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Changes to affiliation priority in Secondary 1 Posting Exercise

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you on the changes to affiliation priority in the Secondary 1 Posting Exercise (S1 Ex).

Affiliation priority reflects MOE's commitment to preserve our affiliated schools' longstanding heritage, traditions and ethos.

At the same time, MOE is committed to ensuring that all publicly-funded schools remain open to all students, regardless of background and connections. Our school also believes that diversity is helpful for the development of our students.

In the 2014 Primary 1 (P1) Registration Exercise, MOE took the step of reserving 40 places for admission of students without prior connections to the school, to ensure continued open access to all our primary schools. 40 places is about 20% of a typical primary school's P1 intake. Guided by the same philosophy of maintaining open access, the Minister for Education (Schools), Mr Ng Chee Meng has announced at the Committee of Supply 2017 that MOE will reserve 20% of places in each course (Express, Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical)) at every affiliated secondary school for application from students who do not benefit from affiliation priority. This will also address concerns that affiliates may receive an excessive advantage in school admissions.

MOE will implement this change starting from the 2019 PSLE cohort for admission into Secondary 1 in 2020. This change will affect our present Primary 1 to Primary 4 cohorts. The 2-year advanced notice is MOE's usual requirement for affiliation changes. Schools that have adjusted their affiliate minimum requirement in the past have given their affiliates a similar runway.

Based on the demand and academic performance of previous cohorts of affiliates in our school, we anticipate that a small number of our affiliates applying to the Express course in St Patrick's School may potentially not gain admission on the basis of affiliation priority. If so, these students will be considered together with non-affiliated students for posting into the school based on their PSLE scores. Any affiliates who are eventually not posted to their first choice will be considered for their next choice school.



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Please feel free to contact me or your child's form teacher if you require any clarification.

Thank you.

Yours in De La Salle



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