



“Soaring Yet Rooted”

Our School Motto

Principal’s Message



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A warm welcome to Northbrooks Secondary School (NBrSS)!

Northbrooks Secondary School, built upon very strong foundations and principles laid by the School Team of inspiring educators, has grown and come a long way over the past 16 years. I would like to thank our former School Leaders, in particular, our former Principal, Mrs Helen Chong, for their efforts in forging a strong school spirit. I am most privileged and honoured to be working with our dynamic NBrSS School Team to continue the good work.

Our Shared Purpose

Our school motto, **Soaring Yet Rooted**, challenges our students to SOAR to greater heights whilst staying ROOTED in strong values. We aim for all students to strive for their very best in whatever they do and always be grateful to the people who have helped them in their journey. Northbrooks’ name in Chinese, 思源中学, is derived from the Yuan Dynasty proverb ‘yin shui si yuan’ (饮水思源) - to always remember the roots and be grateful to their family, teachers, friends and country for the successes achieved in life.

Our school vision is **Every Brooksonian a Champion, Impacting the Community**. We foster in every Brooksonian

the Champion Learning Mindset, i.e. a mindset with a strong desire to learn and improve and bounce back in the face of adversities. We want to instill in our students this growth mindset, developing grit and resilience that are essential for success in life, especially in this day and age. In turn, our Brookrians will develop the capacity to serve by leading and lead in serving our school, our community and our nation. To stay firmly in our course, our school mission guides us in our everyday efforts **to empower Brookrians to develop a passion for learning, strong moral values and a keen sense of duty and community**. We aim to imbue in every Brooksonian our core values of **Graciousness, Integrity, Fortitude, Teamwork, Empathy and Discipline (GIFTED)** in their Brooksonian education experience.

Guided by this core mission, our purpose is to make a conscious effort to design a plethora of deep learning experiences and quality interactions within the school and beyond for our students to explore, and thereby discover and ultimately maximise their potential.

Quality Academic Experience

In Northbrooks Secondary School, we believe in making a difference to the lives of all students. We instill confidence in every Brooksonian to go forward and strive for the very best in all their endeavours. We yearn to foster a school environment where all students look forward to coming to NBrSS to study, learn something new and forge lasting friendships with one another. As once shared by a renowned education psychologist, Jerome Bruner, “Knowing is a process, not a product.” Our students should be excited by the new knowledge and skills learn in school so that they will go and explore beyond the textbook on their own.



Our students will learn things through active experience and participation in their journey with us. They should develop in them that intrinsic motivation and drive to learn and to see learning as a lifelong journey of discovery and exploration. That's the joy of learning that we aim for.

At Northbrooks, we emphasise the development of a quality academic experience for our students and take pride in delivering a quality curriculum. As part of our efforts to improve the English language competency of our students, our school adopts the Whole School Approach to Effective Communication (WSA-EC) in various subject disciplines, in collaboration with MOE English Language Institute of Singapore (ELIS). In our curriculum, our teachers adopt appropriate teaching pedagogical approaches and learning strategies to allow students to attain a deeper understanding and better grasp of the discipline. In addition, we take efforts to infuse ICT into the lessons to prepare them to be future ready digital learners. To increase relevance and meaning to what they learnt, extension programmes such as Advanced Elective Modules (Sec 3 Exp), Elective Modules (Sec 3 NA/NT) and our very own distinctive Aerospace Programme (Applied Learning Programme) are conceived and designed with our partners to enrich our curriculum.

Quality Programme for ChAMPS

Anchored on GIFTED values, our co-curriculum aims to support socio-emotional learning and develop the 21st century learner through various co-curriculum programmes. As part of the holistic development in ChAMPS (Character, Aesthetics, Moral, Physical and Social) domains, students are expected to be fully engaged in the schools activities such as Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs), Aesthetics programmes, Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons, Values-In-Action (VIA) and Service-Learning activities, Physical Education lessons, level camps and our very unique Adventure.Character.Environment (A.C.E) Outdoor Education Programme (Learning for Life Programme). As part of the experiential learning experience for our students, our teachers are actively involved in our students' development in the various ChAMPS domains to enhance their leadership capabilities, character building and teamwork. At Northbrooks, we strive to build a community spirit where our students will support

and encourage one another, be it in learning or in play. This is the place where they will experiment for themselves and learn from their failures, becoming stronger in the process.

Quality Partnerships

Home-School-Community partnerships are indispensable in whatever we do in school, be it in our efforts towards our Shared Purpose, Quality Academic Experience or Quality Programme for ChAMPS. Families and school need to communicate and work closely together and share the responsibilities to support our child both at home and in school. Working towards building a trusting relationship, we can impact positively on our child's achievement and behaviour. As partners-in-education, we also work closely with our School Advisory Committee, Alumni and Community Partners to create that added value for our student educational experiences.

Our Caring and Dedicated Staff

Our School Team of caring and dedicated teachers, and administrative and support staff work closely to deliver our Quality Academic Experience and Quality Programme for ChAMPS. As role models, we believe in continual learning and professional development so that we can progressively be better in what we do. For our teachers, it is vital that we embrace and embody the joy of teaching and learning, and continuously seek to hone our craft, in both pedagogy and subject mastery. As competent reflective practitioners, we take every opportunity to learn from oneself, from others and with others – in our quest to become skilful champion teachers.

In this school, we remain steadfast in our beliefs and our conviction in making a positive impact on our Brooksians. Together, our Brooksians will strive to do their very best and stay rooted, serving to lead and leading to serve our community and nation with humility.

Volatilis tamen radicalis
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