

Primary 2

Principal's Briefing



### **School Leaders**

#### From left:

- Ms Latha (Vice-Principal)
- Mrs Jane Chng (Principal)
- Mdm Sophia Lee (Vice-Principal/Admin)



### Our Primary 2 Year Head & Asst. Year Head



Mr Sahir Bin Mohamed Tauhid Year Head (P2 & P5)



Ms Sutha
Asst. Year Head (P2)



### **Our Primary 2 Form Teachers**

### 2 Self-Discipline



Ms Natasha Lin Kleinman



Mdm Norizawaty

### 2 Integrity



Ms Sutha



Mdm Peng Chia Hui

### **Our Primary 2 Form Teachers**

### 2 Respect



Mdm Adeline Yan



Mr Muhd Nasiruddin



Mdm Lim Jing Yi

### 2 Resilience



Mdm Nur Rashidah



Mr Ang Zi Jie

# Our Primary 2 Form Teachers 2 Love 2 Care



Mdm Chew Liang Liang



Ms Jeslyn Goh



Ms Amanda Wee



Mr Leslie Gwee

# Our Primary 2 Form Teachers 2 Share



Ms Jolene Cheng



Mr Anand Kumar



Mdm Siti Horrianie



### **Our Directional Statements**

Every
Xishanite,
A Lifelong
Learner,
A Contributing
Citizen

To create opportunities where passions are ignited, potential discovered & dreams realised

SelfDiscipline
Integrity
Respect
Resilience

Love Care Share Every child can and wants to learn

Strategic Focus: Holistic Well-Being through Keep C.A.L.M & Give

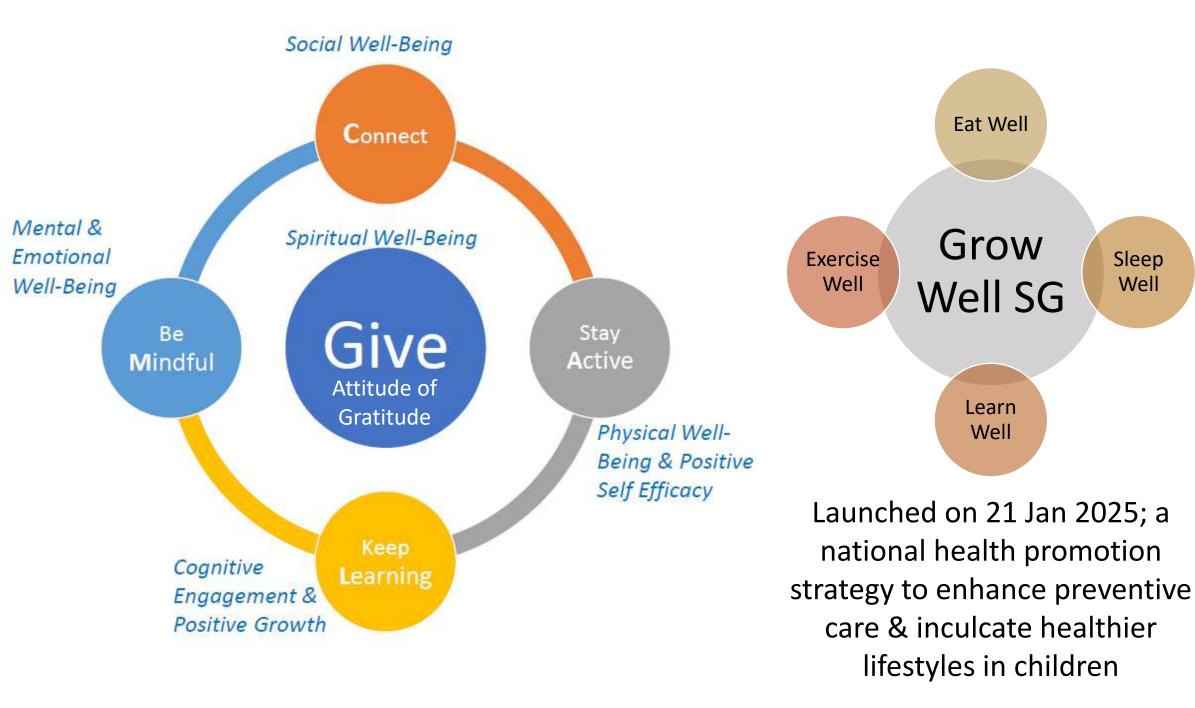




#### **Confident & Connected Learner**

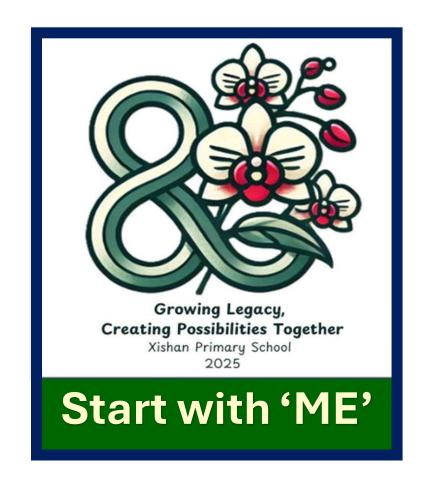
Nurturing the whole child through the

Keep C.A.L.M. & Give (KCG) Framework



### School Theme & Collective Goal in 2025

- 1. Celebrating our rich heritage of 88 years & building on our strengths
  - Xishan spirit of 'Love, Care, Share', committed and caring staff
- Looking ahead to grow and innovate with infinite possibilities as one community





### Start with 'ME'



# What must Xishanites do to be future-ready?

- Take responsibility for yourself focus on how your actions, words, and choices can positively impact yourself and others.
- If every Xishanite takes charge and plays his/her part, Xishan will be more conducive for learning and play.





### 'Start with Me' Term 1 Challenge

Take the first step to lead yourself!

Term 1 Value: Self-Discipline

#### P1 – P3 Challenge:

✓ Record your homework in your handbook and complete it diligently.

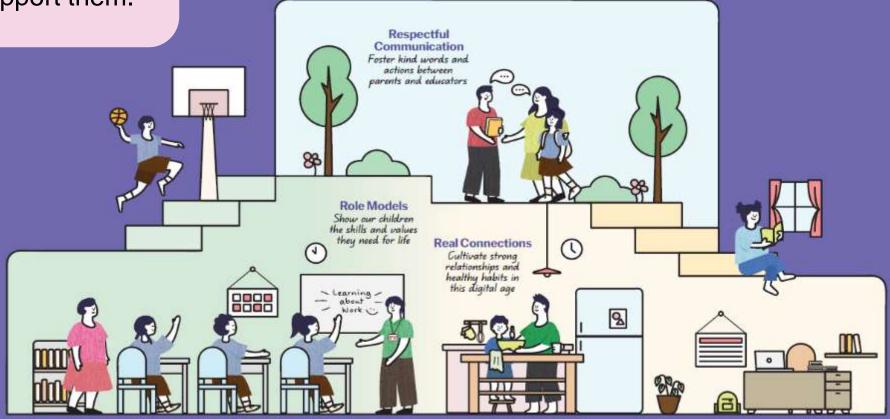
#### P4 – P6 Challenge:

✓ Record homework AND use the Term 1 Planner (pgs. 50 & 51) to plan your tasks and manage your time effectively.

### School- Home Partnership

Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Guidelines for School-Home Partnership

Raising a Happy, Confident, and Kind Generation Together



## 3 areas we can work together on to foster School-Home Partnership

## 1 Respectful Communication

Foster kind words & actions between parents & teachers, including admin staff



2 Role Models

Show our children the skills & values they need for life

#### **3** Real Connections

Cultivate strong relationships & healthy habits in this digital age

### 1. Respectful Communication

### Foster kind words and actions between schools and teachers



Listen to and seek to understand each other's perspectives and concerns regarding each child



Communicate kindly using official channels. Teachers are not required to share their personal mobile numbers



Respect each other's time by communicating during working hours (weekdays from 7.30am – 5.30pm)



### 2. Role Models

### Show our children the skills and values they need for life



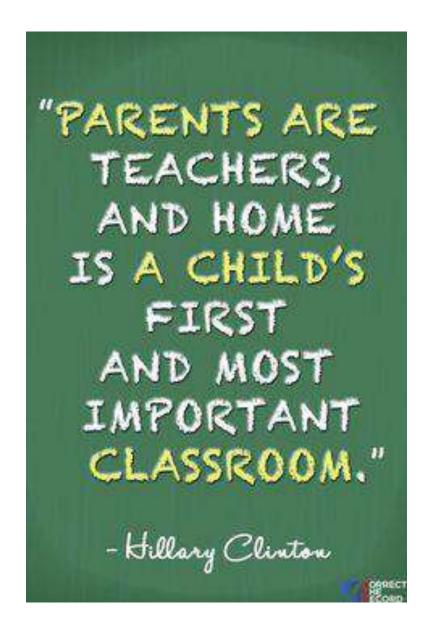
Find joy in everyday experiences with our children



Instill confidence by encouraging responsibility and believing in our children's abilities



Model good values in words and actions



### 3. Real Connections

Cultivate strong relationships and healthy habits in this digital age

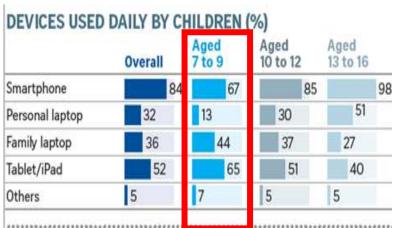
Establish good habits for our children to stay confident and in control of their technology use

Build strong bonds through shared experiences and meaningful conversations Provide a balanced mix of engaging online and offline activities, at school and at home



### Did you know?

67% of children aged seven to nine in Singapore use smartphones every day, and are active on social media



Source: The Straits Times, 7 Feb 2021

Age when they started using social media

Current age/ Starting age	Overall	Age 7 to 9 years old	Age 10 to 12 years old	Age 13 to 16 years old
3 years old or below	9%	17%	6%	4%
4-6 years old	25%	42%	24%	11%
7-9 years old	39%	41%	46%	31%
10-12 years old	22%	NA	24%	40%
13-16 years old	5%	NA	NA	14%



### Parents may not be aware of the online risks

Parents might not be aware, but...

children has chatted with strangers online in 3 children has been exposed to pornographic materials

children has overshared their personal information

Source: MLC-TOUCH Parent Child Poll

Findings, 22 Aug 2023



### MOH's new screen time guidelines for kids under 12



#### Below 18 months



- No screen time (except for video calls)
- Do not leave screens on in the background

#### 18 months to 6 years old



- Screen time: Under 1 hour daily outside school
- Watch media with kids when possible
- Do not use screens to occupy or distract children



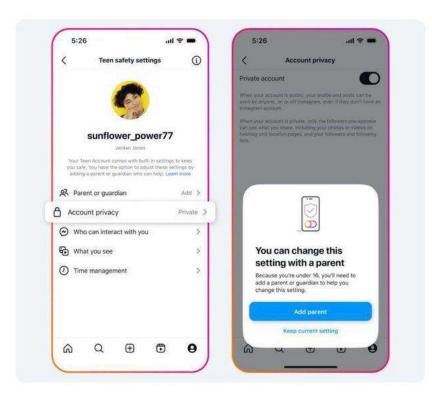
- Choose age-appropriate educational content
- · Do not leave screens on in the background
- · No screens during meals and before bedtime

#### 7 to 12 years old



- Screen time: Under 2 hours daily, except for schoolwork
- Avoid giving children mobile devices with unrestricted internet and app access
- · Avoid giving children access to social media

## Instagram to restrict features for Singapore users who are under 18





### Don't shield students from devices, but teach them purposeful usage: Minister

Singapore does not take a binary view of device usage, said Education Minister Chan Chun Sing, even as Australia passed a law in late 2024 to ban social media for children aged under 16.

This approach of not banning devices is more challenging, but more practical at the same time, he said.

A local research effort in child development, called Growing Up In Singapore Towards Healthy Outcomes, showed detrimental cognitive impacts when children are exposed to screen time before the age of two.

In an interview with The Straits Times, Mr Chan said the study showed that unsupervised consumption of videos for more than two hours could result in a drop in IQ by the time a child turns seven years old.

For teenagers, he said the greatest concerns are video-gaming and how social media can affect self-worth and lead to incessant comparisons with others.

Despite such potential dangers, students should not be prevented from using devices, but be taught how to use them purposefully, he said.

"It's a bit like discovering fire... Fire can be both good and bad. If you don't know how to use it, you burn down everything. Use it properly, and you can use it to cook and generate electricity," Mr Chan said, adding that people should not be shielded from devices and end up not knowing how to use them.



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**EDUCATION MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING**, on how students should not be prevented from using devices, but be taught how to use them purposefully despite the potential dangers of video-gaming and social media.

"We have to guide them on how to use the device and when to use the device."

Schools already ban the use of mobile phones during lesson time, he said. Parents also need to manage usage of devices at home, while understanding their children's needs.

"A lot of it is role-modelling. You cannot tell your child don't use the device, but we're all playing with it while having dinner."

Referring to the use of personal learning devices in secondary schools, Mr Chan said that 75 per cent of parents do not change the default settings from the management apps in these devices.

However, half of the remaining parents would like tighter controls and the other half question the strict measures.

"We have both extreme ends. When parents set it too tight, the child tries to find ways to bypass. If they set it too loose, the child runs all over the place," he said, adding that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to this issue.

Rather, it is about educating children and parents to use devices in an age-appropriate way, he said.

Australia's move to pass a law on Nov 28 to ban social media for those under 16 is "interesting to consider", said Mr Chan, but will be hard to implement and does not solve all problems stemming from social media use in teenagers.

He said that while countries like Singapore and India – which have identification systems to verify a person's age – can implement such harsh bans, there are ways to bypass them.

He added that social media sites can find ways to get around countries' laws, if they do not have any incentive to align with national objectives.

When applied correctly at the right level, learning devices can be useful in the classroom, said Mr Chan. "You can actually amplify your teaching and learning outcomes," he said, adding that for high-ability students who are able to display self-control and use devices appropriately and responsibly, these are important tools to help them learn.

Students with high needs, on the other hand, should be eased in gradually, to ensure they are able to build skills to regulate how they use devices.

"We are not in the school of thought that says that you must have this blanket (set of guidelines)," he said.

But Mr Chan said the Ministry of Education is clear that pupils in primary schools will not be issued their own personal learning devices. Instead, they will use shared devices available in school.

Educating all students on cyber wellness and cyber security is essential, so that they learn how to use devices responsibly, he said.

"There's never too early an age that they cannot learn. Even at a young age, I think it's about the inculcation of habits."

Elisha Tushara

#### Taken from Straits Times (2 Jan 2025)

- Unsupervised consumption
   of videos for > 2h a day could
   result in a drop in IQ by the
   time a child turns 7
- It is more practical in the long run to educate about cyber wellness & inculcate good habits, as well as role-modelling from parents.

### **CYBERWELLNESS**

**2025 Theme:** 

#### Pause, Think, Protect!

Staying safe online & Keeping the online space safe for themselves and others.







#### P1 to P3: Poster Challenge

The S.U.R.E Framework (Source, Understand, Research, Evaluate) is a great approach to help students assess the reliability of information.

Join your child/ward by:

Creating a poster on S.U.R.E Framework
Commit to going 'screen-healthy' over the weekend on 21/22 Feb







### Cyber Wellness segment on our Sch Website:



ABOUT US V

GENERAL INFO ~

PARTNERSHIPS ~

**DEPARTMENTS** ~

**PROGRAMMES** ~

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PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS / CYBER WELLNESS@XISHAN / CYBER WELLNESS@XISHAN

### Cyber Wellness@Xishan

**Applied Learning** Programme



Cyber Wellness@Xishan



#### **Cyber Wellness Tips**



How do you manage your time spent on online activities?

#### Losing sleep?

Have a tech-free time of 15 to 30 minutes before you sleep. Turn off all gadgets or keep them out of your room for better sleep.

#### Feeling bored or stressed?

Don't resort to online activities. Find healthy ways to cope with stress. Pick up a new hobby and pursue your interests. Go out with friends or family.

#### Feeling tired and achy?

Give yourself a break. Practise good posture and habits. Exercise and get active. If pain persists, see a doctor.

#### Losing focus?

Keep out distractions. Create an Internet-free zone. Disable unnecessary notifications. Prioritise your fasks and complete them.

#### Losing track of time?

Set a time limit or a schedule. Use a timer or an app to keep track and stick to it.

#### Feeling less love from family and friends?

Explore offline activities with friends and family. Make online activities a social occasion which fosters real-life interactions.

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#### How do you deal with cyber bullying?

Do not retaliate or reply



Save the evidence



Block the sender



Update your privacy settings



Remove content from online services



Tell a trusted adult (teacher or parents) who can help or call a helpline



Report the incident to the provider of the service (e.g. social networking sites)



Source: MOE ICT Cyber Wellness

#### **XPS ICT Acceptable Use Policy**

Xishan Primary School believes in leveraging technology to enhance students' learning and development of their 21st Century Competencies. To ensure a safe and conducive online learning experience for our students, they are expected to abide by the guidelines when using any technology devices in school.

#### **Guidelines for Students**

- 1. I will only use the technology devices for learning and research purposes.
- 2. I will only use the accounts and passwords assigned to me and not share them with anyone else.
- 3. I will not share my personal particulars (e.g. home address, email address, phone numbers, account IDs, passwords, or/and personal pictures) with anyone.
- 4. I will respect the views of others while online.
- 5. I will only use kind and respectful language and tone when posting comments.
- I will work collaboratively and acknowledge the efforts of my friends and group mates.
- 7. I will seek permission and acknowledge the owners of the materials that I use in my work.
- 8. I will cite the source of the media (e.g. photos, videos and music) used in my work.
- 9. I will always check for accuracy and reliability of the information accessed.
- 10. I will not access inappropriate information, content, ads or any material that is not suitable for my age or school.
- 11. I will remove comments/postings should my teachers find them unsuitable.

Student: I understand and agree to follow the rules stated above.

Name:	Class:	Date:	
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Parents/Guardians: I have read, discussed and explained the content to my child/ward.

Name:	Signature:	Date:	
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XPS Student Handbook, pgs. 36 & 37

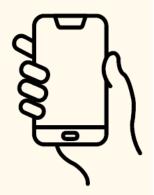
### 10 MOBILE PHONE/SMARTWATCH POLICY

All students are discouraged from bringing their mobile phones/smartwatches to school. Should there be a need for students to bring their mobile phone/smartwatch to school, students can go to the General Office at the beginning of the school term to request for a form on "Request for Permission to Bring Mobile Phone/Smartwatch to School" and have it completed by parents/guardian. School will evaluate and grant permission on a case-by-case basis. Do note that students can be contacted via the General Office and students can use the phone in the General Office to contact parents/guardian if needed.

Students are not to use mobile phones/smartwatches during school hours including recess, CCA and after-school programmes. Students who have been given the approval to bring their mobile phones/smartwatches are to switch them off and put them in their school bags before school start time. Students should bear responsibility for keeping their mobile phones/smartwatches safe. Lastly, students are only allowed to use mobile phones/smartwatches outside school compound after school hours.

If the mobile phone/smartwatch is (i) not switched off or (ii) not kept in bag or (iii) used within school compound,

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All MOE primary schools disallow the use of personal digital devices in school during school hours. Learning will be through school's shared devices, under teachers' supervision.

#### Also shared in Student Handbook page 22:

- Students are discouraged from bringing digital devices to school
- With parents' permission, submit request form
- All mobile phones, smartwatches (and ipads) cannot be used in school during school hours, including after-school programmes.
- Can only use outside school compound after school hours



### Every Xishanite, A Life-Long Learner, A Contributing Citizen

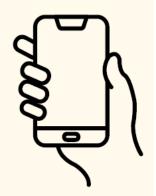
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#### First Offence:

- Advice given to student
- Parent will be informed

### Second and subsequent offence(s):

- Confiscation of device
- Parent needs to collect device personally from school

Thank you for supporting us in regulating unsupervised use of technology.



### Every Xishanite, A Life-Long Learner, A Contributing Citizen

### Learning is an Endeavour

(endeavour = to make an effort towards a goal)

- Learning requires hard work & perseverance.
- There are no shortcuts.
- Mistakes are opportunities for growth.
- Sometimes, the process is even more important than the result.
- Everyone can learn.

Amazing growth and transformation happens when we go through the journey of learning, just like how the beautiful butterfly finally emerges from the cocoon.



What does the butterfly teach us about learning?

We look forward to a strong partnership with you.

Together, we can nurture lifelong habits, dispositions & skills in our Xishanites.

Thank You.



