



Friday February 14th 2025,

Dear parents,

We have had another busy, purposeful and hugely productive few days in our excellent school this week. In only four days, our Year 5 students have enjoyed a field trip, our magnificent EY team have delivered their Bonding Through Books sessions with parents, our sporting superstars have taken part in badminton, swimming, basketball and football fixtures, we have had School Council, ESG committee and STEPS meetings, an incredible motivational speaker from within our parent community has talked with our Year 9 & 10 students, we have introduced Unifrog to our Year 7 & Year 8 students, our Year 9 students have begun their IGCSE subject options processes, and the qualifying rounds our Talent Show (the Kaleidoscope Dream!) have started in our parent café area.

Clearly, there is a lot going on in Straits International School Rawang this year, and there is a great deal to be enthused about. With change, of course, there can sometimes also be a lot of new information to take in and to process, especially during journeys of improvement. In ISP schools, we call this a good struggle.

Teachers have spoken often to students this year about good struggles, and they have outlined what we mean by this term. Essentially, a good struggle is when we gain new knowledge, skills or understanding. Such moments can be hard, so we also talk a lot about the importance of not giving up and of committing to an improvement process by actively seeking out challenge and intentionally practising the new things that we have learned.

The same principle applies also to teachers. In simple terms, learning never stops – not even for highly-qualified or experienced professionals, so teachers must also embrace the good struggles that come with getting better. In Straits International School Rawang – and in the best schools globally – teachers commit to personal improvement in the same way that students do. When this happens, great results usually follow.

As always, thank you to all parents for your wonderful support with everything we

are trying so hard to achieve here in our school. The success we will enjoy is something we will reach together, and perhaps via one or two good struggles on the way!

Yours sincerely,



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