



TAMPINES SECONDARY SCHOOL

A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS, THINKERS AND LEADERS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Secondary One Orientation

1. First Day of School

All Secondary One students are to report to school on 2 January 2024 by 7.25 am. Here are the details:

Reporting Time & Venue	Dismissal Time	Attire	Things to Bring
7.25 am @ School Hall	4.30 pm	PE Attire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Money for Recess and Lunch (About \$4 per day)- Writing materials (pen & notebook)- Water bottle

Student Leaders will be present at the school foyer to guide the Secondary One students to the school hall.

2. Sec One Orientation Week 2024

To support the transition of the incoming Sec One students, the first week of school would be orientation for all students. Please refer to the first week schedule in **Annex A**.

The objectives are:

1. To orientate students to the school campus, vision, mission, values and heritage.
2. To foster in students a sense of belonging to the school.
3. To promote intra-class bonding and a class identity.

3. Sec One Orientation Camp (2 Jan – 3 Jan)

During the first two days of the orientation week, the student leaders have organised a 2-day non-residential orientation camp. The camp will take place on 2 January 2024 and will culminate with every Sec one student being formally invested into TPSS at the Tampinesian Investiture Ceremony on 3 January 2024. See **Annex B** for further details.

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The attire for the camp will be PE attire (TPSS PE short + T-shirt). If your child/ward does not have the TPSS PE attire, they should report to school in their primary school PE attire. Please provide money for your child/ward to purchase their meals during their recess and lunch break.

Should your child have any medical conditions we need to take note of, please email the Assistant Year Head (Secondary 1), Mr Aloysius Ong at ong_eng_kia_aloysius@moe.edu.sg . In your email, please include the name and class of your child/ward.

4. Secondary One Parent Engagement Session (3 January 2024)

The engagement session will take place in the evening of **3 January 2024**, from **5 pm – 7.30 pm**. Part of the session includes a meeting with the form teachers of your child/ward. You will also be witnessing the Tampinesian Investiture Ceremony of your child/ward. The programme is listed at **Annex C**. Please indicate whether you would be attending the Parent Engagement Session.

5. Lesson Timetable from Term 1 Week 2

The students will receive their Semester One timetable during the Orientation Week. Subject lessons will commence on 8 January 2024.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Aloysius Ong
Assistant Year Head (Sec 1)
Tampines Secondary School

Sec 1 Orientation Week Schedule

Date	Event	Remark
2 Jan 2024 (Tuesday)	Sec 1 Orientation Camp (non-residential) Dismissal at 4.30pm	Reporting Time: 7.30 am at School Hall Dismissal Time: 4.30 pm Attire: PE attire
3 Jan 2024 (Wednesday)	Sec 1 Orientation Camp & Investiture Ceremony Dismissal at 7.30pm	Reporting Time: 7.30 am at respective classes Dismissal Time: 7.30 pm Attire: PE attire, Bring along full school uniform for investiture.
4 Jan 2024 (Thursday)	Sec 1 Level and Class Programmes	Reporting Time: 9 am at respective classes Dismissal Time: 12.30 pm Attire: Full school uniform
5 Jan 2024 (Friday)	Sec 1 Level and Class Programmes	Reporting Time: 7.30 am at respective classes Dismissal Time: 12.30 pm Attire: Full school uniform

Note: *In the unfortunate event that the uniform size is out of stock, Secondary One students are allowed to wear their primary school uniform during the first week of school. The uniform will still be on sale in school during the first week of Term One.*

Sec 1 Orientation Camp (non-residential)

Day 1 (3rd Jan)	Event	Remark
0800 - 0830	Safety Talk in Hall	Report to school in TPSS PE attire or in Primary School PE attire. Safety Talk for all Levels
0830 – 1000	Intro to camp and Ice breakers	In Classrooms
1030 - 1100	Snack Break (Catered)	Hall
1100 – 1300	Mass Dance / School Tour / Games	Different groups would be following a different schedule for this segment of the orientation. Games include Escape room, 'Laser Tag', 'Space Invaders'.
1300 – 1330	Lunch (buy from Canteen at own expense)	Bring \$4 for lunch. FTs can join in the class to get to know their class better
1300 – 1600	Mass Dance / School Tour / Games	Various venues in school
1600 – 1630	Debrief and Dismissal (from various venues)	

Day 2 (4th Jan)	Event	Remark
0800 - 0930	Learning of School Song / Students' Creed / School Cheers	Report to school in TPSS PE attire or in Primary School PE attire. Bring 1 set of school uniform for the Investiture Ceremony.
0930 - 1030	Skit / Games	Various venues in school
1030 - 1100	Snack Break (Catered)	Canteen
1100 – 130-0	Mass Dance / Games	Various venues in school
1300 - 1330	Lunch (buy from Canteen at own expense)	Canteen
1330 - 1430	Investiture (Rehearsal)	Hall
1430 – 1630	Skit / Games	Various venues in school
1630 - 1730	"Camp Fire" Night	ISH
1730 - 1830	Washup + Dinner (Catered)	Change into school uniform
1830 – 1930	Sec 1 Investiture	Hall
1930	Dismissal	

Sec 1 Parent Engagement Session (3 January 2024, Wednesday)

Time	Activity	Venue
5 pm – 5.30 pm	Interaction Time with your child's/ward's Form Teachers	Respective classroom*
5.35 pm – 6.30 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principal's Address 2. Sharing by Year Head – "Supporting your child's/ward's transition to secondary school" 3. Sharing by a member of TPSS Parents as Partners Network (PPN) 4. Sharing by Head of Department (PE & CCA) – "CCA selection and allocation" 5. Sharing by Head of Department (ICT) – "Updates on Personalised Digital Learning Programme" 	School Hall
6.30 pm – 7.30 pm	Sec 1 Investiture Ceremony	School Hall
7.30 pm	End of Parent Engagement Session and Dismissal of Sec 1 students**	

* Special note: Please proceed to the school foyer and you would be directed to your child's/ward's class for the Interaction Time with Form Teachers. During that time, your child/ward would not be able to join you as they would be having their Sec 1 Orientation activities until 6.30 pm.

** The Sec 1 students would be reporting to school on 4 January 2024 (Thursday) at **9.00 am**.