

Welcome Address by Principal

Sec 4/5 Parent-Teacher Conference



A PRESENTATION BY
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MSS Is Getting More Popular

- Sec 1 posting exercise revealed that the enrolment of students to our school across all 3 posting groups have increased.

Sec 1 Enrolment			
Posting Group	2022	2023	2024
3	64	72	73 ↑
2	71	79	90 ↑
1	29	24	39 ↑
Total	164	175	202 ↑

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- 81.7% of the students posted to our school had indicated Marsiling Secondary School as one of their top 3 choices.

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- DSA applicants to our school have also increased over the years!

Sec 1 DSA Applicants			
Posting Group	2022	2023	2024
3	2	8	12 ↑
2	7	16	15
1	4	5	8 ↑
Total	13	29	35 ↑

General Expectations of students

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Attention and Focus
- Load and Rigour
- Revision and Practice



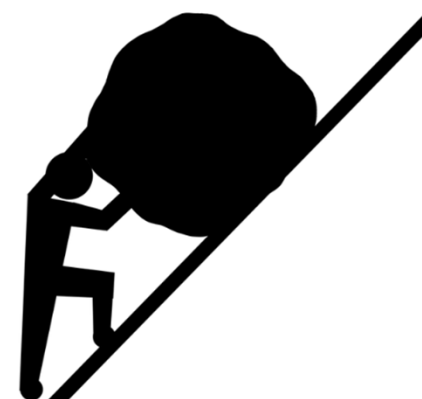
Entry criteria to Poly, JC & CI



- Junior Colleges
 - $L1R5 \leq 20$
- Polytechnics
 - $L1R2B2 \leq 26$

Challenges ahead

- About 23,500 students took O-Level exams annually
- Usually about 60-70% will apply to Poly as 1st choice
 - 40% posted to Poly are JC-eligible
 - 14 Poly courses with cut-off point 10 or below
 - Some Poly courses with cut-off point as low as 7





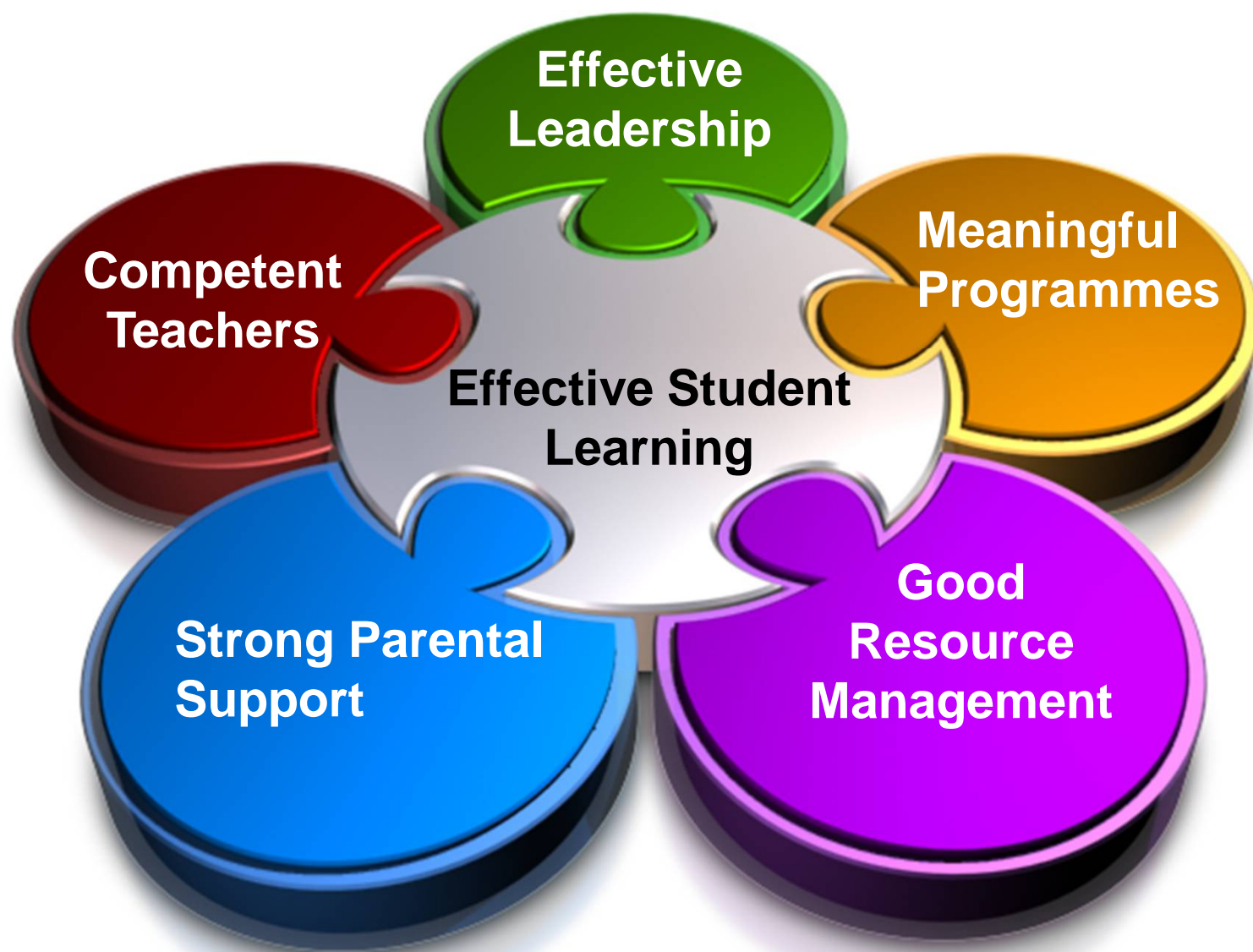
Challenges ahead

Working towards qualifying is...
NOT ENOUGH!

Why Students Under-perform?

- Distracted by family problems
- Taking on family's financial responsibility
- Lack of a conducive environment for studying at home
- Development of bad habits
- Negative peer influence
- Loss of hope and confidence
- Lack of support and encouragement

Key Success Factors



PTC :
School support for
Sec 4/5



Supporting our students



➤ **Preparing Students for National Examinations**

- ✓ Weekly Supplementary Revision Programme (part of timetable)
- ✓ Mother Tongue intensive in May (5 days) before GCE O Level MT examination on May 27th
- ✓ Special timetable after MT exam providing students more curriculum time for other subjects (Term 3)
- ✓ Timed Practice for Oral and Written Exams
- ✓ Form Teachers' sharing with their classes on Exam Preparation
- ✓ Motivational Workshop (Term 3)
- ✓ Conclusion of CCAs (26th April)



Supporting our students

➤ Preparing Students for National Examinationscont'd

- ✓ Structured Holiday Programmes :
 - i) March ii) June iii) Septemberfor teachers to reinforce concepts learnt & guide students on coursework
- ✓ Mid-year Post Exam Programme includes coursework sessions to support students for their coursework submissions
- ✓ Night Self-Study (Semester 2), providing conducive environment for students



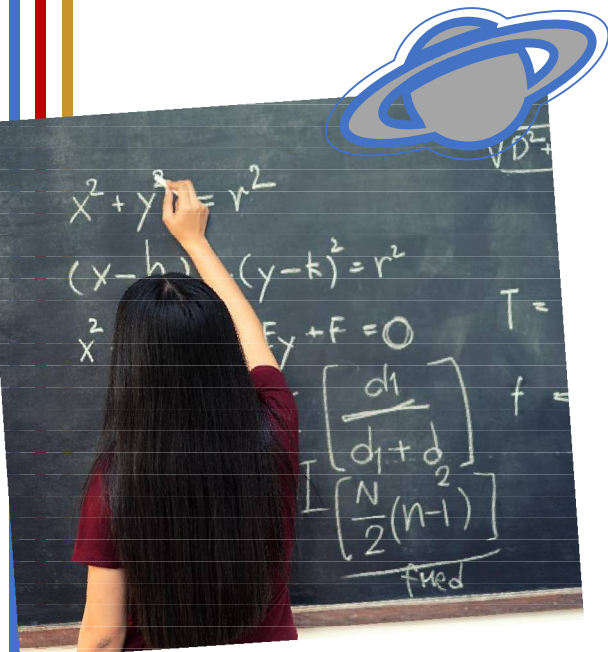
ECG Preparation

To help students reserve a place at an Institute of Higher Learning before their GCE 'N' & 'O' Levels examinations

- ✓ Students attend Polytechnic Open Houses
- ✓ EAE/PFP Talk by NYP (4E/5N/4NA)
- ✓ ITE EAE Talk (4NA/4NT)
- ✓ Careers Day (8th March)
- ✓ NYP Course Counselling
- ✓ EAE ITE Writing /Interview Skills workshop (4NA/4NT)
- ✓ EAE Testimonial Writing Workshop (4E/5N)
- ✓ ECG Workshop, individual & group counselling
- ✓ Work Experience Programmes / Industry Learning Journeys

Close monitoring

To Help students reserve a place at an institute of higher learning before their GCE 'N' & 'O' Levels examinations... cont'd



- ✓ Supporting students by facilitating their write-ups and interviews
- ✓ Monitoring and tracking of students' EAE submissions and interviews
- ✓ Student well-being – Presentation/sharing by School Counsellor on Stress Management during preparation for examinations
- ✓ Form Teachers monitor students' WA results against holistic target setting & provide feedback to parents (PTMs)

National Examinations Dates 2024

GCE N(T) & N(A) Level Examinations	Dates
1) Oral Exams	22 nd July – 25 th July
2) Listening Comprehension	10 th Sept – 12 th September
3) Practical & Written Examinations	10 th Sept – 19 th September 9 th Sept – 8 th October
GCE O-Level Examinations	
1) Oral Exams	4 th July – 25 th July 22 nd – 26 th July
2) Listening Comprehension	3 rd July 16 th October
3) Practical & Written Examinations	27 th May 24 th September – 27 th September 2 nd October – 15 th October 17 th October – 11 th November

Examination information at SEAB website : <https://www.seab.gov.sg/home>

National Coursework Deadlines 2024

GCE N(T) & N(A) Level Examinations	Dates
1) Elements of Business Studies	14 th May
2) Nutrition & Food Science	8 th July
3) Design & Technology	12 th July
4) Art	1 st August
5) Music	Term 3
GCE O-Level Examinations	
1) Nutrition & Food Science	29 th July
2) Design & Technology	26 th July
3) Art	16 th Sept

Parental Support

Academic Support

- Ensure good attendance and punctuality for all school programmes and remedial lessons
- Monitor homework and revision
- Understand the different educational pathways after MSS
- Set goals and work towards it

Parental Support

Physical Support

- Provide conducive environment to study at home
- Encourage child to:
 - sleep and eat well
 - maintain good health by exercising
 - avoid late nights
 - avoid long hours on the Internet

Parental Support

Emotional Support

- Offer encouragement for their efforts
- Provide emotional and moral support
- Engage in face-to-face dialogues to understand what they are going through and how they are feeling
- Be physically there for them

Advice for Students

1. Begin with the end in mind (set your goals)
2. Be PRESENT for all classes, remedial and extra lessons
3. Ask questions and seek help when in doubt
4. Begin NOW
5. Use your holidays to consolidate and revise
6. Finish all coursework by June to free up time for other subjects
7. Work hard and excel in the Mid-Year GCE O-Level MTL papers first (if any).

Social & Emotional Support

- Termly Check-In Survey
- 1-to-1 Dialogue/ Class Discussion with Form Teachers
- Peer Support Leaders
- Education & Career Guidance Counsellor
- School Counsellors & Teacher Counsellors
- Special Educational Needs Officers
- Year Heads
- Subject Head (Student Well-Being)
- Student Welfare Officer



Parents' Communication Channels with Teachers

- Email correspondence
- Parent Gateway (reminders and important information)
- Urgent message relay – General Office

Upcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
12 March	March Study Camp	In school	730am
15 – 23 May	MT / Coursework Intensive	In school	TBC
24 May	Parent Teacher Meeting (0800hr – 1230hr)		
27 May	GCE O-Level MT Exam	In school	Exams Timetable
June Sch Hols 1 st & 4 th Week	June Study Camp	In school	TBC

Upcoming Activities

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Term 3 W2	Positive Mindset Enrichment	Various	TBC
Term 3	Preliminary Exams GCE O & N level Oral Exams National Coursework Deadlines	In school	Exams Timetable
2 & 3 Sept	Sept Study Camp	In school	TBC
27 Sept	Graduation Ceremony	In school	TBC
GCE O & N Level Written Exams			

RESOURCES

COURSEFINDER



[CourseFinder | MOE](#)

SCHOOLFINDER



[SchoolFinder | MOE](#)

JIE/JAE MOE WEBSITE



[Joint Admissions Exercise \(JAE\):
Overview | MOE](#)

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF 2024 JAE COURSES



www.moe.gov.sg/jaecourses

MYSKILLSFUTURE STUDENT PORTAL

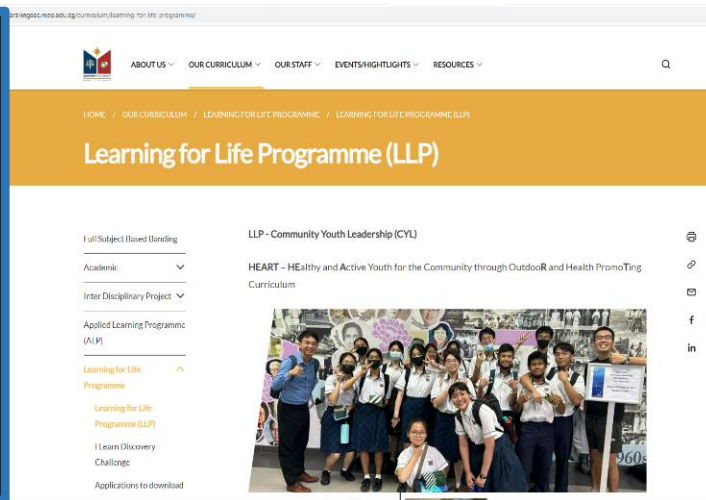
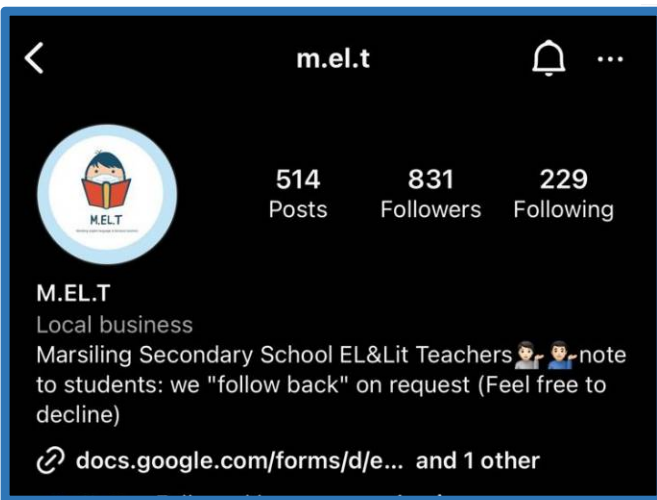


[Secondary \(myskillsfuture.gov.sg\)](http://Secondary(myskillsfuture.gov.sg))



CONNECT WITH US!

Get to know more of our students' experiences!



<https://marsilingsec.moe.edu.sg>



Updates for Parents

School Website Link:

<https://www.marsilingsec.moe.edu.sg/latest-information-and-events/>

A group of five school students, three boys and two girls, are standing on a green lawn in front of a modern building. They are all wearing dark blue school uniforms with red ties. The building behind them has a colorful mural on its wall. The students are smiling and looking towards the camera.

Thank You

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