



31 December 2026

## INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 1 - SECONDARY 3

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming our Navalites back to school and would like to share some information with you for Term 1 of 2026.

### 1. Daily Reporting Time to School

Please take note of the revised daily reporting time to school for our Navalites. With effect from Jan 2026, the school has introduced a late reporting day on Wednesday to encourage Navalites to have adequate sleep time as part of a healthy routine.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30am	7.30am	8.00am (Late Reporting Day)	7.30am	7.30am

### 2. Secondary 3 Level Camp 2026 - Camp Valour - Building Resilience and Endurance

As a start of the new academic year, our Sec 3 Navalites will be participating in a **3-day non-residential camp** in school from Tuesday 13 Jan to Thursday 15 Jan.

The camp is designed to support Navalites to build strong connections with their classmates and form teachers as they begin Sec 3, while also cultivating a positive learning mindset and sparking curiosity about their future academic and career pathways. Throughout the camp, Navalites will engage in meaningful activities that promote class bonding and teamwork such as dragon boating at the Kallang River and in experiences that inspire learning, including a learning journey to the Science Centre.

The camp programme is provided as Annex A for your reference.

For any queries, please contact your child's/ward's form teachers. Alternatively you can email Mdm Faridah Hamid at [faridah\\_abdul\\_hamid@schools.gov.sg](mailto:faridah_abdul_hamid@schools.gov.sg) or Mr Loo Wen Bin at [wen\\_bin\\_loo@schools.gov.sg](mailto:wen_bin_loo@schools.gov.sg).



### 3. Fortnightly Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days

In secondary schools, fortnightly HBL days are part of MOE's efforts to develop students as self-directed and independent learners, and HBL lessons are considered as part of the school curriculum.

In NBSS, HBL days generally take place on Fridays. Navalites are expected to learn from home under minimal supervision and to complete any assigned work at their own time. Form teachers will check in with the class online, and students will also have time to embark on their Student-Initiated Learning Projects. You can find the schedule in the table attached.

Term	Week	Date
1	2	16 Jan
	4	30 Jan
	7*	16 Feb* ( <i>Monday: 0800-1030</i> )
	8	27-Feb
	10	13-Mar
2	2	No HBL - Good Friday Public Holiday
	4	17-Apr
	6	No HBL - Labour Day Public Holiday
	8	15-May
	10	29-May
3	1	3-Jul
	3	14-Jul
	3	15-Jul
	3	16-Jul
	5	31-Jul
	6	No HBL - National Day celebrations in school
	9	28-Aug
	10	No HBL - Teachers' Day Holiday
4	1	18-Sep



#### 4. Department Programmes

##### a) English Language and Literature Department - Reading Programme

The school aims to develop good reading habits and a love for reading in Navalites through its reading programme. When Navalites read widely, they develop competency and confidence in using the English language, as well as widen their general knowledge.

All Navalites will be scheduled for school library visits and participate in related reading activities throughout the year, as part of the reading programme. With their Personal Learning Devices (PLD), Navalites are also encouraged to access free e-books via the National Library e-book application - Libby. Hence, all Navalites should have a book with them every day, as time will be set aside for reading in the morning.

Beyond curriculum hours, Navalites are strongly encouraged to read the books / articles recommended in their English Language Resource Packages.

##### b) Humanities Department - Migrant X Workers Learning Journey

To support students' understanding of societal issues in Social Studies, a learning journey to understand and interact with migrant workers will be organised together with the English Language and Literature Department. Selected students offering G2 and G3 Social Studies will have the chance to embark on a 2.5 hours learning programme to understand the conditions and happiness of migrant workers in Singapore, and to explore efforts to help the migrant workers as well as how they get accustomed to living in Singapore. More details will be shared with the classes nearer the date of the event.

##### c) Mother Tongue Languages Department - Chinese New Year Celebrations

The school will celebrate Lunar New Year on 13 February Friday. More details on the celebrations will be provided nearer to the day.



## 5. Table of Events for Term 1

Programme / Activity	Dates
Sec 3 Level Camp (Non-residential)	13 Jan (Tue) to 15 Jan (Fri)
Total Defence Day Commemoration	10 Feb (Tues)
Lockdown Drill Chinese New Year Celebrations	13 Feb (Fri)
HBL Days	16 Jan (Fri) 30 Jan (Fri) 16 Feb (Mon) 27 Feb (Fri) 13 Mar (Fri)
March School Holidays	16 to 20 Mar

## 6. School Policy on the Use of Mobile Phones (revised for 2026)

Following MOE's guidelines, the school has put in place a policy to guide the use of mobile phones in school to support the well-being and development of our Navalites, with the aims of reducing screen time and excessive access to mobile gaming and social media, and to encourage physical social interactions and activities during self-study periods, recess, lunch breaks and during after-school activities.

- Navalites are not allowed to use mobile phones when they are in school. If Navalites bring mobile phones to school, they are required to switch it off and keep it in their bags at all times.
- If you need to contact your child during school hours, you could call the General Office at Tel: 62571996. Navalites are allowed to make calls from the General Office to parents and guardians with permission from teachers.
- If Navalites are caught using their mobile phones without permission, their mobile phones may be confiscated but would be returned at the end of the day, and parents would be informed.

We seek your support and partnership in helping your children develop healthy routines and lifestyle choices for their physical, social and mental well-being.

### Resource for Parents:

"Low-tech, that is. No smart phones for tech-savvy dad Ian Tan, who gave his kids basic phones which could only make calls. It was part of his plan to limit their exposure to the Internet and social media." Read on to find out some pointers to prevent your child from being addicted.

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/my-secret-to-curbing-my-kids-screen-time-go-low/>



## 7. Administrative Matters

### a) Level T-shirt

All Navalites are required to purchase the level T-shirt as they would need to wear it for school events such as level camp, Road Run and Sports Carnival as a means to promote unity and sense of identity as a cohort level. They can also wear it in lieu of the PE t-shirt on school days.

The cost would be either \$8.30 for sizes XS to 4XL or \$12.00 for sizes 5XL & above. Navalites can purchase the level T-shirt in school. Details are as follows:

**Sales dates:** 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 9am to 3pm (Mon - Thur) / 9am to 1pm (Fri)

**Venue:** Classroom L1-02 (opposite Library)

### b) First Day of School Attire

Navalites are to report to school, properly groomed according to school guidelines, on Thursday 2 Jan at 7.20am at the multi-purpose hall in their PE t-shirt and school pants / skirts.

### b) NRIC Registration Exercise (Tuesday, 24 February)

Under the National Registration Regulations, all Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents are required to register for their NRIC in the year they attain the age of 15. ICA will conduct a biometrics enrolment in Naval Base Secondary School in the morning of 24 February 2026. To ensure that your child's biometrics are enrolled smoothly, **please complete the registration online by 13 February 2026**. Details for the online registration will be provided through Parents Gateway at least two weeks before the enrolment exercise.

### c) Absences from School

Since 2025 Term 3, PG automatically sends notifications each morning when your child is absent. These notifications go to caregivers and parents as listed in MOE's records, ensuring you're immediately informed of any absence.

Parents are encouraged to use the feature on Parents Gateway to:

- Upload medical certificates (MC) and supporting documents
- Submit letters explaining their child's absence (restricted to ten per year)
- Track the attendance records of their child



**How to Submit Absence Documentation:**

1. Open Parents Gateway app
2. Tap 'Services'
3. Select 'Student Absence'
4. Upload the required documents

All absences must be supported by either a medical certificate or an absence letter submitted through PG. Unsupported absences will be recorded as truancy and may result in consequences based on our school rules.

This streamlined process provides greater convenience to parents, cuts down on the need for hardcopy documents, and helps us maintain accurate attendance records.

**d) Photographs / Images Taken During School Events**

Please note that photograph(s) and video image(s) of your child/ward may be captured during school events. These images may be published in school publications, websites, social media and other school communication channels. If you do not wish to have these photographs and images published, you may write to the school at [nbss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg).

We look forward to a positive and collaborative school-parents partnership as your child/ward continues with their educational journey with NBSS in 2025. Thank you!

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This termly letter can be downloaded from Parents Gateway (PG) and the school's website:

<https://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to:

[nbss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nbss@moe.edu.sg)

## Annex A - Sec 3 Camp Programme

### Sec 3 Camp Programme Overview

Time / Day	13 Jan (Tue)	14 Jan (Wed)			15 Jan (Thu)	
0720	Report to school @ School Hall	0720	Report to Classroom			
0740	Principal Address & Admin Briefing	0740	Form Teacher Time		Form Teacher Time	
0800	Class Bonding Activities	0750	Breakfast @ canteen		Breakfast @ canteen	
0900	Personal Mastery: Building Routines for Success	0815	3A, 3B, 3D, 3F	3C, 3E, 3G	3C, 3E, 3G	3A, 3B, 3D, 3F
1000	Recess @ Canteen		Departure for Science Centre	Departure for Kallang	Departure for Science Centre	Departure for Kallang
1035	Teambuilding Activities					
1155	ECG: Pathways & Possibilities	0900	Science Centre	Dragon Boating	Dragon Boating	Science Centre
1255	Reflection	1230	Departure for NBSS		Departure for NBSS	
1315	Dismissal	1315	Arrival at NBSS Dismissal		Arrival at NBSS Recess Lunch @ Canteen	
1350					Circle Time Reflection	
1415					Dismissal	