



# Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust that you and your family had the opportunity during the June school holidays to spend meaningful time together and also took time to grow in support of each other. I welcomed our students back to school for Semester 2 at Assembly this morning and took time to reacquaint with them our School's Vision.

Our school's vision is "Caring citizens and life-long learners in a school of excellence"

As a staff, we took time this school holidays to review what a school of excellence would be in Queensway Secondary and while as staff we do our part to build towards being the school of excellence we want to see QSS become, our students are the key reason and focus of why we do what we do in our Vision, and our students will be the fruit of all our efforts. Thus, they will need to do their part in making our Vision happen.

Some ways our students can contribute to making QSS "a school of excellence" is in practising our school's values in their daily life, i.e. being Disciplined, showing Respect and taking Responsibility for their actions as they choose to have an attitude of Excellence in all they do. I broke these down into how they should behave in class during lessons, in school through the various programmes they participate in and how they should behave outside of school, both as a Queenswayan and a child/ward to you. I hope you will take some time to engage with him/her to also discuss how you would like to see him/her have discipline, respect, responsibility and the attitude of excellence at home.

I was pleased that they demonstrated the right attitudes as we started off the Semester by being attentive to what was communicated to them. I told them that whatever happened in Semester 1 is over and there is nothing they can do to change the past. However, there is everything they can do to change their future. Thus, my hope and wish for them is to choose the right attitude to begin Semester 2 well and sustain themselves through it so that together as QSS, we grow to be a school of excellence.

## Meet-the-Parents

It was good to see many of you present with your child/ward for the Meet-the-Parents session on the last day of Term 2 and the first day of the school holidays. As I asserted, these meetings are more than a discussion of your child's/ward's academic performance but also to see areas for growth that would be necessary for your child/ward and how we, as adults in their life, can help them achieve their learning goals to develop into the person they want to be. While the majority of parents who were required to see the teachers turned up, it was disappointing that some did not make the effort. This sends a wrong signal to your child/ward that their growth and development in school is not as important. If you have yet to make an arrangement to meet with your child's/ward's teachers, please do so urgently so that we can get this Semester off on a right footing for your child/ward.

I was heartened that many of you took time to appreciate the teachers for their work and also to recognize the efforts of our Student Leaders and acknowledge their efforts to ensure the session went smoothly for you. I am very proud of these Sec 2 Student Leaders who had the attitude of Excellence in what they did by being responsible to their roles and showing respect to all who sought their assistance.





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## Temperature Taking Exercise – Thursday, 4 July 2019

Each time we return from a long school holiday, we would conduct the temperature taking exercise. This is an exercise your child/ward should be familiar with as this has been a practice since he/she was in primary school. Please ensure that your child/ward brings his oral digital thermometer to school for the exercise. They have been told to bring their thermometer tomorrow to ensure it is working and then to bring it on Thursday for the exercise. I hope that as a Caring Citizen, your child/ward will demonstrate this social responsibility.

## CCA Achievements at Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations

As the results of the presentations came at different times, I thought it would be good to put them all together so that we can collectively recognize the efforts of the students, teachers and instructors who put in much effort to train and practise their craft. It was certainly enjoyable for me to watch each of their performance and though we strive to get the highest award, I am very happy to see the effort, determination and perseverance demonstrated by each of our student participants. Please affirm your child/ward for the effort if you have not done so.

Band	Certificate of Accomplishment
Chinese Dance	Certificate of Accomplishment
Choir	Certificate of Distinction
Drama	Certificate of Distinction
Malay Dance	Certificate of Distinction

## Youth Day holiday – Monday, 8 July 2019

To commemorate Youth Day, next Monday will be a school holiday for all students in Singapore. Do take this opportunity, if you can, to spend some time with your child/ward with some meaningful activities. For instance, you may wish to visit the Bicentennial Celebrations events as this is a once in a life celebration of Singapore’s founding and it can also be useful understanding of our history and development. It would give time for you to share significant memories of your life with your child/ward.

## Leaving early for holidays

Semester 2 is a relatively short semester as students, other than those in the graduating year, will end their academic year earlier. I want to take this opportunity to remind parents that school activities are planned for our students right to the last academic school day and you should not plan your holidays before that. The year-end holidays are already very long and you will be sending the wrong signal to your child/ward that the school’s programmes need not be respected or adhered to. This may be to suit a convenience of time or resources, but still wrong as they could turn round and use the same reason to not follow your plans in the future.

Let’s work together as adults in our students’ life to present them the right message to do right and be the best they can be, for in QSS, we believe we will find Success through Diligence!

Yours sincerely,



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Principal

