



COMMONWEALTH SECONDARY SCHOOL
Nurturing Champions of Today and Leaders of Tomorrow

4 September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 1 Express and Normal (Academic) Students

BRING YOUR OWN PERSONAL LEARNING DEVICE (PLD) FOR YEAR 2020

1. “If we teach today’s students as we taught yesterday’s, we rob them of tomorrow” – John Dewey. At Commonwealth Secondary School, we nurture Confident Learners for tomorrow. Over the past few years, our school has exposed our students to various Information and Communication Technologies, such as the internet, software, computers and mobile phones to enhance their learning.

2. This year, our school has piloted learning through 1-to-1 Chromebook for our Secondary 1 Express and Normal (Academic) students. Students use the devices to activate their learning by accessing varied digital resources, to thinking critically via data analysis and collaborative discussion, to demonstrate learning through quizzes, creation of digital products and presentation, as well as to receive timely and customised feedback from teachers and peers. Surveys showed that our students have enjoyed their learning and developed new skills for the 21st century.

3. In 2020, our school will scale up the 1-to-1 Chromebook pilot to 1-to-1 PLD to further facilitate personalised learning for more subjects at any time, from anywhere. Our school requires our Secondary 1 and 2 Express and Normal (Academic) students to bring their own PLD to school. Students’ PLD could be

- a Chromebook,
- a Windows laptop / tablet or
- a MacBook / iPad.

4. We will be conducting a briefing session for you and your child/ward to provide more details on the learning experiences in 2020, discipline in using PLD and suitable PLD.

Date: Saturday, 21 Sep 2019

Time: 9 am to 10.30 am

Venue: School Hall

5. For parents/guardians who are interested to explore a Chromebook for your child/ward, we have arranged for a Chromebook roadshow at the end of the session.

6. We look forward to meeting you at the briefing session.

Yours Sincerely

Ng Boon Kiat
Principal