



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We celebrated the vibrancy of youthfulness last week with a week of treats for our students. The biggest treat for everyone who made it would have been Aesthetics Night 2022!

For those of you whose child/ward who attended the musical showcase, or were there in attendance to support our students and school, I am certain you enjoyed yourselves. Many of the parents and QSS alumni I spoke with were full of praise for our performers, and they rightly deserved the accolades. I have watched many school productions in my time as Principal and I must say that this was certainly among the best I watched. Let me briefly share some of the memorable moments, for those of you who missed the show.

There was a buzz of anticipation among the audience as the concert hall filled up quickly after doors were opened. Those who came later had to sit in the gallery, but I am sure they too enjoyed the show. Anticipation built up as our Concert Band silently filed in and took their places.

Then the show began with the band striking up after our 'pilot' welcomed all of us on board flight QSS 61, awaiting the adventure before us. We were soon introduced to the travelling escapade of the 3 students on a whirlwind travel around the world. We were then entertained to the melodious singing by our Choir and exciting hip-hop dancing by our Modern Dance troupe, then enthralled by the elegance of our young ladies from Chinese Dance, and even a Korean dance number by both the Modern and Chinese Dance young ladies. The show was finely stitched together by the ingenuity of our Drama Club which left the audience calling for more, but all good things must come to an end. It left those of us who enjoyed it with good memories of a wonderful showcase of QSS spirit and many memories. I heard people talking about the girl in the front row of the choir who was swaying with such enthusiasm and glee to the songs she was singing and the very adorable "grandfather" who stole the show with his presence – his personality left people recalling him, though his stage time was not that long. There was so much more and those who missed it would have to wait for the next Aesthetics Night!

I want to also affirm our students who were there as the audience. It was very satisfying to see a very appreciative audience whose decorum and enthusiasm reflected such a respect for both the performers on stage and everyone else who was enjoying the show. There was rapturous applause at the appropriate time, laughter with the comedic moments and a great sense of pride and joy for their friends. I am sure the parents/guardians also felt tremendous pride in their child/ward performing so well on stage.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank the teachers who guided their charges through the preparations and rehearsals. Together with the instructors, these teachers spent many countless hours to help hone their students' skills and talents for their moment on the stage. I also want to thank the many teachers, non-teaching staff and students who played critical roles in ensuring that everything went on smoothly. This includes the design of publicity, ticketing, ushering, backstage work, arrangements of logistics such as transportation, ushering and meals to feed all



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the student and staff participants. A production like this needs many hands, with everyone doing their part with a high level of responsibility and an excellence that they would be proud of themselves.

If I sound effusive, it is because I saw the fine Queenswayan spirit that I know is in our students on full display for all to see. I reminded our students about it this morning and I hope as parents/guardians, you will remind your child/ward that it is within them. The pulling together by everyone to make Aesthetics Night 2022 happen should fill us with a greater confidence that we can overcome challenges that come our way if we face it with the discipline and determination that we saw culminating in the showcase last Friday night!

Allow me to recount some of these challenges. We were hit by the COVID-19 pandemic that restricted gatherings for 2½ years. There was an uncertainty if an event like this could even happen. However, there was a determination that we wanted to our students the chance to experience a “live” show with all the effects of lights, and sound, instead of watching performances off a screen; to enjoy the company of others who would appreciate the performance and to celebrate the talent of our performers. This determination drove everyone forward, with the Queenswayan spirit triumphing over the odds, and we enjoyed a spectacular night! For all who were present, I hope this positive energy will drive us forward with conviction that when we choose to do it well together, we will ACHIEVE it!

Temperature Check: 6 July 2022

Please help me remind your child/ward to bring their thermometer tomorrow. If your child/ward has not told you why they need to do so tomorrow, do ask them. I certainly hope they will not disappoint me by not bringing their thermometer tomorrow.

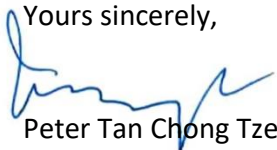
Family Champions: FAM Champs

Last Friday, our school received the Sustained Partnership Award from *Focus on the Family*, the only school to do so, for our participation in FAM Champs. We believe in the importance of building strong families and want to support this Youth Day Campaign.

To equip the next generation of family champions, FamChamps will be launching START: It all begins with a step – a digital campaign to celebrate youths and provide them with practical handles on how they can build resilient relationships at home. Running from 4-16 July, the Youth Day Campaign features more inspiring stories and content that empower youths in their family journey. Do encourage your child/ward to join in this campaign by following Facebook and/or Instagram (@famchamps). More info about the campaign can be found at www.famchamps.sg/start.

Once again, thank you for your support for QSS and for raising strong families!

Yours sincerely,



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