



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We were pleased to have had the opportunity to meet many of you at the Meet-the-Parents sessions for the various cohorts over the past 3 months. I was heartened that many of you found the time spent worth your while, as it gave you a better sense of how our school will guide your child/ward in his/her development through the years with us. Today, I also concluded my "Breakfast with Parents" and was encouraged by those who turned up to learn more specifically about how you would parent your child especially in these crucial teenage years. The opportunity to meet in smaller groups also allowed me to interact more specifically with you on your concerns for your child.

To further strengthen the very important role you play, we are launching into 2 initiatives to support our students through your involvement.

## Fathers@School

This Saturday morning, our school is happy to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fathers@School Conference in our School Hall. There will be over 300 participants and I am delighted that 18 fathers from our school have signed up to learn more about how they can be better fathers. Such a commitment to their family and children bodes well for our students as it would lead to better family interactions. The stronger relationships will help their children become more confident and resilient.

While many of you were not able to sign-up, we are looking forward to this fledging group who will attend this conference to help us launch Fathers@Queensway, a fathers group that will support other fathers of children in our school with meaningful father-child bonding programmes/activities as well as workshops to equip fathers in their roles. Should you be interested in being part of this group of fathers who will form the committee, please drop me an email at peter\_tan@schools.gov.sg and we will engage you as to when we will soon meet.

## Support for Single Parents

Over the past few months, I have interacted with a number of you who have shared with me your challenges as a single parent. Parenting is challenging with your spouse, but doing it alone means you have to be both father-and-mother to your child/children. We have managed to source the partnership with THK Society who will come alongside single parents in our school. Should you wish to avail yourself for this support, please drop our counsellors, Mrs Vivian Teo (teo\_hwee\_lian@moe.edu.sg) or Mrs Sim (oen\_siew\_yock@moe.edu.sg) an email. We will then work with THK to find the most suitable time for groups of no more than 8 to meet with us. Please be assured that we will keep this information strictly confidential.

Another group of parents and students we want to support are those who are in the process of separation or even considering it. It can be very challenging for your children and we want to support you with how you can also understand what is happening for your child/children through this process.





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## Congratulations to our students

We are very proud of our sporting talent and would look forward to your support, if you can make the time next week. If your son or daughter is in the team, do give them your encouragement and affirmation for the effort they have put in, their discipline in training to get to where they are and the pride they bring to you and us. Whatever the outcomes, they have already done us proud!

Football "B" Division Girls – Our team is playing this Monday, 9 April, in the Finals at Tampines Hub against Hong Kah Secondary School at 3.00pm. Our girls progressed through the whole competition as the only unbeaten team and are looking forward to doing well. I am heartened that they have not allowed their good run to get into their head, but are preparing seriously and with humility to retain the National title.

Sepak Takraw "B" Division Boys – Our team has had a very successful run and have maintained an unbeaten record all the way through the semi-finals. This Wednesday, 11 April, at 1.30 pm at the Yio Chu Kang Sports Hall, our team will be playing against Assumption Pathway.

Football "B" Division Boys – Our team after the zonal rounds have qualified for the Schools Premier League 1. This afternoon, they secured their quarter-finals place with 1 match to play. I know the boys are determined to go all the way and have put in a lot of effort to train and prepare themselves well. We wish them well in the successive matches they will be playing.

Football "C" Division Boys – Our team clinched the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the South Zone Schools Championships. They were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals and their determination not to lose another game was evident. I am proud of how they picked themselves up and won their game 2-0. They have now qualified for the National Schools Championships and we wish them well in the next stage of competitions.

## Conclusion

As mentioned earlier, piling works at the construction site next to our school will commence only after the air-conditioning is fully functional. This is anticipated to be from 19 April onwards. Your child/ward may have told you about a period of vibrations that were felt earlier this week. This was the result of the "test" pile and they assure that they will now know better the soil density and will adjust the piling intensity accordingly.

Please be assured that Building & Construction Authority requires that noise and vibration monitors are placed on our buildings to monitor the effects of the construction works so that they are kept within safety limits. We will also be monitoring this very closely.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tan Chong Tze  
Principal

