



Northbrooks Secondary School

Frequently Asked Questions (correct as of 26 Dec 2022)

1. School Hours

- ☐ Reporting time for **is 7.20 a.m.** and on Thursdays, students report to the classroom at 8.20 a.m.
- ☐ However, for the first week of school, please refer to the Orientation Schedule for school hours and reporting attire.

2. Class allocation

- ☐ Students will be placed in mixed form classes where there will be a set of common curriculum subjects: Art, Design and Technology, Food and Consumer Education and Music
- ☐ Parents will be able to check their child's/ward's class via Parents Gateway (PG) **by the end of 30 December 2021**

3. Sale of Textbooks and Uniforms

- ☐ You may refer to our school website for more information.

4. Attire-Related Queries

- ☐ The default attire is full school uniform. On the first day of school, Secondary 1 students are to report in their PE T-shirt and school pants/skirts.
- ☐ Students are to wear black shoes and black socks.
On Fridays, students are allowed to wear Polo-T shirt with school pants/skirts. ☐
- ☐ If you are unable to get a set of uniform before school starts on 3 January 2023, your child should report in his/her primary school uniform until he/she is able to purchase the uniform.
- ☐ The number of sets of uniforms which you will need to purchase is at your own discretion. You can always purchase more sets of uniform from the vendor even after school is in session.

5. Subject Based Banding (SBB)

- ☐ You would have received a letter of offer via PG application **by 24 December, 9 a.m.** If your child meets the criteria for SBB but did not receive the letter of offer, please email us at northbrooks@moe.edu.sg.
- ☐ Please submit the choice of SBB via PG application **by 27 December 2021, 5 p.m.**
- ☐ SBB is only offered to students in the NA and NT stream.
- ☐ You can refer to our SBB page for more information.

6. Higher Mother Tongue (HMT)

- ☐ You would have received a letter of offer via PG application. If your child meets the criteria for HMT but did not receive the letter of offer, please email us at northbrooks@moe.edu.sg.
- ☐ Please submit the acceptance of Higher Mother Tongue offer through PG application **by 27 December 2021, 5 p.m.**
- ☐ Higher Chinese lessons are held in school during curriculum time. Higher Malay lessons and Higher Tamil lessons are conducted at designated language centres (once a week) after curriculum hours (approximately 3 hours). More information will be given to your child within the first two weeks of school.
- ☐ To accept the Higher Mother Tongue offer by MOE, parents need to just accept offer via Parents Gateway (Click 'YES'). Parents do not need to submit the form physically at the language centre.
- ☐ **For lessons that are conducted at external venues (HML, HTL, AEP, MEP, 3rd Language),** ample time will be given to students to ensure they are able to have their lunch and travel to the venues. Subject teachers will work with students to ensure they are supported for lessons that they miss.

7. Mother Tongue Languages

If your child has been exempted from Mother Tongue Languages in primary school or did not sit for Mother Tongue during PSLE, please email our HOD(Mother Tongue Languages) Ms Loh Mew Chew at Loh_Mew_Chew@schools.gov.sg **by 27 December 2021, 5 p.m.** with relevant supporting details (e.g. exemption letter from CPDD).

8. Third Language Offer

A Letter of Offer will be sent to you via Parents Gateway. Parents must then register online at MOELC (<https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/>) to accept the offer. There is no need to report to a language centre.

9. CCA-related questions

- ☐ For more information, you may wish to browse our CCA prospectus.

11. Use of Lockers

Please refer to the school website on the rental of lockers.

- ☐ There is no need to purchase an additional lock as each locker is equipped with a number lock which students will need to set at the start of the year.
- ☐ Students are encouraged to practise discretion and not share their lock pin with other students for the safety of their personal possessions. Books and files should be removed before the semestral holidays in June and November.

12. Handphone Usage Policy

- ☐ Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school. However, students are not allowed to use their phones during curriculum hours i.e. during lessons, recess and lunch breaks.
- ☐ Students can use their mobile phones during before/after school.
- ☐ Students are reminded to keep their personal belongings safe.

If there are further questions, please drop us an email at northbrooks@moe.edu.sg or call our General Office at 67524311.