

Friday September 20th 2024,

Dear parents,

Although it was already evident when I first visited our school last April, it has become increasingly clear over recent weeks that we have a great many talented young people within our Straits International School Rawang community. I have seen posts on Dojo about students taking part in and indeed often winning external competitions; I have spoken to countless parents about the successes of their children outside of school; I have been informed by students themselves about their wonderful achievements in so many diverse fields.

With this in mind, I am keen to create a comprehensive directory of success for students from our school. I know that students who lead fulfilling lives outside of their studies and who find purpose in sports, musical or any other types of activities often tend to excel also in their academic pursuits, so this is something that all adults in our school genuinely wish to celebrate.

So, the basic idea is this: please let us know about anything that your child is doing in terms of clubs, activities or interests so that we can also celebrate successes where appropriate. Being a student at Straits International School Rawang should feel like being a member of a large family group, so it's important that we know as much about each other as students move through the school. Young people being known well and being respected as individuals with their own interests and ambitions is an essential tool in terms of building healthy and purposeful relationships within any large community.

In addition, I would be grateful if parents could help us to make connections with any external clubs from within the local community which our students may be part of already. I am determined for our school to be outward-facing and to be seen as existing at the heart of our community – serving the young people in more than just their academic aspirations.

True community building comes from seeking to understand each other and to support one another with our respective journeys. Your support in our genuine

efforts to see each child as a unique individual and to create harmonious relationships within the local community would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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