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Welcome Address

Message From the Head of Boys Hall

Mr Eccles
Head of Boys Hall



Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the joy and renewal of the Lunar New Year, we are delighted to share another vibrant chapter in the life of our boarding community here in Penang. This festive season has brought a wonderful sense of warmth, creativity and togetherness to our halls, and it has been a pleasure to see students embracing both tradition and community spirit.

In the lead-up to the celebrations, our boarders immersed themselves in a range of themed activities. The kitchens were filled with laughter and delicious aromas as students baked traditional New Year treats, while others turned their talents to crafting colourful decorations that brought festive energy to our shared spaces. These moments offered students the chance to learn about cultural traditions while creating a true sense of home away from home.

Beyond campus, students continued to show a strong commitment to service and exploration. Groups took part in a local beach clean, helping to care for the environment and give back to the community, while nature hikes around the surrounding area allowed boarders to appreciate the beauty of their surroundings and enjoy time together outdoors.

We are also proud to share that boarding has reached the highest number of students in our school's history. This milestone reflects the strength of our community and the welcoming, supportive environment created by both students and staff. Seeing friendships form across cultures and year groups remains one of the greatest rewards of boarding life.

Adding to the celebrations, several of our boarders achieved outstanding success in a recent robotics competition, with one team earning a place in the world finals. Their creativity, teamwork and perseverance are a fantastic example of the ambition and curiosity we encourage in all our students, and we congratulate them warmly on this remarkable achievement.

As we look ahead to the months to come, we wish all our families happiness, prosperity and good health for the year ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we work together to provide a nurturing and enriching boarding experience for every child.

Warm Regards,
Mr Eccles

Around Campus















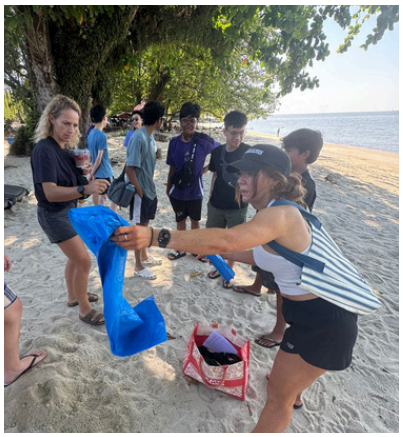
Beach Cleaning in Action

As part of our ongoing commitment to service and environmental responsibility, a group of boarders recently travelled to a local beach in Penang for a beach clean activity. Equipped with gloves, bags and plenty of enthusiasm, students worked together to collect litter and help protect the natural beauty of the coastline.

The morning was filled with teamwork and a strong sense of purpose, as students quickly saw the positive impact of their efforts. Along the way, they also learned more about the importance of reducing waste and caring for the environment, recognising how small actions can make a meaningful difference to the wider community.

After their hard work, the group enjoyed a well-earned opportunity to relax at a nearby beachside restaurant, where drinks and snacks were shared while students reflected on the morning's achievements. With the sea breeze and sound of the waves nearby, it was the perfect way to unwind together and celebrate a job well done.







Scenic Hiking Adventure

Our boarders recently enjoyed an invigorating Saturday morning hiking adventure, setting out to explore the natural beauty of the local area. With comfortable shoes, water bottles and plenty of enthusiasm, the group followed winding trails through greenery and open spaces, taking a welcome break from their usual routines.

As the students climbed higher, they were rewarded with stunning views from the hilltops, offering sweeping panoramas of the surrounding landscape. The sense of achievement at reaching the summit was matched only by the excitement of sharing the moment together, with plenty of photographs taken to capture the experience.

The hike provided a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy the outdoors, build resilience and strengthen friendships along the way. With fresh air, conversation and a spirit of adventure, it proved to be a refreshing and memorable start to the weekend in boarding.






Chinese New Year Treats Baking

As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, our boarders recently spent a wonderful afternoon in the kitchen learning how to bake pineapple tarts, one of the season's most recognisable and much-loved festive treats. The activity combined culture, creativity and plenty of delicious aromas as students worked together to prepare the traditional biscuits from scratch.

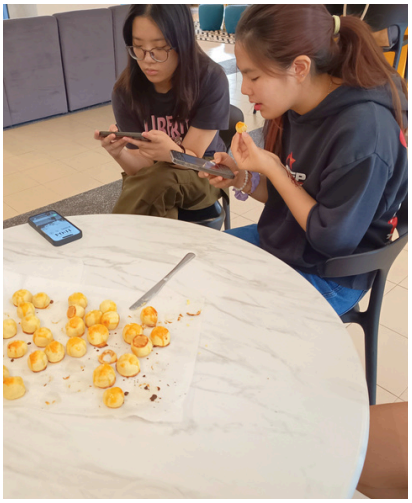


After learning about the significance of pineapple tarts during the New Year period — symbolising prosperity and good fortune — students rolled pastry, shaped delicate patterns and carefully filled each tart with sweet pineapple jam.

The highlight, of course, came when the trays emerged from the oven, filling the boarding house with the warm scent of freshly baked pastries. Students gathered to sample their efforts, proudly sharing the results of their hard work.
The session was a joyful way to celebrate the festive season, giving students the opportunity to experience an important cultural tradition while building friendships and creating lasting memories together in boarding.







Chinese New Year Decorations Crafting



During a recent Saturday morning Chinese New Year decoration activity students came together to prepare handmade decorations in preparation for welcoming the Lunar New Year.

Working in small groups, boarders carefully crafted paper lanterns, decorative ornaments and lucky red displays using traditional materials and designs. Others practised calligraphy, creating beautiful New Year couplets and characters symbolising good fortune, happiness and prosperity. The activity encouraged patience and creativity, with students sharing ideas and helping one another perfect each detail.

The atmosphere throughout the morning was relaxed and joyful, with plenty of laughter as tables filled with colourful paper, ribbons and intricate designs began to take shape. For many students, it was a wonderful opportunity to share cultural traditions with friends from different backgrounds, while for others it offered the chance to experience something entirely new. It was a meaningful way to celebrate community, creativity and the spirit of renewal that Chinese New Year represents.







Felt Kite-Making Activity

On Saturday morning, our boarders enjoyed a calm and creative start to the weekend as they took part in a felt kite-making activity with Ms Wani. Using colourful felt, thread and a variety of decorative materials, students designed and created their own kites, each one reflecting their individual ideas and creativity.

The session encouraged patience, focus and collaboration, with students sharing materials, helping one another and taking pride in their finished designs. The relaxed atmosphere made it a perfect way to unwind while exploring a new craft.

By the end of the morning, a collection of bright and cheerful felt kites had taken shape providing students with a lovely handmade reminder of a creative and enjoyable weekend activity.









Cream Glue Craft Session

Our boarders recently enjoyed a colourful and creative Saturday morning cream glue craft session, transforming everyday items into personalised works of art. Using decorative cream glue techniques, students designed and decorated small hair clips and cosmetic mirrors, experimenting with colours, textures and a wide variety of embellishments.

The activity encouraged creativity and patience as students carefully piped intricate patterns, adding charms, beads and decorative details to bring their designs to life. Each piece quickly became a reflection of its creator's personality, with bold, playful styles sitting alongside more delicate and elegant designs.

The relaxed atmosphere made it a perfect way to unwind at the weekend, with plenty of laughter and conversation as students shared ideas and admired one another's creations. By the end of the morning, everyone left with a unique handmade keepsake — and a wonderful reminder of a fun and imaginative start to the weekend in boarding.









VEX Robotics Success



Our boarders recently demonstrated outstanding skill, teamwork and determination at a VEX Robotics competition hosted by Tenby School Penang. The event brought together talented young engineers and problem-solvers from across the region, providing an exciting opportunity for students to test their creativity and technical expertise in a competitive environment.

Three of our boarders proudly represented the school alongside some of their classmates, working tirelessly to design, programme and refine their robots in preparation for the challenges of the day. Throughout the competition, they showed impressive resilience and collaboration, adapting quickly to each round and supporting one another under pressure.

We are especially delighted to celebrate the remarkable achievement of one team, who were crowned champions on the day, earning qualification for the world finals. This incredible accomplishment reflects not only their technical ability, but also their perseverance, innovation and commitment to excellence.

We are immensely proud of all the students who took part and represented boarding and the school with such enthusiasm and integrity. Their success is a wonderful example of the curiosity, ambition and teamwork that continue to thrive within our boarding community.







Outdoor Rock Climbing

For a recent Saturday morning activity, a group of our boarders headed out to the outdoor climbing facilities at Jesselton Rock Wall, accompanied by Mr Shadbolt and Ms Churchyard. Set against the fresh air and natural surroundings, the session offered students an exciting opportunity to challenge themselves in a completely different environment.

For many of the group, it was their very first experience of rock climbing. After a thorough safety briefing and some expert guidance, students quickly began building confidence as they learned how to balance, plan their routes and support one another from below. Encouragement and cheers followed every successful ascent, creating a wonderful atmosphere of teamwork and positivity.

As the morning progressed, boarders grew increasingly adventurous, attempting more challenging climbs and celebrating personal milestones along the way. The experience proved to be a fantastic way to develop resilience and determination, while enjoying the outdoors and sharing plenty of laughter with friends.









