



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Queensway Secondary School

I would first like to wish you a very happy and healthy 2018! I had the pleasure of welcoming your child/ward back to school today. Before I share with you what I said to them this morning, I would first like to introduce myself and share what we hope to do to help our young men and ladies grow.

My name is Peter Tan. I have spent more than 30 years in the education service, teaching at both Anglo-Chinese Secondary School and Anderson Junior College before serving 8 years at the Ministry of Education, Curriculum Planning and Development Division. Following that, I was posted to Anglo-Chinese School (Junior) and Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road) as Principal for the last 18 years. It is a great joy and privilege for me to now be posted to Queensway Secondary School as the Principal. I have always enjoyed working with young people and collaborating with teachers to bring about the best for the students under our charge. Over the course of the next few years, we intend to build programmes that will help our young men and ladies grow towards our school's vision of "Caring Citizens who are Life-long Learners in a School of Excellence".

Since joining the school, I have met with all the teachers as a group and also a significant number of them individually. I have been impressed and encouraged to find passionate teachers who have made it their purpose to positively impact the lives of the young people under their charge. I certainly look forward to working with them as we mould the minds, character and physique of the young men and ladies under our charge.

Young Men and Ladies

At QSS, we call our students young men and ladies. We believe that people rise to the aspirations they have for themselves and what is expected of them. I choose not to expect them to behave like young boys and girls, but to call them to be what my colleagues and I, and I believe, also you, would want to see of your child/ward. That is that they choose to conduct themselves as young men and ladies, making our school and your families proud of them. Of course, we understand that they are in a growing phase and so we guide them along this passage of development.

To guide them in this process, our school values are both instructive and life-transforming. The 4 values of our school are Discipline, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. This morning as I spoke to our young men and ladies, I illustrated this through a story of how they can choose to reflect each of these 4 values to be the Queenswayan that we can all be proud of. You may wish to ask them about it, to see if they can narrate what was shared. I also asked them to consider the things they do "naturally" and those that are "necessary" to help them succeed in their lives, now as a student and then in their future.

Breakfast with the Principals

I want to invite you to come and join my Vice-Principals and Year Heads/Assistant Year Heads and I for a simple breakfast. The objective of this is for us to get to know each other better. Each of these sessions will be for 2 or 3 classes per cohort.

	Level	Mon	Wed	Fri
Term 1 Week 3	Sec 1	15 Jan - 104, 103	17 Jan - 102,101	19 Jan - 111,112,113
Term 1 Week 6	Sec 4 & 5	5 Feb - 404, 403	7 Feb - 402, 401, 511	9 Feb - 411, 412, 413
Term 1 Week 9	Sec 3	26 Feb - 304, 303	28 Feb - 302, 301	2 Mar - 311, 312, 313
Term 2 Week 3	Sec 2	2 Apr - 204, 203	4 Apr - 202, 201	6 Apr - 211, 212, 213





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I strongly urge that you attend the session your child's/ward's class is assigned. Aside from addressing some parenting matters, we will highlight specific aspects of your child's/ward's development at this age that would be supportive as you engage him/her. There will also be time for Question-and-Answer, so that you can have your concerns addressed. I certainly look forward to meeting you at this breakfast time. We will begin punctually at 7.30am and end by 8.30am, giving you sufficient time to get to work.

Meet-the-Parents

To strengthen our partnership at school and home, I strongly encourage you to attend our Meet-the-Parents that are being organised for you and our young men/ladies, at the cohort level.

	Level	Event	Date/Day (Time)
Term 1 Week 1	Sec 1	Sec 1 Meet-The-Parents & CCA Fair	5 Jan, Fri (3-6pm)
Term 1 Week 4	Sec 4 & 5	Sec 4 & 5 Meet-The-Parents	26 Jan, Fri (6-7:30pm)
Term 1 Week 6	Sec 3-5	Parent Engagement Workshop	9 Feb, Fri (6-7:30pm)
Term 2 Week 1	Sec 2	Sec 2 Meet-The-Parents	21 Mar, Wed (6-7:30pm)
Term 2 Week 1	Sec 3	Sec 3 Meet-The-Parents	23 Mar, Fri (6-7:30pm)
Term 2 Week 10	All levels	Parent-teacher meeting	25 May, Fri (12pm-6pm)
Term 4 Week 7	All levels	Parent-teacher meeting	26 Oct, Fri
Term 4 Week 7	Sec 3	Parent Engagement Workshop (MTL)	25 Oct, Thu (6-7:30pm)

I urge that you are punctual so that we can start promptly, and be present as this is also a strong signal of your commitment to his/her education. Aside from knowing the key milestones and programmes planned, you will also be meeting the Form Teachers who will be guiding them over the year.

School Handbook

Your child/ward would have received his/her School Handbook. You will find the key dates for various programmes he/she would be attending besides the schools rules and expectations. Please take time to go through this with your child/ward. As I said to them, I believe everyone, especially at the beginning of a new year, want to do well and finish the year well. What trips us up is that some of the things we do naturally conflict with what is necessary to help us achieve our goals. The more disciplined and intentional we are to do the necessary, the greater likelihood it would be that we achieve what we want.

Conclusion

I look forward to a fruitful and exciting year ahead. There will be new friends to make, new subjects and experiences to learn from and also new discoveries we will make of ourselves as we journey through 2018. All of us want to succeed in life. It is thus most appropriate that our QSS motto is "Success through Diligence". I found this most apt as a motto. It does not say Success through chance, family backgrounds, race or religious affiliations or even, country of birth. Rather it says, "Success through Diligence" meaning that while all other factors can influence our ability to succeed, the key attribute for us at QSS is DILIGENCE. As we collaborate together in the years ahead, we want to help each of our young men and ladies succeed. As the teachers in their lives, we will be diligent in what we do and I trust that they too will grow in diligence, so that we all can truly find "Succeed through Diligence".

Yours sincerely

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

