



**Frequently Asked Questions
E-Open House Webinar
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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers!

FSBB

- **SASS is a pilot school for Full Subject-Based Banding (FSBB). What is FSBB?**

We started the implementation of subject-based banding (SBB) in 2018, which has enabled students posted to the N(A) and N(T) courses to take subject(s) at a more demanding level starting from Secondary One.

In 2020, the school also piloted Full SBB (FSBB) alongside 27 Secondary Schools in Singapore. This involved re-organising Form classes comprising students of different courses, providing common subject offerings as well as offering students to take Humanities at a more demanding level from Secondary Two.

Under FSBB, students take subjects at different academic levels (G1, G2 and G3), mapped from the Normal (Technical), Normal (Academic) and Express standards, and based on their strengths. This empowers students to further develop their strengths in subjects they have performed well in at the Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE). Students who have done consistently well in their SBB subjects may also be offered the option to laterally transfer to a more demanding course (i.e. from N(T) course to the N(A) course, or from the N(A) course to the Express course). Mixed class groupings encourage students to forge wider friendships and build a stronger culture of peer support.



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Academic Programme

- **How does the school balance academic achievement with character development?**

The school is committed to developing a Saint in the academics and an individual who will imbue our True and Wise school values. We start each day with messages during morning assembly that focus on values and character. During character and citizenship lessons, the students are encouraged to think about the role they play in our community and society at large. Our Values in Action programmes expose them to various issues and enable them to act as responsible citizens of our country.



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Mother Tongue Languages

- **Is Higher Chinese offered in-house at SASS.**

Yes, Higher Chinese is offered in-house at SASS.

- **How big are Hindi classes at SASS?**

The class size varies at different levels. On an average, there are about 5 boys in one class.



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Enhanced Art Programme

- **How does my son enrol in this programme?**

The EAP is offered to students who opt to take Art as a subject at upper secondary, during their course selection exercise at the end of Sec 2.

- **If my son enters SASS through DSA Art, does it mean he will be enrolled in EAP?**

Yes. It is an expectation that he will commit to EAP in his upper secondary years.

For more information about EAP, you can refer to:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/our-programmes/eap-sec>



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STEM

- **Does my son need to be proficient in coding languages like EV3?**

No. It will be a bonus if he is proficient in coding languages like Python, C++, HTML or the EV3 system, but it is not a hard requirement.



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CCAs

- **Can my son join 2 CCAs in SASS?**

Yes. However, students are highly encouraged to participate and achieve excellence in one CCA.

Students who are keen to experience different CCAs offered in school may opt for the change at the beginning of each academic year. (Sec 1s and 2s only).



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Personal Learning Device (PLD)

- **What PLD does the school use?**

As part of the National Digital Literacy Programme which was launched by MOE in 2021, we will be using the iPad as our device. The PLD will be used in tandem with the national e-learning platform – the Singapore Student Learning Space (“SLS”) – as well as other educational technology to personalise and enhance students’ learning. This will also enable students to acquire digital skills and apply these skills as they navigate an increasingly digitalised world. More information about the device and managing the device will be provided at a later date,



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Mobile Phone Policy

- **Can my son bring his mobile phone to school?**

SASS allows students to bring their mobile phones to school as a means for contacting their family. However, phone usage is not allowed until the end of the timetabled lessons, to ensure students stay focused and make good use of their time during breaks.



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Getting to School

- **What is the start time for regular school days?**

Morning assembly starts at 7.50am on regular school days.

- **How does one travel to SASS via public transport?**

The school is located near Potong Pasir MRT (NE10) and is also easily accessible via public buses. The nearest exit to the school is Exit C, which is about 500 metres away from school.

The nearest bus stops are B61089 (along Potong Pasir Avenue 3) and B60089 (along Jalan Toa Payoh). Both bus stops are within 5 minutes walking distance to the school.



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Affiliation

- **Is SASS affiliated to St Andrew's Junior College (SAJC)?**

Yes. SASS students have the benefit of two bonus points, by affiliation, when applying to St Andrew's Junior College.



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