environment vour child about safe and Outlines the **consequences** • responsible use of technology for violating the policy

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#### What is Device Management **Application (DMA)**

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- Your child's/ward's PLD will be installed with a Device Management Application (DMA) to provide a safer digital environment for learning.
- Installation of the DMA will be performed after the collection of the device.
- This applies to both devices purchased through the school and pre-existing student-owned devices.
- The DMA will be funded by MOE and will be uninstalled from the device when your child/ward graduates/leaves the school.

#### Device Bundle that Your Child/Ward Will Have



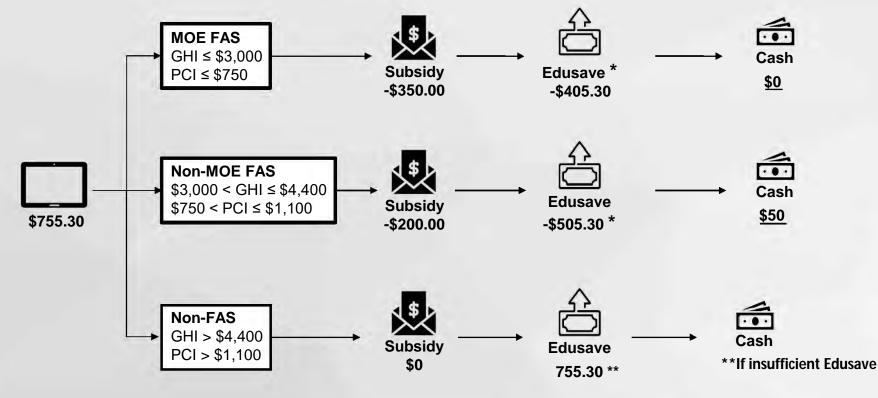
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#### What Does It Include

- Apple iPad (10<sup>th</sup> Gen,10.9",64GB)
- Apple Pencil (USB-C)
- External Keyboard
- 1 year Insurance and 1 year Warranty
- Cost of bundle with GST: \$755.30

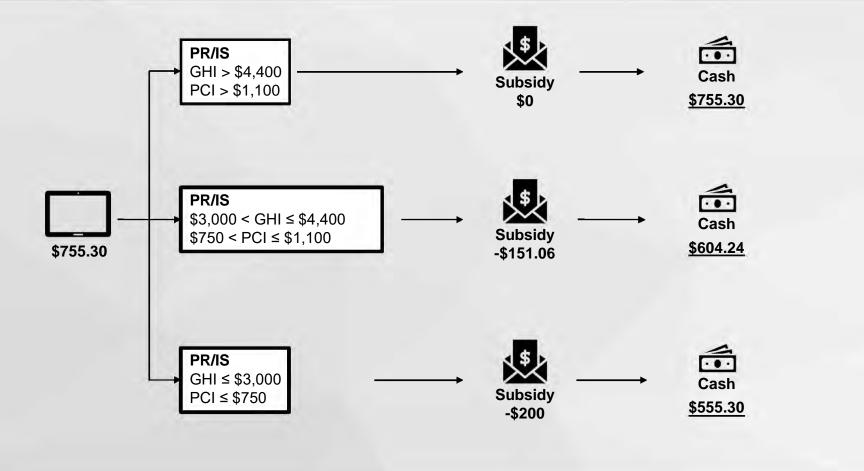
#### **Device Cost for Singapore Citizens (SC)**

To ensure affordability, MOE has provided Edusave top-up of \$300 in 2023 to all eligible Singaporean students. This is on top of the annual Edusave contribution of \$290 for secondary school students.



\* If insufficient Edusave, additional subsidy will be provided.

#### Device Cost for Permanent Residents / International Students (PR/IS)





## **Financial Assistance for PLD**





- Subsidies are available for students who require funding support to purchase a PLD.
- It is compulsory for all students on the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) to use their Edusave to pay for the PLD, after subsidies have been granted.
- The table below shows information on the eligibility for the subsidy:

Students eligible for subsidy	Income criteria	How to Apply for Subsidy
Students under MOE FAS	Gross Household Income (" <b>GHI</b> ") is \$3,000 or less, or Per Capita Income (" <b>PCI</b> ")* is \$750 or less (* <b>PCI</b> refers to the GHI divided by the total number of family members in the household. )	No action required. PLD is automatically subsidised.
Students under School-based FAS	GHI is \$4,400 or less, or PCI is \$1,100 or less	
Students who are currently <u>not</u> under the MOE FAS or School- based FAS	GHI is \$4,400 or less, or PCI is \$1,100 or less	Apply through the FormSG Link that will be provided in the Letter via Parents Gateway (PG).

#### **Estimated Timeline**

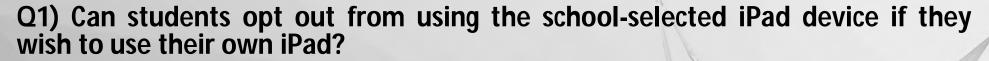
Time Frame (2025)	Activity
By mid Jan	<ul> <li>More details and admin info to be sent via Parents' Gateway (PG) on:</li> <li>1) Parental Consent for purchase of device bundle</li> <li>2) Parental Consent for Edusave withdrawal (for Singapore Citizens)</li> <li>3) Submission of income documents for subsidy application (for those eligible)</li> </ul>
End Jan – Feb	Loan of devices during Blended Learning in Term 1, for those without devices at home
End Jan – Mar	Collating responses, processing of subsidy applications and ordering of device bundle, updates on DMA for parents
From April onwards	Collection of device bundle

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# Frequently Asked Questions about PLD



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Students are encouraged to use the iPad model prescribed by the school for a smooth learning experience. If students wish to use their own iPad devices, these iPad devices must meet the necessary specifications such as processor speed and compatibility with the school's Device Management Application (DMA).

#### Q2) What is the insurance and warranty coverage?

The 1 year insurance and 1 year warranty allows for 1 repair or 1 replacement. The insurance coverage is only applicable for situations of damages and loss where the student has taken precautions to safeguard the device. It is for the main device only and does not cover accessories.

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#### Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM) in 2025

Mid Year	End of Year
30 May	31 Oct
Friday	Friday