



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been my honour and joy to serve as Principal of Queensway Secondary School since 15 December 2017. Your child/ward was informed yesterday that I will retire at the end of this year, after serving in the education service for 40 years, with 24 of these as a Principal. It has been a very enriching and fulfilling vocation and I am grateful for all the teachers and staff I have worked with over the years. It has also been a great joy engaging with students and receiving the very strong support from many parents, and I thank you for your partnership over the years. I also informed our students that Miss Audrey Chen will be taking over as Principal with effect from 20 December 2023. Prior to serving as Director, Professional Development Branch, Academy of Singapore Teachers, Miss Chen was the Principal of Fairfield Methodist Secondary School and she comes with much experience to take Queensway Secondary School forward to the next lap. I look forward to welcoming her to our school after 20 November 2023 as she is currently pursuing a course of studies in New Zealand.

Term 4 Programme for Sec 1 – 2 Students

Your child/ward should have shared with you the outcomes of the End-of-Year Examination as the scripts were returned to them. I would advise that you review these outcomes together with your child/ward with a view to how they have used their time in learning this year and considering what they would do during the upcoming school holidays to prepare themselves for next year. The curriculum of learning in Singapore schools is cyclical, meaning it builds on the learning of previous years and your child/ward would benefit from having a good base to build on their learning for each successive year.

I would also encourage that you work with your child/ward to plan towards spending time in reading during the school holidays. We have invested much in the building of resources in *The Lexicon*, our school library, and your child/ward can borrow books from our library. They can also access books and resources from the National Library, and we are very fortunate to have the Queenstown Library just a short distance from our school. Reading, besides improving on the knowledge and vocabulary for your child/ward, would broaden their perspective that would strengthen their thinking abilities that would equip them for their future. I have shared with our students, that despite being blind, I read at least 12 books a year, and with my visual challenges, I rely on e-books or audio books. Your child/ward would have a much richer pool of resources to interest themselves with, as besides e-books or audio books, they can access print materials.

The schedule for the rest of this term will be sent separately to you via Parents Gateway as we will be making adjustments to the time-table. Do note the dismissal times in view of the upcoming GCE O-Levels.

Thank you for your partnering me and my staff in developing our Queenswayans.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal