

Briefing for Parents on SBB, DSA & PSLE

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Vision: Hearts of Service * Minds of Inquiry * Joy in Learning * Confidence in Life

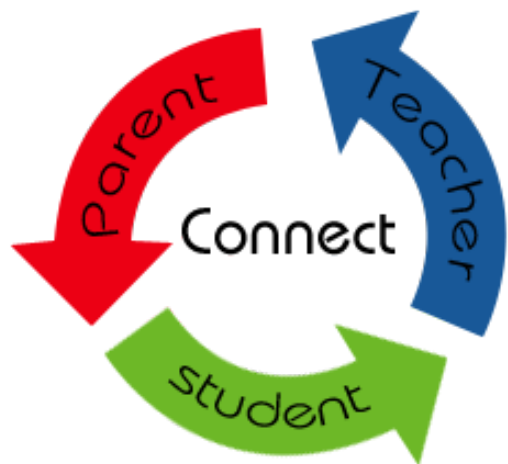
Mission: Together we bring out the best in every child for a better nation.

Motto: Standing Tall Achieving Results

School Core Values:

Loyalty * Honesty * Compassion * Diligence * Excellence * Unity * Resilience * Self-Discipline





Subject-based Banding (SBB)



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Rationale for SBB

- To provide more flexibility to students with strengths and abilities that vary across subjects
- To encourage greater interaction among students with different strengths



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What does SBB mean for your child?

- Your child will be encouraged to do the subjects at the levels that best meet his/her ability
- Your child can focus on and stretch his/her potential in the subjects he/she is strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subjects he/she needs more support in



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Implementation of SBB at P4

End of P4

- ~ School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results
- ~ Parents select preferred combination

At P5

- ~ Student takes subject combination
chosen by parents



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Implementation of SBB at P4

At the end of P4,
If you child...

School Recommendation

(i) Passes* all 4 subjects
and performs very well
in Mother Tongue
Language

***at least 80 for EMS and
85 for MT**

- 4 Standard Subjects +
Higher Mother Tongue
Language#

#Higher Mother Tongue Language

- Does not replace Mother Tongue
- 1, 2 or 3 marks addition to PSLE Aggregate
- Only applicable to Sec schools that offer HMT

Implications for HMT

- It does not replace the Mother Tongue Language.
- An additional hour per week outside curriculum time is required to complete the HMT syllabus.



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Implications for HMT

- You will gain additional points in the PSLE aggregate.
- 1 additional point for pass, 2 additional points for Merit and 3 additional points for distinction.
- This is only applicable for schools that offer HMT.



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Implementation of SBB at P4

At the end of P4, If you child...	School Recommendation
(ii) Passes* 3 or 4 subjects	■ 4 Standard Subjects
(iii) Passes* 2 subjects or less *Scores 80% of basic items – 24 out of 30 marks	■ 3 Standard + 1 Foundation (usually Mt) ■ 2 Standard + 2 Foundation ■ 4 Foundation

Implementation of SBB at P5

End of P5

Students take subject combination determined by the school

(i) Students who do not meet expectations

Switch some subjects to foundation level

(ii) All other students

Continue with same subject combination

(iii) Score at least 70% for MT and passes HMT

Continue to take HMT

Implementation of SBB at P5

- Subject combination determined by the school at the end of P5 will be the subject combination taken for PSLE



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Implications for Secondary School

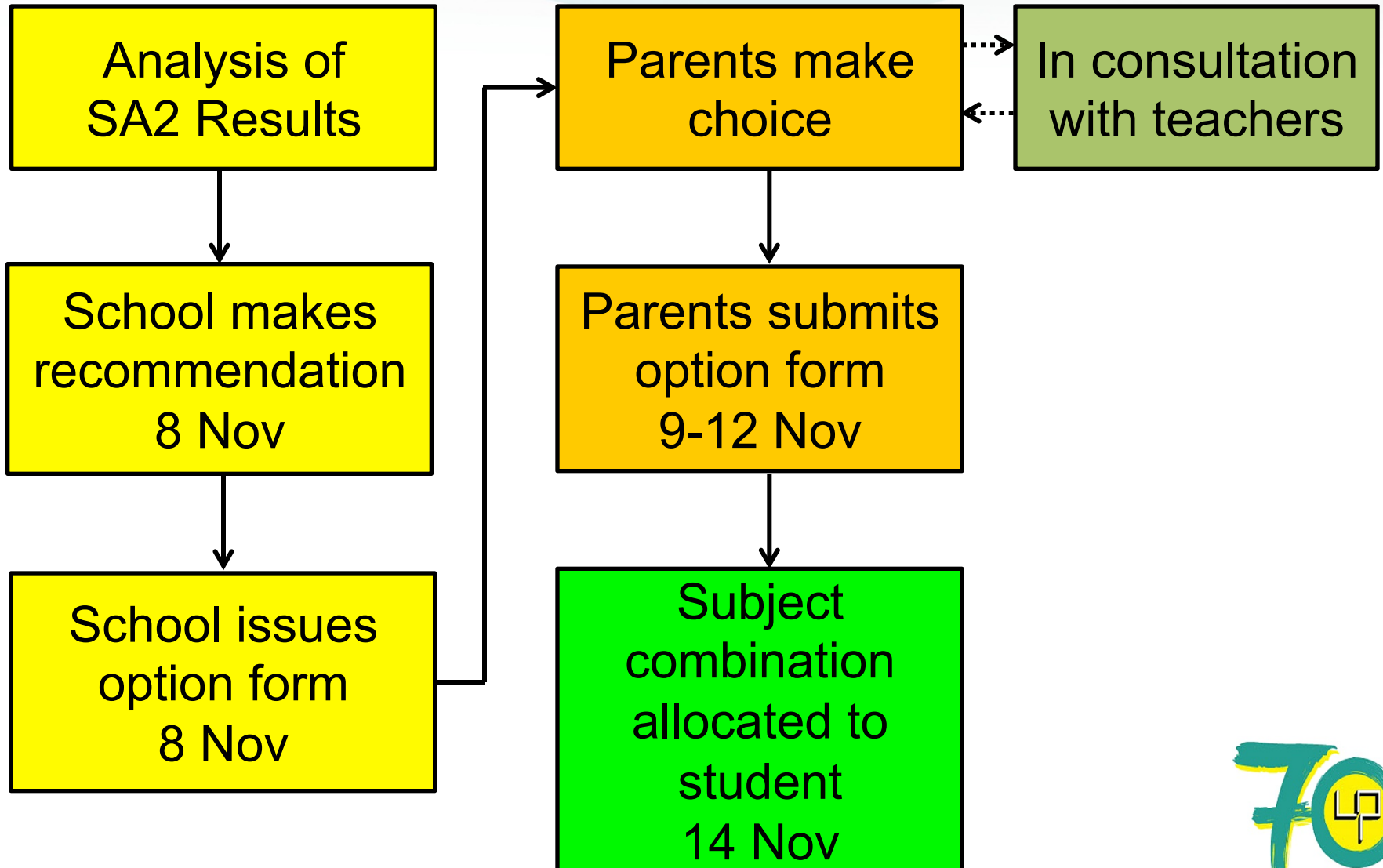
- The PSLE Aggregate is the sum of the T-scores in all subjects
 - Foundation subjects being at a easier level will have a lower T-score compared to standard subjects
- With standard subjects, students will have more options for Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical)



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