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Dear Parents / Guardians of 2025 Sec 1 Students,

1 Happy New Year and a warm welcome to the new school year! 2025 is an especially meaningful year for the Deyian family because we turn 45. We have planned several activities in the course of 2025 to consolidate and augment the good work that staff and students of the school have put in across the years, which has made Deyi a choice school in the community. We will keep you updated on details through the termly letters.

2 We have planned a rousing start to the new School Year with the Level Camp. Through it, we hope to settle your child/ward in well from the start of Term 1, to be all ready for an enriching 2025 in line with our School Vision of students being **Active Learners** and **Gracious Citizens**.



Celebration of Excellence

3 Over the year-end holidays, Deyians took part in various local and international competitions, and did us proud:

3.1 *Asia Pacific RCAP Rescue Line (Qing Dao, China)*

Our IT Club (Robotics) students led by Mr. Reeve Ng emerged as Asia Pacific Champions in the above competition. The team comprised How Meng Yee (3 Discipline), Sim Ke Xin Faith (3 Discipline), and Wang Murong (2 Integrity) from IT Club. Denella Elias Teo (3 Integrity) from Young Journalists' Club supported the team and covered the event. Our students put in a resounding performance to beat other top teams from India, Macau and Taiwan, to clinch the championship.

3.2 *Our School Our Stories*

Eugene Tan Boon Hong from 4 Graciousness, guided by Mr. Reeve Ng, received an Honourable Mention in the Youth Category of the 2024 Photo Story competition. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

3.3 *School Football Academy (SFA) Tournament*

Our Sec 2 & 3 Girls' Football Team achieved an outstanding 2nd place in the SFA Tournament. Well done, team!

GCE N-Level Results 2024

4 We are delighted that our students performed well in the 2024 GCE N-Level Examinations. Several subjects secured strong overall passes and distinctions. We wish our graduands continued success as they bring pride to their alma mater.

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School Communication System

5 The school uses an online system to take students' attendance. If your child/ward is absent from school, an automated SMS will be sent to your mobile phone with effect from 2 January 2025. The time of the automated SMS is:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday : 9.00 am
Wednesday : 10.00 am

6 For all important communication with parents/guardians, the school uses Parents Gateway (PG). Please onboard PG if you have not already done so. On essential matters, teachers will communicate with students through ICON email. Teachers will continue to encourage all students to use their Student Handbook to capture key information (e.g. test dates and topics) disseminated in class.

School Hours

| DAY | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| School Start Time | 7.30 am | 7.30 am | 8.30 am* | 7.30 am | 7.30 am |

* Late start day.

7 School starts promptly at 7.30 am daily except Wednesdays, on which school starts at 8.30 am. Your child/ward is reminded to adhere to the timetable and be present in class on time. Being punctual and prepared for lessons are habits that lay the foundation for a positive school experience, which we want all our students to benefit from.

Student Handbook

8 To inculcate responsibility and good self-management, every student is given a copy of the Deyi Secondary School Student Handbook 2025, which contains detailed information on all school matters. Rules and regulations are listed clearly in the Student Handbook for clarity on acceptable and positive student behaviours. Sufficient space is also provided on the Handbook for students to jot down schedules, homework matters, reminders and test details.

Use of Mobile Phones (see Student Handbook 2025 pg 11)

9 We wish for all students to maintain a healthy balance between offline and online activities in embracing the affordances of technology. Students should exercise self-discipline, integrity and care when sharing and communicating via the mobile phone. By being respectful, considerate and appropriate always when using their mobile devices, Deyians will grow into gracious and socially responsible young adults.

10 Students are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school subject to the following requirements:

- (i) The mobile phone must be switched off during curriculum time. Putting the phone in silent mode will not suffice as it will still be a distraction.

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- (ii) The use of mobile phone is confined to 2 designated areas for the entire school day.

Area 1: Foyer Area



Area 2: Resting Area opposite Blk C toilets



- (iii) The mobile phone must not be used to take photos or videos in school, unless permitted by the school authorities.

11 Students who do not comply with the above requirements would have the privilege withdrawn, as follows:

- (i) The mobile phone inclusive of sim card will be retained by the school for 1 week for 1st violation of mobile phone rules, 2 weeks for 2nd violation and 3 weeks for 3rd violation.
- (ii) Parent/Guardian is required to collect the mobile phone inclusive of sim card personally after 1 week for the 1st violation, 2 weeks for 2nd violation and 3 weeks for 3rd violation.
- (iii) *Repeat offenders will be barred from bringing their mobile phone to school.*

12 Students must take responsibility for their personal belongings at all times. The school will not be responsible for any loss of mobile phones or wallets, which were misplaced or left unattended, in the school premises.

Blended Learning (Home-Based Learning) on 'Even-Week' Fridays

13 Through Blended Learning, we seek to enhance our students' schooling experience and further develop them into self-directed learners. To support this, our school will be implementing a '10-day' timetable in Semester 1 with Blended Learning days scheduled on even-week Fridays.

14 There will be 4 Blended Learning days scheduled on even-week Fridays in Term 1: 17 Jan, 31 Jan, 14 Feb and 28 Feb. On these dates, students will stay at home to complete their online learning. This structure allows students more opportunities to be self-directed and independent, and in the process develop passion and intrinsic motivation for learning. Kindly refer to go.gov.sg/dyssbl for more information.

15 Intended as a day of self-paced learning, a typical Blended Learning day will start with a short FT check-in at 7.30 am, followed by 4 hours spent on asynchronous learning of pre-assigned subjects and topics. Every Blended Learning session will end with an hour of Student Initiated Learning (SIL). More details will be shared with students in Term 1 Week 2 during Form Teachers' time on Monday and Wednesday.

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Homework Policy

16 The school assigns students homework to reinforce their learning, enable feedback on their progress and cultivate a healthy disposition towards continual learning. The school's Homework Policy guides teachers in setting well-designed homework tasks to bring about intended learning outcomes, moderating the amount of time students spend on homework and providing timely feedback through marked assignments. Your child/ward will also be instructed to write down details of homework and tests in the Student Handbook, which you can refer to as well. We seek your understanding and support as our partners in education to encourage your child/ward to reap the full benefits of the assigned homework.

Weighted Assessment (WA)

17 In alignment with the Ministry of Education's move away from an over-emphasis on academic results, WAs will continue to be pitched in ways that help your child/ward take stock of his/her learning. WAs can take various modes, e.g. class tests, quizzes, presentations, or group projects. WAs will be used by teachers to determine the extent of students' understanding in the respective subjects. Through WAs, teachers will be able to provide formative feedback as well as take remedial action. More details on WA will be provided through your child/ward and can also be found in the Student Handbook.

Co-Curricular Activity (CCA)

18 CCA Days – Tuesdays & Thursdays

A holistic education lays a broad and deep foundation for lifelong learning. Beyond the academic pursuit, Deyi emphasises co-curricular activities for the development of values and life skills in every child to equip them for the challenges in life. CCAs also support students to discover their strengths, interests and talents. Hence, CCA participation is compulsory at the secondary school level. Our school's CCA days* are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each CCA session will last about 2.5 – 3 hours after school. This information is featured in the student timetable. Students will report for their CCAs after taking their lunch in the school canteen.

*Schedule might vary due to competitions / National School Games (NSG) / Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) requirements and other special activities.

*Some CCAs may free up selected Thursdays (discretionary Thursdays) e.g. after the competition season. Parents will be informed of the specific CCA Training schedule.

19 Adjustments to CCA Sessions for 2025 Term 1 for Sec 2-5

As part of our students' back to school programme and a lead up to our CCA Carnival on Saturday 18 January, the following are the adjustments to our CCA sessions:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3 January (Friday) 7.30am – 12.30pm | : CCA Morning |
| 7 January (Tuesday) 7.30am – 12.30pm | : CCA Morning |
| 14 January (Tuesday) | : Discretionary CCA Afternoon |

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Programme for Week 0 (2-3 Jan 2025) and Week 1 (6-10 Jan 2025)

20 The programme for the first 2 weeks to start the year on a good note is as follows:

| Date / Day | Programme | Levels | End Time |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Week 0 | | | |
| 2 Jan Thursday | FT Time and Admin Day | All | 12.30pm |
| 3 Jan Friday | CCA Morning - Rehearsal 1 Sports Experience CCE | Sec 2- 4 Sec 1 | 12.30pm |
| Week 1 | | | |
| 6 Jan Monday | BL & SIL Briefing CCA Briefing (Sec 1) Class-based Activities | All Sec 1 All | 12.30pm |
| 7 Jan Tuesday | CCA Morning - Rehearsal 2 UG Experience cum Perf Arts Experience (2h Rotation by Blocks) | All | 12.30pm |
| 8 Jan Wednesday | Level Camp Abridged Programme | Sec 1 - 4 Sec 5 | Sec 1: 4.30pm Sec 2: Overnight Sec 3: 4.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 2.30pm |
| 9 Jan Thursday | Level Camp Abridged Programme | Sec 1 - 4 Sec 5 | Sec 1: Overnight Sec 2: Overnight Sec 3: 4.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 2.30pm |
| 10 Jan Friday | Level Camp Abridged Programme & Poly Open House Visit | Sec 1 - 4 Sec 5 | Sec 1: 8.00pm Sec 2: 12.30pm Sec 3: 8.00pm Sec 4: 5.30pm Sec 5: 5.30pm |

Students will report in half-uniform unless informed otherwise by the teacher in-charge. For Level Camp details, please refer to the school website.

Health & Pandemic Readiness – Drill on 15 January 2025 (Wednesday)

21 As part of pandemic readiness, a Temperature Taking Exercise will be held on the morning of Wednesday 15 January. All Sec 1 students will be issued a new ODT for this exercise. We seek parents' support to keep school a safe environment for students. If your child/ward is unwell, please ensure that he/she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If your child/ward is recovering from respiratory-related illnesses, please encourage him/her to exercise

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social responsibility (e.g., wear a mask and minimise social interactions with big groups). Let us all do our part to stay safe.

Sec 1 CCA Carnival – 18 January 2025 (Saturday)

22 Sec 1 CCA Carnival will be held on Saturday 18 January, 7.30am – 11.30am. This event is **compulsory for all Sec 1 students** and will be supported by students from all other levels. It will showcase our school's range of co-curricular programmes and CCA groups. CCAs inculcate sound values in our students, build strength of character and foster camaraderie. They also provide opportunities for students to develop leadership qualities. Our Values-in-Action programme helps students develop qualities such as care, concern and respect for others in society. Booths will be set up for parents and students to interact with their seniors to discover what each CCA is about.

Chinese New Year Celebration – 28 January 2025 (Tuesday)

23 Students are to report to school by 7.30 am on Tuesday 28 January. Your child/ward will be participating in various class-based activities to celebrate the occasion. School will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m. School Leaders and staff would like to wish all students and parents a Happy & Prosperous Chinese New Year! 新年快乐! 万事如意! 蛇年行大运!

Track Meet – 14 March 2025 (Friday)

24 The friendly rivalry between the various level classes forms a vibrant backdrop to our intra-school sporting landscape. The Inter-Class Track Meet is a key annual event, and all students are to attend. The details are as listed:

Date: 14 March (Friday)

Time: 7.30 am - 11.30 am (estimated)

Venue: Yio Chu Kang Stadium (Uniformed Group ushers will be placed on route between Yio Chu Kang MRT and Yio Chu Kang Stadium).

Use of Photos/Videos taken at School Events

25 Please note that photograph(s) or video images(s) of your child/ward may be captured at school events, including those involving our partner organisations. We may use or publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website, social media channels, and other official school communication, including similar outreach platforms of our partner organisations.

Parent Support Group (PSG)

26 Deyi Parents Support Group (PSG) aims to promote greater collaboration and communication between the school, parents and students. PSG would like to invite parents to be a more involved Deyian Parent by completing the "The Deyian Parent form" available via this QR code or via this link (<https://forms.gle/F5kQs9jtPiD4PyBc7>). Parents who sign up will receive invitations to school and PSG activities / events as well as the latest PSG news via the class WhatsApp chat groups. For more information, kindly email the PSG at Deyisspsg@gmail.com.



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27 We look forward to your continued support and partnership.

With Warm Regards,

Mr Derek Lim
Assistant Year Head (Lower Sec)

Mr Apollos Induchoodan
Vice-Principal (Lower Sec)

Mr Chow Weisi
Principal

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