

Friday March 21st 2025,

Dear parents,

I am writing this week about how we support effective transition between our primary & secondary phases in Straits International School Rawang. In many schools, the gap between primary & secondary can seem large, and this in turn can make the move from primary to secondary seem quite daunting for Year 6 students.

In a genuine through-school environment such as Straits International School Rawang, however, we very purposefully and intentionally seek to make the experience much smoother for the young people in our care. Indeed, our aim is for our entire educational provision to feel like a seamless journey for students, where the only really noticeable change is that a new uniform is worn from Years 7 and above.

With this in mind, our Heads of Primary & Secondary – Ms. Katherine & Mr. Simon – have used their vast experience and considerable expertise to put together a transition plan which will follow a very clear timeline for the remainder of this academic year. Our first event on the timeline begins early next month – on Thursday April 3rd – with a movie night for students from Years 6 & 7. This event will bring together students who are about to move from the primary phase to the secondary phase with those who completed this step only a few months earlier. Further details about this initiative will follow in due course.

Later in the academic year, we will also hold a transition talk for parents as well as scheduling other events which focus on both academic and pastoral preparations. For example, we will ensure that our Year 6 students have taster sessions of subjects which they will take for the first time when they enter Year 7 in August, such as Science, Geography, History & Drama, to name but some.

Essentially, getting transition from our primary to our secondary phase right is really important to us, and we are determined to create a harmonious culture which helps students to feel comfortable and supported at all stages of their

journey through Straits International School Rawang. We won't leave anything to chance in terms of student development, and we will always implement carefully thought-out and contextualised plans.

As always, if there are any issues arising from this letter which parents would like to discuss further, or indeed if there are any questions regarding any other matters, then you are welcome to contact me directly via the email address below.

Yours sincerely,

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