

# Direct School Admission Welcome tEa Session

14 September 2020



# The Curriculum Learning Experience



# **Broad-Based Holistic Education**

Character
Cognitive
Community
Aesthetics
Physical



# **Character & Leadership Education**

- Discussions on Ethical, Civics & Moral Issues
- Cohort Camps and Leadership training
- Opportunities to lead in class, CCAs and student leadership organizations



# Student Leadership

- CCA Leaders' Council
- House Captains & Committees
- Junior Leaders
- Class management committees

- Senior Leaders
- Prefectorial Board
- Monitors' Council
- Peer Support Board



## **Co-Curricular Activities**

- 13 Sports
- 6 Uniformed Groups
- 4 Performing Arts
- 5 Clubs & Societies



# Diverse Subject Choices - Special Programmes

- Art Elective Programme (AEP)
- Regional Studies Programme (RSP)
- Exercise and Sports Science (ESS) at 'O' Level



# **Talent Development**

- Academic excellence
- Career guidance
- Self-actualisation



# **Community Education**

- Social Innovation through Design Thinking
- Empathy through Action
- Victoria Challenge: Every 4 years



# **Boarding Programme**

- Experience independent and community living
- Learn relevant life skills beyond the academic curriculum
- Develop leadership skills and character



# **Beyond Borders**

Local and overseas trips to develop global perspectives



## **Aesthetics Education**

- Aesthetics & Design Modules and Electives
- Lunchtime concerts, VS Arts Festival, VS Factor
- Performing Arts and Media Arts CCAs



# **Sports Education**

- Physical Education twice a week
- Sports modules during PE including football, softball etc.
- Cross Country Championships, Track & Field Championships
- Exercise and Sports Science at 'O' Level



# VCA Integrated Programme



# SOCIAL INNOVATOR PASSIONATE LEARNER

#### **Social Innovator**

- Empathises and feels for social issues
- Challenges the process produce innovative solutions
- Leads with compassion

#### **Passionate Learner**

- Is curious about the world
- Seeks interconnectedness and mastery in both the sciences and humanities
- Possesses personal voice to advance learning



# Who Should Apply

- Ambiguity
- Bold
- Collaborative
- Driven

## VCA IP 6C Framework

#### CORE

Character & Citizenship Education
Social Studies Education
English Language & Literature
Mother Tongue Languages
Third Language (optional)
Mathematics
Science
Humanities
Art
Physical Education

#### COMMUNITY

Joint VCA Activities

#### CHART

Helmsman Programme

#### THE 6C FRAMEWORK

#### CHALLENGE

Regional Studies
Programme
Research Education
Programme
Talent Development
Programme

#### CHOICE

Co-Curricular Activities Electives Programme

#### CONNECT

Beyond Borders Programme Imagineering Programme



# Victoria-Cedar Alliance Joint Activities

- CCAs
- Talent Development
- Student Leadership
- Joint Programmes e.g. Orientation, Science Explore, SG50 celebrations







# DSA: What's Next?

## **DSA Timeline: What's Next?**

26 Oct 2020

School Preference Form

• Students with CO or WL will receive a School Preference Form from their primary school.

26 Oct (9 am) to 30 Oct (3 pm)

School Preference Submission

- Applicants may indicate up to three schools, in order of preference
- Amendments/withdrawal can be made by 3 pm on 30 Oct
- No further amendment or withdrawal after this stage

Tentatively between 25 and 27 Nov 2020

(Result Release)

- Students collect DSA-Sec allocation result and PSLE results from their primary school
- Students who are unsuccessful in the DSA exercise will be notified of the outcome and will participate in the Sec 1 Posting process

Next working day after release of sec 1 posting (late December)

Students to report to their posted schools at 8.30 am

# What is Confirmed Offer and Wait List?

**Confirmed Offer:** The student has a place reserved in the school as long as he qualifies for the academic course offered by the school based on the PSLE results.

**Wait List**: The student will be given a place in the school, only if students with COs choose not to take up those offers.

List of Offers/WL
School A (WL)
School B (CO)
School C (WL)

# **School Preference Submission**

- 1. School C (WL)
- 2. School B (CO)

#### Note:

- 1. At the School Preference Submission period, choose only the school/s that is suitable for your child's abilities/talents and which your child is interested in.
- In above example, student will be allocated to School B if the child is not successful in being allocated to School C





# **DSA: Important Notes**

- For students admitted to a school through DSA-Sec Exercise
  - Not allowed to participate in the Secondary One Posting Exercise as places have already been reserved for them in the DSA-Sec schools.
  - Not allowed to transfer to another school after release of PSLE results or during the course of study



# DSA: Important Notes

Programme	Expectations	
O Level	<ul> <li>4 year commitment to VS</li> <li>4 year commitment to CCA</li> <li>Able to do well academically in VS</li> <li>Sec 1 to 3 : Meet Promotion Criteria</li> <li>O Levels : L1R5 ≤ 15</li> </ul>	
Integrated Programme (IP)	<ul> <li>6 year commitment to VS &amp; VJC</li> <li>4 year commitment to Sports/ Performing Arts CCA</li> <li>Able to do well academically in VS and VJC</li> <li>Year 1 to 4 : GPA ≥ 3.2</li> <li>English and Maths Subject Grade Value: ≥ 2.5</li> </ul>	

#### THE VICTORIAN

- Lessons end about 1.35 pm 3.05pm

• CCAs: 2-3 times per week (non-competition period, 3 hours each, about 3.45-6.45pm)			
Key area	Lower Sec	Upper Sec	
Character & Citizenship Education	<ul><li>Character &amp; Leadership Education</li><li>Social Innovation</li></ul>	<ul><li>Character &amp; Leadership Education</li><li>Social Innovation</li></ul>	
Languages	<ul> <li>English Language</li> <li>HMTL / MTL for CL &amp; ML students (*HTL only for Tamil Students)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>English Language</li> <li>HMTL / MTL for CL &amp; ML students (*HTL only for Tamil Students)</li> </ul>	
Mathematics	Mathematics	<ul> <li>Mathematics</li> <li>Additional Mathematics</li> <li>(* IP students will offer Integrated Mathematics)</li> </ul>	
Science (at Upper Sec, students offer 2-3 Science. No combined Science)	<ul><li>Science</li><li>Chemistry module</li><li>Physics module</li><li>Biology module</li></ul>	<ul><li>Chemistry (compulsory)</li><li>Physics</li><li>Biology</li></ul>	
Humanities (at Upper Sec, students do 1-2 Humanities)	<ul><li>Literature</li><li>History</li><li>Geography</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Combined Humanities (compulsory for O Level)</li> <li>O Level: May offer Geography, Literature</li> <li>IP: May offer Geography, History, Literature</li> </ul>	
PE	• PE	• PE	
Aesthetics / Special Programme	<ul><li>Design &amp; Technology</li><li>Art</li><li>Food &amp; Consumer Education</li><li>Music</li></ul>		
Special Programme	<ul> <li>Art Elective Programme</li> <li>Regional Studies Programme</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Language (at MOE LC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Art Elective Programme</li> <li>Regional Studies Programme</li> <li>Exercise &amp; Sports Science (O Level only)</li> </ul>	

3<sup>rd</sup> Language (at MOE LC)



### THE VICTORIAN

- Committed to excellence and willing to work hard (Nil Sine Labore)
- Respectful of others
- Honourable character and sound values
- Disciplined, motivated and passionate for life and learning
- Leadership potential with the commitment to serve others



## THE VICTORIAN

- For Victorians,
  - O Level: Majority are JC-bound; some to polytechnic
  - Integrated Programme: VJC
- At Upper Sec (Level 3-4), students offer 8-9
   Subjects:
  - 2 Languages (EL, HMTL/MTL),
  - 2 Mathematics
  - 2-3 Science (\*Chemistry is compulsory),
  - 1-2 Humanities (\*Combined Humanities is compulsory for O level students)
  - \*No Combined Science, D&T, FCE, EBS,
     POA at Upper Sec

## Type of school

- Single-sex or Co-educational?
- English-speaking or Bicultural (SAP)?
- O level or Integrated Programme?
- Government school or mission school?



# **Zone of Proximal Development**

The difference between what a child can do independently and what a child can do with support

#### School programme, culture and environment

- Would I be able to cope with the academic standards in the school?
- Does the school offer the programme/CCA that I am interested in?
- Do I like the school environment and culture?

#### **Distance from home**

- Longer school days: Lessons end at about 2-3pm
- CCAs: About 2-3 times a week (non-competition season)
- Reduced travelling time will provide more time to rest, study, revise, recreation



# Nil Sine Labore

