



Unity Secondary School

Lifelong Learners, Inspiring Leaders

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Dear Secondary One Students and Parents

A Warm Welcome to Unity Secondary School

On behalf of the staff at Unity Secondary School, I warmly welcome you to our school and to the Unity family. Today marks an important date in your life as you begin the next phase of education with us.

As the Principal of the school, I am thrilled to embark on this exciting journey with all of you. Starting secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to providing you with a positive experience at Unity Secondary, one that is supportive, and filled with relevant and enriching opportunities for learning and growth.

In Unity Secondary, we lovingly call each student Unitian and it's our desire to develop every Unitian to be "Lifelong Learner and Inspiring Leader" in their four to five years of exciting journey in our school. Unitians also cherish our 'REC²IPE' School Values of *REspect, Commitment, Compassion, Integrity and PERseverance* and we look forward to seeing you develop and grow in these values during your journey in the school.

We believe in the holistic development of each student with emphasis on both character education and Active Learning. In Unity, we start each day with GReAT routines where Unitians learn to self-manage and regulate their behaviours and actions towards achieving their goals. All students are also expected to participate actively in class, CCA and school activities because this is where character values are developed and many life skills will be learnt.

Unity Secondary is a School of Opportunity where we run on a 4 Day Academic and One Day Character Education cum CCA Day timetable. Our Form Classes are organized into clusters with 2 CCAs in each class, fostering natural friendships through shared CCA learning, play, and service. At Unity Secondary, our Form Teachers, are known as Character Coaches (CCs), and most of the CCs serve as both your form and CCA teachers, enabling your teachers to understand you better in various settings.

To kick off the academic year, we have planned an orientation programme to help you familiarize yourselves with our school's facilities, policies, and school expectations. This orientation will also provide a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with your fellow students, teachers, and your seniors. You will also get to experience the different CCAs through our CCA Fair during your orientation camp to help you better select your CCAs.

During the orientation programme, the school rules and expectations will also be clearly explained to all students. We hope that you will respect and abide by these rules so that there may be order and discipline in the school, which are fundamental to safety, learning and achievement.



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Some students may be a little overwhelmed with the new school environment. However, please be reassured that we will give you all the support that you need to help you adjust to your new environment. You may approach your Character Coaches (Form Teachers), Secondary One Year Head, Mr Ng Yan Kit, Senior School Counsellor, Ms Michelle Ong, School Counsellor, Mdm Sumarni or Senior Special Educational Needs Officer, Ms Wendy Lin for help and support if you need. In addition, the Unity Council will also help you adjust to new friends and new expectations.

For parents, we invite you to actively engage with us throughout this educational journey. Your partnership is invaluable, and we believe that a strong collaboration between school and home contributes significantly to a student's overall well-being and success.

We look forward to working in close partnership with both Sec One Parents/Guardians and students. You are cordially invited to attend the 'Secondary One Parents' Briefing cum Orientation Campfire Night' which will be held on **10 January 2025**. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Mdm Adel Ong

Principal
Unity Secondary School