

# NAVAL BASE SECONDARY SCHOOL



LEADERS OF CHARACTER  SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

## THE NBSS STORY

The history of Naval Base Secondary School (NBSS) began in 1957 when the British Navy set aside a piece of land in the British Naval Base at Bah Tan Road to build a school for the children of its employees. The school was then known as Naval Base School and a full school. The first Principal to take the helm was the late Mr Wong Quek Boon. At that time, it was the only full, government, English-medium school in Singapore, with both primary and secondary sections.

In 1965, NBSS produced Singapore's top O-level student, Dr Tan Boon Wan. Other luminary alumni include prominent lawyer, the late Subhas Anandan, and national footballers, Quah Kim Song and Quah Kim Swee. In 1968, the primary section was transferred to Canberra School.

The school has occupied its current campus since December 2009. The campus was designed to be an *Active Learning Space*, a *School in a Garden* and a *School as a Giant Art Gallery*.

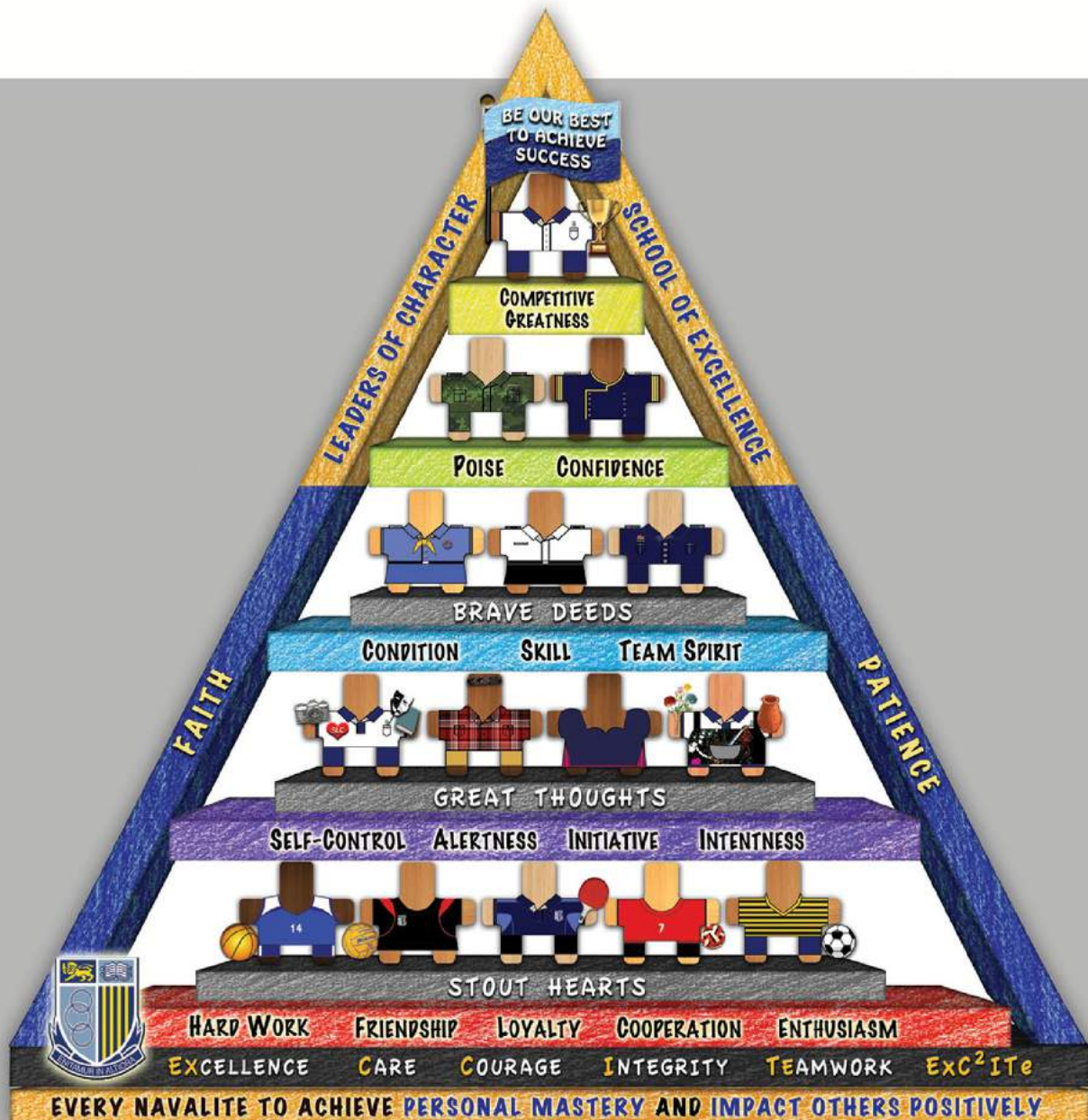




## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Naval Base Secondary School's vision of 'Leaders of Character, School of Excellence' stems from its belief that character development is key to the holistic development of its students, and an important pathway towards excellence and nurturing the ethical self. As such, character development is a school-wide effort, and a pervasive feature of students' learning in the school. Anchored on the school's values of ExC<sup>2</sup>ITe (Excellence, Care, Courage, Integrity and Teamwork), the school's character development programme aims to develop character and cultivate leadership among our students through three key enablers: Values in Action, Citizenship Education and Student Leadership Development.

The school adopts John Wooden's Pyramid of Success (PoS) as a guide to inculcate in our students the moral and performance character (Thomas Lickona) that would help them achieve success in their learning and other aspects of their lives. The different building blocks of PoS are incorporated in the teaching and learning experiences to guide students through the different stages of their learning, from target-setting and preparation for learning, to maintaining a positive learning experience and reflection.



## SHIPSHAPE: From LeaderSHAPE to LeaderSHIP



SHIPSHAPE in NBSS is a leadership model aimed at developing our students to become leaders of character. It builds upon the Pyramid of Success, and was developed based on John Wooden's twelve lessons on leadership. SHIPSHAPE stresses the importance of orderliness, focus and commitment to face adversity and turbulence at any time as a leader. LeaderSHAPE is the enabler for a leader to develop leaderSHIP.

The following chart gives an overview of how sharpening their leaderSHAPE competencies will eventually guide Navalites in acquiring the leaderSHIP skills that are aligned to the school's motto, vision and mission.

### LeaderSHAPE - The Enabler

Self-Mastery	develop confidence and belief through personal mastery
High Standards	set high standards for self and team
Adaptability	be prepared for uncertainty and adapt to change
People-Focused	care for and serve people
Emotion Management	manage emotion in times of setback and success

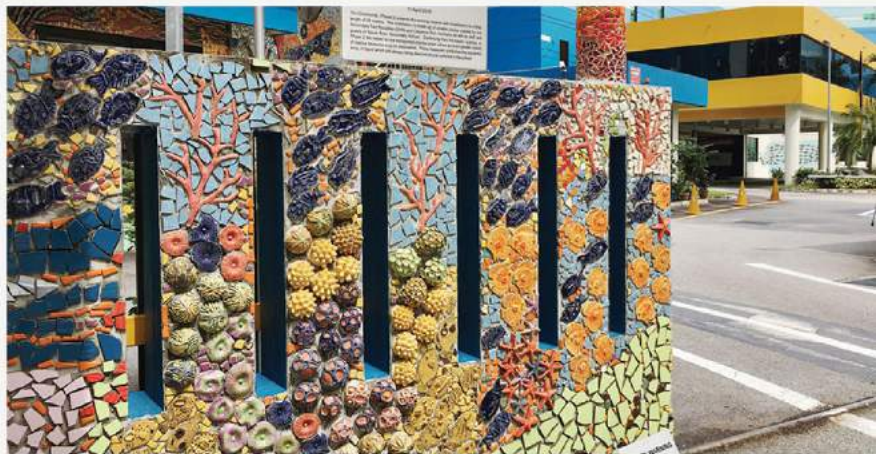
### LeaderSHIP - The Outcome

Steadfast	stay steadfast with poise and confidence
High Achieving	achieve results by looking at process rather than product
Inspirational & Influential	inspire and influence others positively
People Leader	provide strong people leadership which is looked up to and followed by others

## APPLIED LEARNING PROGRAMME (ALP) IN ART

The NBSS ALP in Art is rooted in the belief of the transformative power of art and its ability to expand students' perceptions of the world around them and potential for self-discovery and expression. Through studying and engaging in art, they learn to see the relevance of art to their own lives and better appreciate its significance in the social, cultural and economic fabric of contemporary society.

The school's ALP in Art provides art learning to all students throughout their 4 to 5 years in the school. Students are exposed to a wide range of art and design practices from four broad art disciplines, namely fine art, digital media, design and the critical study of art. The ALP in Art curriculum is delivered through the formal art curriculum and co-curriculum, which comprises the Art Club CCA and enrichment and talent development programmes. Through their art learning, students become Ardent Advocates, Confident Communicators, Empowered Thinkers and Skilled Practitioners (ACES) of art.



## ALP SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES

In NBSS, we believe that regular exposure to and engagement in art helps students to be well-rounded individuals. For this reason, the school organises a number of programmes for all Navalites so that they may engage in art making and learning beyond the normal art lessons. Every year, students look forward to the following exciting signature programmes:

- NBSS Art Exhibition
- NBSS Fashion Show
- Structured art enrichment programmes, including student-led workshops
- Structured art learning journeys for Secondary 1 to 3 students
- Art Talent Development Programme
- Learn to Curate Programme, developed in collaboration with the National Gallery Singapore
- Overseas Art Study Trip



## ENHANCED ART PROGRAMME

The Enhanced Art Programme (EAP) is one of the key programmes within the ALP in Art. Secondary 3 students offering O-level Art will be emplaced on this programme. The school's EAP builds on the basic art knowledge, competencies and habits of mind that students acquire in their lower secondary years to provide a strong foundation for the further pursuit of art as an educational and career pathway.

Within the EAP curriculum, emphasis is placed on students' acquisition of an informed appreciation of contemporary art and design practice and the pathways to a career in the creative art industries. The programme provides many opportunities for students to meet, interact and work with practising artists and designers.





## LEARNING FOR LIFE PROGRAMME (LLP) - CHARACTER EDUCATION THROUGH SPORTS

The NBSS LLP of Character Education through Sports is anchored on the belief that sports provide an authentic platform for the development of character. The LLP promotes active living where students enjoy and engage in movement activities and develop a solid foundation for a balanced lifestyle. Together with the ALP in Art, it is evident of the school's commitment to the holistic development of our students.

The LLP is anchored on the NBSS SHIP-SHAPE self-development tool, and seeks to instill moral and performance character in our students through their engagement in sports. These are universal traits that are relevant beyond the sporting arena, providing a strong foundation for personal mastery and excellence in all their pursuits.

Throughout their 4 to 5 years in the school, all students will go through a rigorous Physical Education curriculum and participate in a variety of sports activities both recreationally and competitively. Those with an interest and talent in sports will develop deeper mastery of their respective sports, through their participation in the Sports CCA and leadership programmes.

Signature programmes of the LLP include the annual Road Run, structured inter-class games, the World Club Cup soccer competition and the National Day and Teachers' Day sports carnivals.



## LLP SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES

Every year, the school carries out programmes that are key components of its LLP of Character Education through Sports. Highlights include:

### NBSS Road Run

Held in April every year, the NBSS Road Run is a school-wide sporting event where students participate in a long-distance foot race around the school campus. It is an event that all Navalites look forward to not just to challenge themselves physically but also have fun while engaging in a rigorous sporting activity with their peers and friends.



### Teachers' Day & National Day Sports Carnivals

Two highlights of the school's annual calendar are the Teachers' Day and National Day celebrations sports carnivals. On those two days, the school campus becomes a carnival of sports as Navalites participate in various activities facilitated by the sports CCA leaders and helpers all around the school campus.



## TALENT DEVELOPMENT @ NBSS

The NBSS Scholars Programme is an exclusive programme designed to provide an enriched and challenging learning experience for students with talents in specific areas of learning. It provides selected students with the edge to succeed in their areas of talent through specially-crafted programmes designed to challenge them while deepening their passion and interest in their talent areas. Secondary 1 students are invited to join one of the following:

### **Research Scholars Programme (RSP)**

The RSP is offered to students who show keen interest in and predisposition towards numeracy, scientific inquiry and problem-solving. Scholars will also get to develop creative academic games and organise competitions in the areas of Mathematics and Science. In addition, they will be involved in research projects with higher institutions and attachment programmes with industrial partners.

### **English Language Scholars Programme (ELSP)**

The ELSP focuses on the finer aspects of communication and is offered to students with a flair for the English Language. Besides gaining additional exposure at public speaking competitions, scholars will also be required to produce several pieces of written work at a standard worthy of publication.

### **Art Talent Development Programme (ATDP)**

The ATDP is a 4- to 5-year CCA-based programme for students with a keen interest and talent in art. Aside from developing their personal practice and portfolio, students on the ATDP will also participate in key developmental programmes at different stages of their learning. For example, Secondary 2 ATDP students will participate in a 6-week *Learn to Curate Programme* co-developed with the National Gallery Singapore. The students then apply their learning from the programme by curating the school's annual art exhibition.

These complement the school-wide **Student Leadership Development Programme**, which provides different levels of leadership development and opportunities for all students.





## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NBSS offers the following Co-Curricular Activities (CCA). Tuesday afternoons are dedicated to CCA. For some CCA groups, additional sessions may be held on Thursday or Friday afternoons.

### Uniformed Groups

Girl Guides  
National Cadet Corps  
National Police Cadet Corps  
St. John's Ambulance Brigade

### Visual & Performing Arts

Art Club  
Choir  
Dance  
English Drama  
Symphonic Band

### Sports

Basketball  
Netball  
Sepaktakraw  
Soccer  
Table Tennis

### Clubs & Societies

InfoComm Club  
Service Library Club





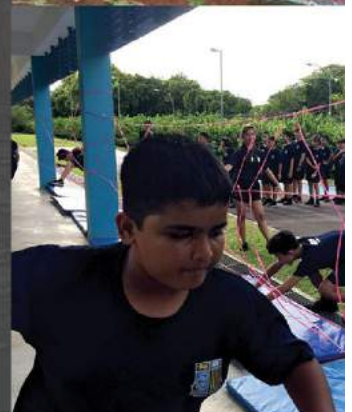
## LEVEL CAMPS

The Level Camps in Naval Base Secondary School aim to draw together personal experience and intellectual and social-emotional growth to promote self-discovery. Through their experience during the camps, the students will:

- identify with and develop a sense of belonging to the school
- acquire rich experiences while enjoying the benefits of outdoor education
- challenge their limits while practising the school values and SHIPSHAPE attributes
- work with schoolmates from different backgrounds; and be responsible for peer learning, setting goals and motivating themselves and those around them
- develop the necessary life skills to be better prepared for the national examinations
- develop the awareness of the opportunities available in post-secondary institutions so that they can make informed decisions

The NBSS level camps are structured to provide a unique experience for our Navalites during each of their 4 to 5 years in the school. Each level camp has a signature activity that will challenge the limits of the students and will not be emulated as they progress to the next level. An overview of the level camps is given below:

<b>SEC 1</b>	School-based orientation camp
<b>SEC 2</b>	Land adventure camp
<b>SEC 3</b>	Water-based adventure camp
<b>SEC 4 &amp; 5</b>	School-based activities with an academic focus





## SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

In line with its mission of nurturing leaders of character who impact others positively, NBSS provides many opportunities for Navalites to contribute to the community through their form classes or CCA groups. Activities are structured in a way that provides a variety of service experience for all Navalites during their time in the school. Since 2016, the school has sharpened the focus of its service and Values-in-Action (VIA) programmes to beneficiaries in the Nee Soon South constituency. This focused approach allows for more meaningful and sustained acts of service and partnerships.

NBSS works closely with the Nee Soon South Group Constituency Office to provide such opportunities for our students. Every year, the school participates in their National Day Observance Ceremony. Our performing arts CCA groups have also performed at many community events in Nee Soon South, and even at the Istana.

The VIA programme begins at Secondary 1 with students who design cards to promote the school's CALM Character Development Framework. At Secondary 2, students help to upkeep the Navalite Green, the school's garden, and other areas of the school through the Adopt-a-Garden@NBSS project. All Secondary 3 classes meanwhile plan and facilitate activities for young children in the community through the NBSS Playground VIA Project, giving them the opportunity to exercise leadership and 21st century competencies. At Secondary 4 and 5, students will participate in the Singapore Heart Foundation Flag Day.

Every act of service is preceded by thorough preparations and followed by guided reflections anchored on SHIPSHAPE. This ensures that students are meaningfully engaged throughout the process.







## GRAD DAY

Grad Day, short for Graduation Day, officially marks the completion of Navalites' secondary school education and the start of the next phase of their lives. More importantly, it is a day for them to reflect on their experiences in Naval Base and thank their teachers, family and friends for their love, support and guidance. Grad Day is unique to NBSS as this is the day when all Navalites don their graduation gowns for the ceremony before they are presented to their teachers and parents. Grad Day holds proud and unforgettable memories for both our Navalites and their families.





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SECONDARY SCHOOL

Since 1957

## DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION

NBSS offers Direct School Admission (DSA) through the following areas of talent:

Art

Student Leadership

Performing Arts - Choir

Performing Arts - Dance

Performing Arts - Symphonic Band

Sports - Table-Tennis

Primary 6 students with a keen interest and talent in the any of the above areas may apply to be admitted to the school through the DSA-Sec Exercise.

The period of application is May to June yearly.

For details of the application process and selection criteria, visit our website at:

<http://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/nbss-curriculum/dsa-at-nbss>

For more information on DSA, visit the Ministry of Education website at:

<https://moe.gov.sg/secondary/dsa/>

## GETTING THERE

Naval Base Secondary School  
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Nearest MRT station: Khatib MRT (NS14) + 4 minutes' walk

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