



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

This morning, I had the pleasure of welcoming both staff and students back for Term 2 of our school year. We have had a very good Term 1, with students settling into the routines that would help them to have meaningful times of learning besides building friendships with their peers. Over the term, they have also gotten to know their teachers better as they adjust and assimilate to the learning requirements for the year ahead.

There are a number of matters for the term ahead that I would like to share with you.

### Installation of air-conditioners in classrooms

One of the things I know the students were excited about was to see that their classrooms are going to be air-conditioned. This is not going to be a permanent feature for the future, but at least the next 3 years. Construction for the 40-storey high condominium will begin shortly, with piling beginning in April. While the process used is bore-piling, which means that there will be much less noise than normal piling methods, there will be some amount of noise and dust.

As such, the developers agreed to provide air-conditioning for all our classrooms to minimise the effects of noise and dust for students and staff. I also hope that the cooler environment in the classroom during school hours will assist our students in being more focussed during curriculum time and they will not be too distracted by the construction works.

Meanwhile, please remind your child/ward to be careful and mindful of traffic, especially possible increase flow of trucks. We have also worked with the developers to ensure that there would be safe passageways with security personnel to ensure safety for students and staff.

### Meet-the-Parents for Sec 2 and 3

I would like to remind you of the upcoming meetings/briefings for parents/guardians of Sec 2 and 3 students. The session for Sec 2 students with their parents/guardians will commence in our School Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 21 March 2018. The session for Sec 3 students with their parents/guardians will be held at 6pm on Friday, 23 March 2018.

These briefings are important as Sec 2 students will need to be aware of the subject options they will offer in Upper Secondary and the requirements for them to offer these subjects. Sec 3 students have just begun their preparations towards the GCE N and O Levels, and your understanding of how you can support your child/ward is critical.

### Breakfast Chat

We would also like to invite the Sec 2 parents/ guardians for breakfast chat so that we may get to know each other better. Each of these sessions will be for 2 to 3 classes:

(7.30 am to 8.30 am)	2 Apr, Mon	4 Apr, Wed	6 Apr, Fri
Term 2 Week 3	203, 204	201, 202	211, 212, 213

### Congratulations to our Sports Teams

Volleyball - We are proud of both our Girls' and Boys' B-Division teams for their very fine efforts. Our Boys' team finished 4th while our Girls' team emerged Champions in the South Zone Champions. They qualified for the National rounds but have not been able to proceed further.





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Sepak Takraw - Our Boys' B-Division team have progressed to the Quarter-finals of the National Schools Championships. They have done very well thus far and we are looking forward to their progressing to the finals stages of the competition. They have been training zealously and we wish them well.

Football - Our school's teams have been doing very well at the South Zone and National level competitions. Firstly, our B-Division Boys' team have progressed to the Schools Premier League 1 maintaining an unbeaten record. Their effort at training and match composure has been most impressive. Yesterday, they emerged Champions at the FC Bayern Munich Competitions, held over the weekend with an impressive win over Pasir Ris Sec School.

Meanwhile, our Boys' C-Division team has progressed to the Semi-finals of the South Zone Championships to be played next week. They have had an impressive run and would also qualify for the National rounds. We certainly wish them well in the competition and am sure they will do the school proud.

Finally, our Girls' B-Division team has also been doing well in their competition scoring impressive wins. Though they have 1 more match to play, they have qualified for the Semi-finals of the South Zone Championships. It has been a most impressive run for all our teams in the Football Championships and we look forward to cheering them forward to a successful campaign.

## Conclusion

We completed Term 1 with cohort camps for all our students. I must firstly thank all the teachers for planning and guiding our students through their various activities. It was certainly an excellent opportunity for students and teachers to build relationships through the activities they participated in. It was also very heartening to see the high spirits and determination displayed by our students through the activities they were involved in. Though they were out of the comfort zones, there were no complaints as they took everything in their strides. I was truly glad to see their broad smiles and high spirits as they returned from the camps. This augers well for all of us as we embark on the new school term that is before us.

Also, our Sec 4 Express and Normal (Academic) students were involved in Applied Elective Modules at the various polytechnics. I appreciate teachers for making time to oversee our students in the various programmes they were engaged in and it was also most heartening to see our students taking interest in the learning opportunities offered to them. I am sure our Normal Course students who begin to embark on their Elective Modules these 2 weeks will display the same level of enthusiasm as these programmes are specially arranged for our graduating students to expand on their experience as well as opportunity should they apply for their next stage of learning.

I look forward to your support as we continue to work with our students to develop them to be the Queenswayans that both you and the school will be proud of. The pace of things will pick up as the year progresses but I am confident that we are equal to the challenges as we know that we will find "Success through Diligence".

Yours sincerely

Peter Tan Chong Tze  
Principal

