



Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus (Katong) Primary

Our Vision - From girls to women of grace and substance

Our Motto - Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty

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Dear Parents of P1 to P4 Students,

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. 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 do not expect to be affected by the change in affiliation priority. All of our affiliate applicants are likely to gain admission to our affiliated secondary school. Regardless, we still encourage all our students to continue to work hard and do their best, as always.

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

Thank you.

Mrs Judina Cheong
Principal