



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of Queensway Secondary School 2022,

Welcome to Queensway Secondary School

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming to our school our newest students and parents/guardians who are joining us in Sec 1. I also welcome back our students who are in Sec 2 to 5. As we approach the eve of 2021, I thought I would write you this welcome letter to help you prepare for the new school year. I trust that many of you have had the opportunity to take some time off from work to rest, recharge and re-connect with family and loved ones.

It has been a challenging 2 years for everyone, having to manage the challenges of life especially because of COVID-19. Despite this, I have been encouraged that we see much resilience and determination because we have been through this period of challenge. Our students are young and I am hopeful that we will be able to respond even better when we, as the adults in their lives, show the way. Meanwhile, let me address pertinent matters that would prepare your child/ward for school on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

Timetable for Semester 1

All parents/guardians and students would have received the school timetable for your child/ward. For parents/guardians, this was sent via Parents Gateway (PG) while for students, it can be found in the Students Learning Space (SLS) platform. You would note that Sec 1 and 3 students are required to arrive in school before 7.30 am, while Sec 2 and 4/5 students will be required to arrive by 8.00 a.m. Please note the dismissal times for the respective cohorts, as well as a different dismissal time on Friday, from the other days of the week. Starting from the 2nd week, there will also be a Blended Learning Day on alternate Fridays, when students will be engaged in learning at home. More details on this will be issued in due course.

You will also notice that we operate on an odd and even week timetable. This is to ensure maximum efficiency in the use of time and arrangements for students through the year. This could be a new experience for Sec 1 students, but like their seniors, they will quickly adapt to this.

For our Sec 2 to 5 students, we expect them to bring their personal learning devices on Tuesday 4 January as their Class Mentors will be going through various processes with them. They will not be required to bring their textbooks that day.

Sec 1 students will be going through Orientation for the 1st week of term, so they need not bring their textbooks to school for the 1st week. On 4 January, all Sec 1 students will report directly to the school hall. Your child/ward will be in good hands, so you can drop them off at the foyer, if you drive, or leave them to come in through the school gates. Orientation Group Leaders will be present to usher them to the hall.



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Attire for School

All students are required to report to school in their proper school uniform with the appropriate haircut for students. Sec 1 students who may not have been able to purchase their uniforms may report to school in their primary school uniform.

Important processes for COVID-19 management

As a national practice, all students must wear their face masks from the time they leave home till they return home. All students must also bring their Oral Digital Thermometers with them daily. Temperature checks will be done in the morning before the start of school and again if they have after school activities.

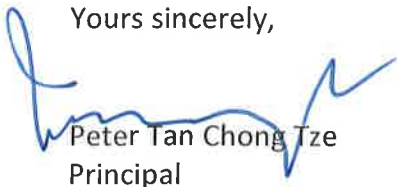
All students must also carry with them their Trace-Together Token (TTT). In our school, all students are required to deposit their mobile phones in our "phone hotel" during school hours and will only retrieve their phones at the end of the school day. Thus, the TTT is essential for contact tracing, which will be conducted by MOH should there be any COVID-19 cases in school. If your child/ward does not have a working TTT, he/she will need to obtain one from the nearest community centre or club. Please also ensure that the TTT is working, by getting your child/ward test it when going out. As these practices can affect the well-being of others in school, disciplinary actions will be taken against students who do not comply with these requirements. One of our school's values is "Responsibility" and we expect our students to practise our values.

Conclusion

As this is a Welcome Letter, I do not wish to be too lengthy. I also know my Year Heads, who will have oversight over your child/ward through his/her years in QSS will be writing to you. In QSS, our Year Heads journey with the cohort through the 4 years and get to know your child/ward very well over time. Likewise, you will be hearing from the Class Mentors for your child/ward. In QSS, our Form Teachers are known as Class Mentors. As Class Mentors, they not only engage your child/ward in their academic learning, as they will be teaching their class in at least 1 subject, but they will also get to know their students and guide your child/ward through the time they are with them. There will be opportunities for their Class Mentors to conference and engage with their charges to help them to develop into the Queenswayans we want to see them become.

Our school's motto is "Success through Diligence" and in QSS, we strive towards helping our students find success through their diligent effort. I look forward to meeting with you at different junctures in 2022 and take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and blessed 2022!

Yours sincerely,



Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal