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Sharing on Subject-Based Banding, PSLE Scoring & Direct School Admission

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Overview

- Understanding **Subject Based Banding (SBB)** for Informed Decision Making
- Understanding **PSLE Scoring & Secondary School Admission**
- Preparing for **Direct School Admission (DSA)**
- Q & A





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Understanding Subject Based Banding (SBB)

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Overview of Presentation

- **What is Subject Based Banding (SBB)?**
- **Why Introduce SBB?**
- **How does SBB Work?**
- **What are the Available Options?**
- **Important Factors to Consider**
- **SBB and Secondary School Admission**



What is SBB?

**Catering to
Your Child's
Abilities,
Strengths and
Talents**

Every child is unique, and has different aptitudes, capabilities and talents. We believe in providing a balanced education that caters to the different abilities of each child so that we can prepare him or her for life.

Subject-based Banding (Primary) was introduced as a refinement to the streaming process to help each child realise his or her potential, based on his or her strengths and needs.



Why Introduce SBB?

- Offers students the option of **Standard and Foundation Subjects**, depending on their strengths.
 - allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong while
 - building the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in



Catering to Your Child's Abilities, Strengths and Talents



English

Standard



**Mother
Tongue**

Standard



Mathematics

Foundation



Science

Foundation



How does SBB Work?

Parents' Decision

Primary 4

- Your child sits for the school-based exams.
- **School recommends a subject combination** based on child's exam results at the end of the year.
- **Parents fill up an option form** indicating your child's preferred subject combination.

School's Decision

Primary 5

- Child takes subject combination chosen by parents.
- **School assesses child's ability to cope with the current subject combination at the end of the year.**
- Adjustments to the number of standard and foundation subjects can be made, if needed.

Primary 6

- **Child takes subject combination decided by school** and sits for the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) at the end of Primary 6.

What are the Available Options?

Child's Results at END of P4	Child may be recommended to take...
Passes all 4 subjects or Passes at least in 3 subjects	4 standard subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ English Language○ Mother Tongue Language○ Mathematics○ Science
Passes 4 subjects and does very well in Mother Tongue Language	4 standard subjects + Higher Mother Tongue Language
Pass 2 or fewer subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3 standard subjects + 1 foundation subject○ 2 standard subjects + 2 foundation subjects○ 1 standard subject + 3 foundation subjects○ 4 foundation subjects



At END of P5: Students generally continue with the same subject combination in P6 unless they perform poorly in one or more subjects at P5.



Important Factors to Consider

School will continue to recommend based on the following:

- Your child's **aptitude, motivation and performance** for each subject;
- Your child's **ability to cope** with a particular subject combination; and
- Primary School focuses on **building a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy.**

Thus, the subject combination offered should help the child build this foundation.



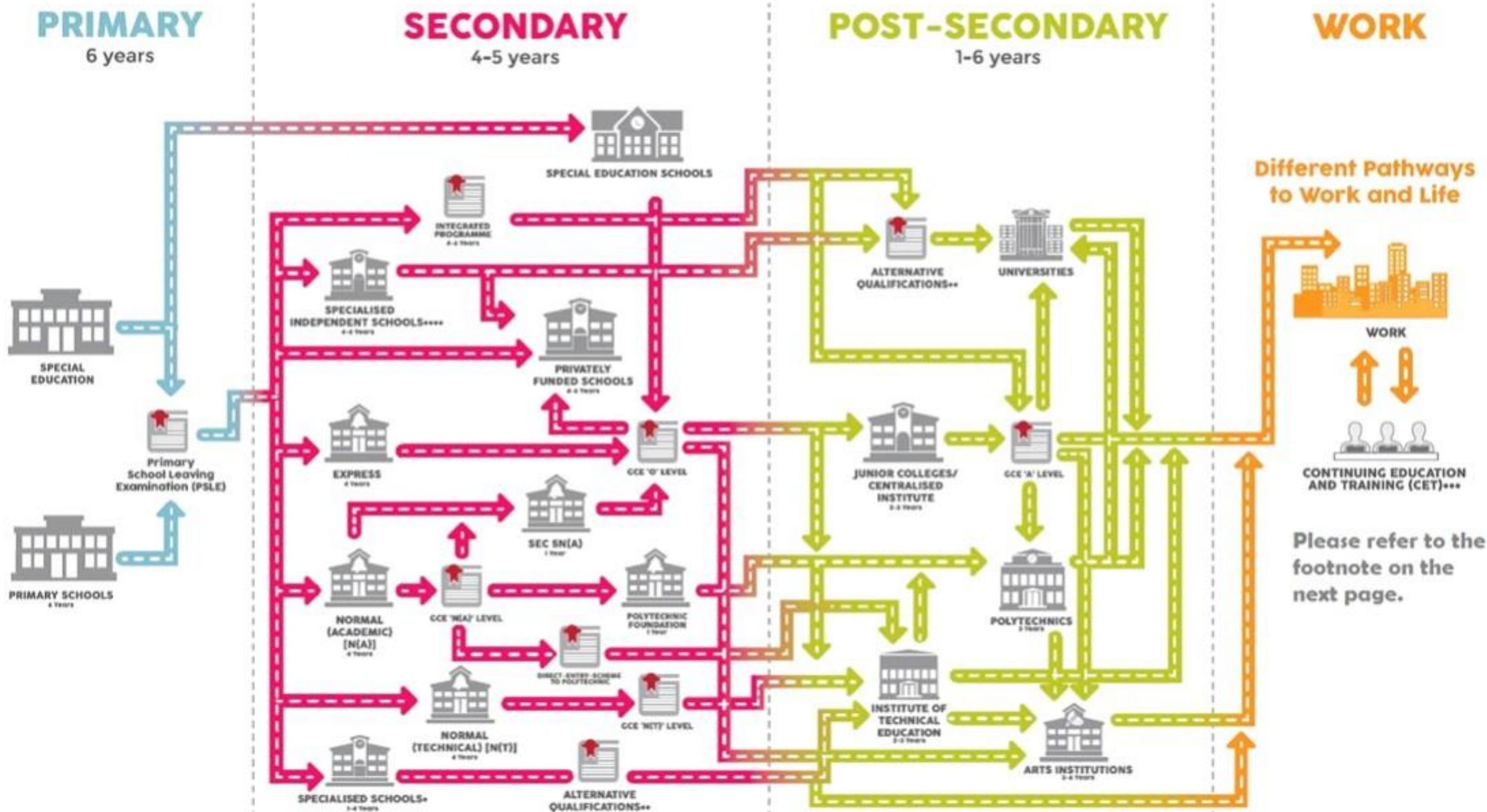
Important Factors to Consider

Parents to consider the following when deciding:

- Understand your child's **abilities and needs**;
- Understand the **scoring system for PSLE**;
- Understand the **different future pathways** available for your child and the **requirements**



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Important Factors to Consider

Offering subjects at the foundation level is not a disadvantage to your child

- enables him/her to focus on building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and
- better prepares him/her for progression to secondary school



Higher Mother Tongue

- Your child's **ability to cope with Mother Tongue and the other subjects** (EL, Maths & Science)
- HMT students are required
 - to stay for an **extra 1h and 45 min of curriculum time** after school;
 - manage **additional homework** and
 - sit for **one additional paper (HMT) at P5 exams & Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE)**
- Remedial classes for HMT students will not be provided as they are expected to meet the minimum standards in MT proficiency



Higher Mother Tongue

- To continue to be offered HMT in P6, your child will have to meet the criteria of obtaining:
 - at least an **AL4 (75% and above) in EL, Maths, Science and MTL**
 - a **pass in HMT**at the end of P5
- Studying HCL does not guarantee entry into Special Assistance Plan (SAP) schools*. Students are still required to attain the entry requirements for SAP schools

** Note SAP schools offer only Chinese Language as Mother Tongue*



List of Special Assistance Plan (SAP) Schools

1. Anglican High School
2. Catholic High School
3. CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School
4. Chung Cheng High School (Main)
5. Dunman High School
6. Hwa Chong Institution
7. Maris Stella High School
8. Nanyang Girls' High School
9. River Valley High School
10. Nan Hua High School
11. Nan Chiau High School

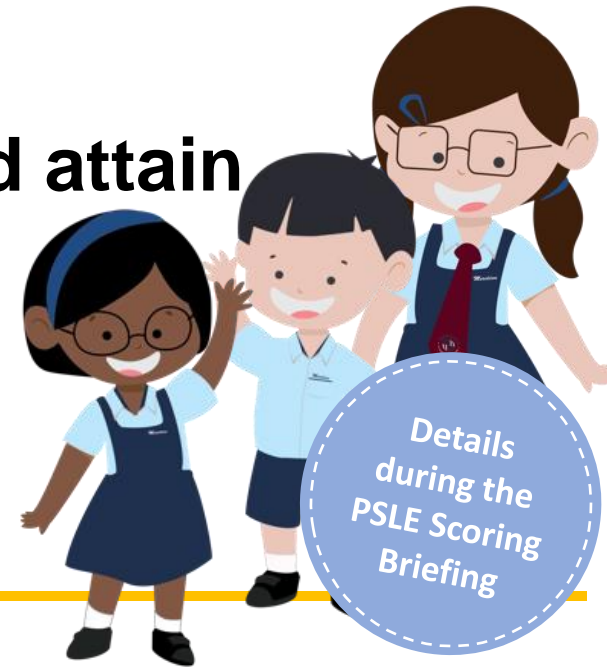


Higher Mother Tongue

- For your child to take HMTL in secondary school, he/she should meet the following criteria:
 - i. **An overall PSLE score of 8 or better**

Or

 - ii. **An overall PSLE score of 9 to 14 (inclusive) and attain**
 - **AL1 / AL2 in MTL or**
 - **Distinction/Merit in HMTL**









HCL Posting Advantage for Entry to SAP Schools

Students will be ranked taking into account their performance in HCL.

This posting advantage applies before the tie-breakers for S1 posting.

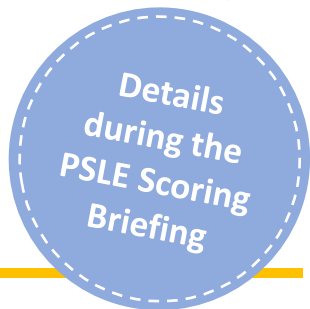
Details during the PSLE Scoring Briefing

1st		7	NO HCL
2nd		8	DISTINCTION
3rd		8	MERIT
4th		8	PASS
5th		8	NO HCL
6th		9	DISTINCTION



SBB & Secondary School Admission

- Progression to secondary level depends on your **child's PSLE score**
- The different expectations of standard and foundation subjects will be taken into account when your child's PSLE score is calculated
- If he/she excels in his/her subjects, he/she will have the opportunity to pursue higher-level options at secondary school level





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