

Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025,

Dear parents,

Thank you to all parents who took the time recently to complete the IPS NPS parent survey. It is hugely important that we take parental perspectives into account as we continue our school's journey of further improvement, and the results provided in this latest round of information-finding will help us to keep moving things forward.

Interestingly, our parent NPS scores improved significantly from the last time that the survey was published, with results in all areas higher than previously. In terms of communication, for example, you rated us as 15% more effective; for pastoral support, you rated us as 13% more effective; sharing evidence of progress was rated as 10% more effective; personalised approaches to learning was rated as 19% more effective; and 83% of you stated that your child is experiencing a 'good struggle' (11% more than last time!)

In addition, our student retention figures are now higher than they have ever been before, meaning that we will have greater stability in terms of student numbers. Undoubtedly, this is linked to the improved confidence that our community has in our school. My guarantee to you as parents is that the improvements we have made together this academic year are just the beginning; over the course of next year and beyond, we will continue to develop Straits International School Rawang into the school of choice for parents in both Rawang and other surrounding areas.

I am also delighted this week to outline another exciting external partnership that we have developed in order to further support the holistic development of the young people in our care. We have partnered with the Selangor Symphony Orchestra (SSO) to deliver a special ensemble performance at the end of Term 3. Mr. Eugene Pook, the lead conductor of the SSO, will be joining us to prepare and guide our students through two practice sessions before the final performance.

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## The key dates are as follows:

- Thursday, 3rd July Full Orchestra Practice Session (3.30-5.30pm)
- Friday, 4th July –Sectional Practice Session (3.00pm-5.00pm)
- Saturday, 5th July Rehearsal and Concert (10am-1pm)

In the first instance, our Music department have contacted the parents of students who we already know are competent musicians. Once this part of the process is complete, we will also invite applications from other students, although parents should note that, as the sessions will be led by an experienced professional musician, students forming the orchestra should be at least a Grade 3 AMRSM equivalent and must be able to confidently read music scores.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me about any of the points above, or indeed about any other issues, then you are always welcome to do so via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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