

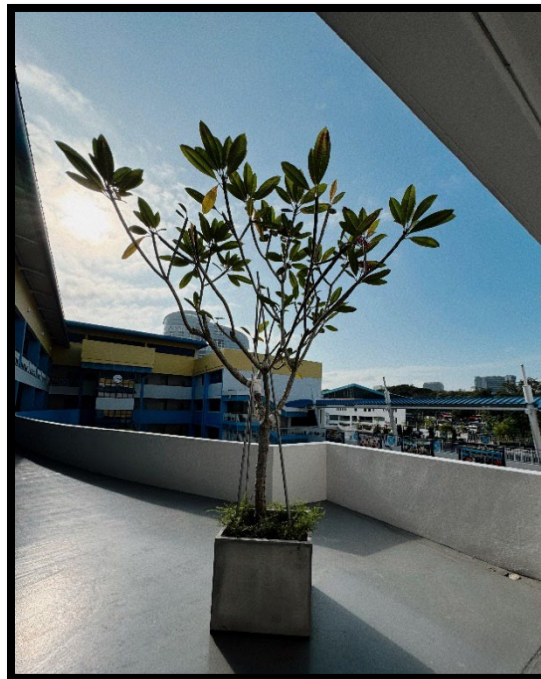


21 March 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian,

2025 Term 2 Updates

At the start of 2025, we placed this new tree sapling at level 3 near the classrooms as a visual reminder to our students and staff. We hope that our students will learn to lean towards the light and to Jesus, as trees grow towards the sun for its source of energy and strength. We also desire for our students to be rooted as the roots anchor and support the tree. Lastly, just as trees in a forest help one another to adapt to their environment and to grow healthy and strong, our wish is for our students to build their community of support too.



With this in mind, I encouraged the students to **“Be patient, Be in community, Be growing”** when I ended Term 1 with them. It is so important that our students continue to learn about this throughout the rest of the year, so as to thrive in the school community and in the larger society in future.

For Term 2, our Secondary 1 students will start off by participating in the actual MethodistWalk 2025. All our Fairsians will then end off by experiencing the exciting FLEX week in Week 9.

MethodistWalk 2025

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/guardians for your support and contributions to the MethodistWalk 2025. We would also like to update that as part of the Methodist Walk tradition, our Secondary 1 students will represent our school to participate in the actual walk on 29 March 2025, together with the rest of the Methodist family. Information about the 4km walk and meeting details have already been shared with the Secondary 1 students and parents in an earlier announcement.

We are still some way from our target in terms of the funds raised, so do consider donating via this link or QR code if you have not yet done so:

<https://www.giving.sg/donate/campaign/fairfield-methodist-school-secondary-mw2025>



Fairfield Learning EXperience (FLEX) Week

All students across the levels will participate in the FLEX Week in Term 2 Week 9. FLEX provides opportunities for our students to experience the joy of learning through a series of hands-on educational programmes or camp. Please see the focus and information for each level's FLEX programme for this year. More details about the various enrichment activities that your child/ward is involved in will be provided nearer the date.

Term 2 Week 9 (21 to 23 May 2025)		
Levels	FLEX Week (Wed to Fri)	Focus and Description
Sec 1	Outdoor Adventure camp	The Secondary 1 cohort will have their 3D2N outdoor adventure camp at Passion Wave, Sembawang from 21 to 23 May 2025. Through this camp, our students will discover more about themselves and grow in teamwork and resilience. Some highlights of the camp include cycling along the Sembawang Park Connector Network, orienteering activities and outdoor cooking. The camp will end off with a special finale night programme.
Sec 2	Diff-abilities workshop, Learning Journeys, Fam-Quest programme	Planned with the focus on Community and Leadership, the students will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of people with disabilities and develop self-leadership and empathy. The Secondary 2s will also explore family values in the Fam-Quest programme by FamChamps, as they learn about the importance of the family unit in the community.
Sec 3	Various FLEX Challenges, FLEX Challenge showcase	Students will be involved in an immersive week of FLEX Challenges that will culminate in a showcase. On 21 and 22 May 2025, most of the FLEX Challenges will run from assembly till 12 noon. More details about the respective programme timings and dress code will be shared with parents subsequently. On 23 May 2025, all Secondary 3 students will showcase their learning and celebrate their achievements at the FLEX Challenge showcase. They will report to school in their school uniform for assembly till 12 noon.
Sec 4/5	MT Sprint study programme, Master classes on study skills and self-management skills, Inter-class games	The Secondary 4/5 students will report to school and end around 12 noon from 21 to 23 May 2025. Through the classes and games, they will develop essential study and self-management skills and bond with their classes.

For **our students' wellbeing**, we would like to seek your partnership to remind your child/ward on the following matter.

Emergency Lock Down and Evacuation Exercise

As part of the school's preparedness strategy, we will be holding an emergency exercise in Term 2. This exercise is essential for ensuring safety and readiness. We will brief students about the purpose and procedures before the exercise.

Information on the penalties and consequences of Vaping

E-vaporisers are illegal in Singapore. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of such offences is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated.

MOE takes a firm stand against vaping. Vaping is categorised as a serious offence. When students are caught using or in possession of e-vaporisers, the prohibited product will be confiscated and their parents will be informed. The schools will report the offender to HSA and also manage vaping-related offences through existing disciplinary frameworks. These include taking school-based disciplinary actions, such as suspension or caning (for boys). Students caught vaping will also be placed on cessation support programmes where counsellors will guide them through their cessation journey to effect long-term behavioural change.

Parents have an important part to play in their children's education. There are resources and relevant information that parents can access on Parent Hub. Parents are encouraged to have a serious conversation with their children about vaping to prevent it from becoming a life-long habit. More information about the harms of vaping is available on Parent Hub at <https://go.gov.sg/parent-hub-vaping>.

Thank you for working alongside us to help our Fairians grow in patience and build their community.

Yours Faithfully,



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