Personal Learning Device (PLD) Initiative
Briefing for Parents

Intended Outcomes of the PLD Initiative

The use of the PLD for teaching and learning aims to:

Support the Development of Digital Literacy

Support Self-Directed and Collaborative Learning

Enhance Teaching and Learning

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How will your child/ward use the PLD?

At Yishun Town Secondary School, your child will be using the PLDs to

✓ **Leverage on Cloud platforms such as SLS, MS Teams and Google Drive to curate and self-manage learning.**

• Cloud-based platforms facilitates learning anytime, anywhere.

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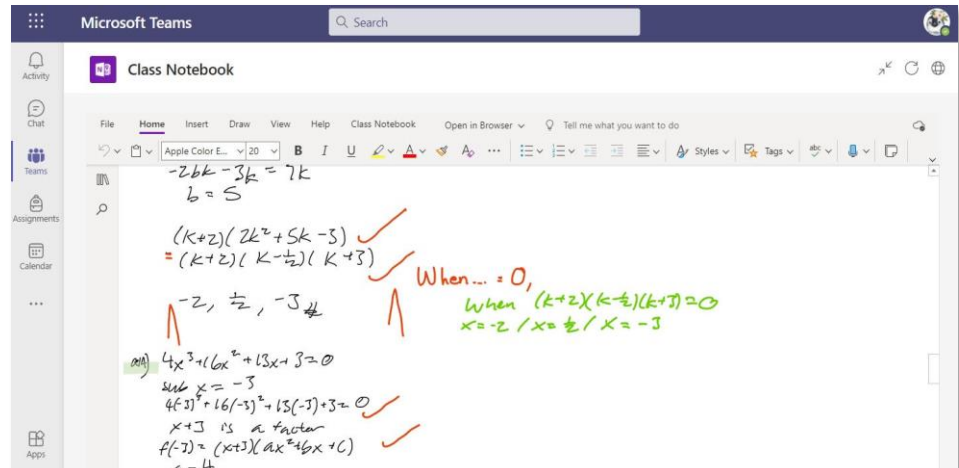
- ✓ **Support curricular and pedagogical innovation**
- • Flipped classrooms will allow students to access materials before and outside class and have in-depth discussions during lessons
- • Facilitation of differentiated instruction to better customize lessons for students at different readiness levels

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How will your child/ward use the PLD?

At Yishun Town Secondary School, your child will be using the PLDs to
- ✓ **Strengthen feedback and monitoring of students' learning**
- • Real time feedback on learning provided to teachers using SLS, MS Teams and Google Classroom
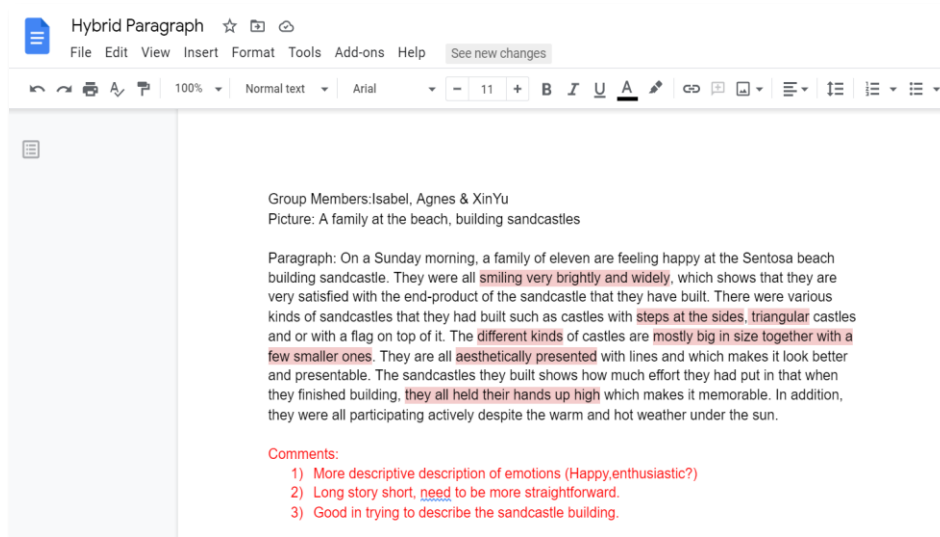
How will your child/ward use the PLD?

At Yishun Town Secondary School, your child will be using the PLDs to
- ✓ **Develop new media literacies and Web 2.0 competencies**
- Co-creation of information through the use of Google Slides and Google Docs
- Communication and collaboration for project work

Yishun Town Secondary School's PLD

The school will be using the **Acer Chromebook Spin R753TN** for teaching and learning.

Total Cost with GST: $516.20

Intel N4500 processor, 4GB RAM, 64GB Storage, 11.6" Screen Size*

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Yishun Town Secondary School's PLD

Acer Chromebook Spin
R753TN

The school chose the device because of:

- Affordability

- Durability

- Teaching & learning practices

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Technical Support for Students' Devices

Technical support will be provided to students through:

- Service Desk set up in school during breaks and after school on a weekly basis
    - Troubleshooting of device issues
    - Solve connectivity issues
    - Collection of devices to be sent for repairs

- Acer's service centres
    - Repair of devices (hardware issues)

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Device Management Application Installation

- Your child's/ward's PLD will be installed with a Device Management Application (DMA) to provide a safer digital environment for learning.
  - o Installation of the DMA will be performed after the collection of the device. Students will be guided on the installation.
  - o This applies to both devices purchased through the school and student-owned devices.

- The DMA will be funded by MOE and will be uninstalled from the device when your child/ward graduates/leaves the school.

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Providing Parents/Guardians with Greater Choice for After-School PLD Use

The school will provide parents/guardians with more information on exercising the options.

Default	Option A	Option B
In-school DMA settings will continue after school hours	**Parents/Guardians can modify the DMA settings after school hours**	**Parents/Guardians can choose to disable DMA after school hours**
For parents/guardians who want their child's/ward's use of the device to be restricted only to teaching and learning, and prefer to leave it to the school to decide on DMA settings after school hours.	For parents/guardians who want more leeway over the use of the device, and prefer to take charge of the level of restrictions for their child's/ward's use of the device after school hours.	For parents/guardians who do not want their child's/ward's use of the device to be regulated by DMA after school.

- Having default school settings continue after school hours is the best option for parents/guardians who prefer not to, or do not feel ready to manage their child's/ward's device use on their own.
- Parents/guardians can request to change their choice of DMA settings at any time.

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Data Collected by the DMA

The DMA does **<u>NOT</u>** collect any of the following data:

- Login IDs and passwords entered into websites or into any applications
- Actions performed (e.g. posts, online comments, items added to a shopping cart, etc.) when visiting websites and using apps
- Documents and photos stored in the PLDs
- PLD location
- Webcam videos and microphone recordings

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Supporting Students in the Safe and Effective Use of the Devices

The school has measures in place to enable a safer digital environment for learning with the use of PLDs, e.g.

- Classroom management and routines
- Educating students on Cyber Wellness
- Partnering parents/guardians to support students in their use of technology for learning
- Device Management Application (DMA)

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- **The cost of the device bundle can be paid using your child's/ward's Edusave account,** after setting aside provision for payment of second-tier miscellaneous fees.

- To ensure the affordability of devices, MOE has provided Edusave top-ups in 2020 to 2022 ($200 in each year) to all eligible SC students in primary and secondary schools.

- This is on top of the annual $290 credited into the Edusave account for Secondary School students and $230 for Primary School students.

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Funding Support for Singapore Citizen (SC) Students

- For students on MOE-FAS, subsidies are available even if there is insufficient Edusave balance. The cash out-of-pocket will be $0.

- Subsidies will be provided for SC students (who are not MOE FAS) but need support, particularly those whose Gross Household Income (GHI) is below $4,400 or Per Capita Income (PCI)# is below $1,100.

- For more details on financial assistance, please approach the school.

#PCI is GHI divided by the number of household members.

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What's Next?

Time Frame	Activity
9 Jan 2023	Letter to Parents for Procurement via Parents Gateway which includes the following: • Intent to purchase PLD • Use of Edusave (for Singapore Citizens) • Authorisation by parent to allow child to collect PLD
By end Feb 2023	**(If required)** Parent/Guardian to make payment via • Giro • SGQR (Nets/PayNow) • SAM channels • Cash and cheque at school General Office
Early Term 2, 2023	Collection of devices by students

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Letter to Parents for Procurement

singpass

Parents with SingPass can access the Letter to Parents for Procurement to indicate your consent via the following link:

https://go.gov.sg/pdlpadmin

* Parents/Guardians without Singpass can request for the hardcopy letter via your child's/ward's form teacher.

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Frequently Asked Question
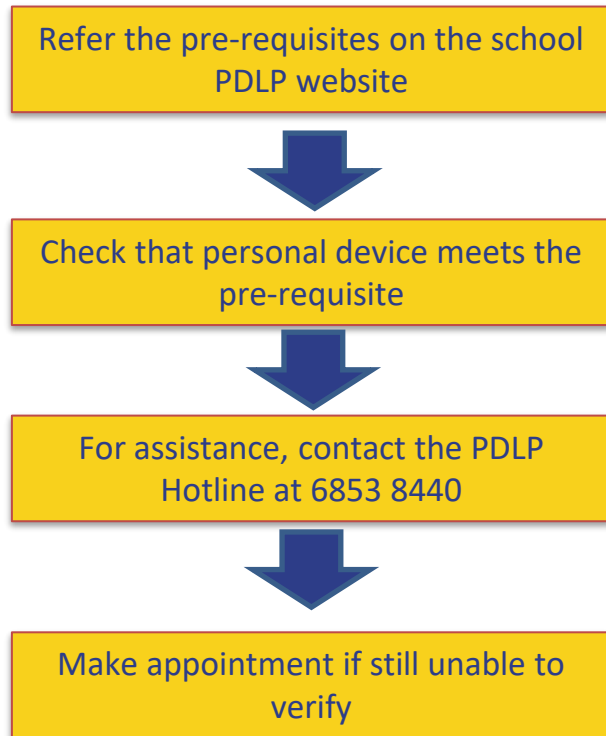
Can students use their own device?

- As part of the national initiative, students are encouraged to purchase a device for teaching and learning purposes through the school
- For students to use their own device, it will have to meet specific pre-requisites[1] and be able to be installed with the Device Management Application (DMA)[2] before approval is given for use.

[1]Specific pre-requisites has been uploaded on the school's website.
[2]DMA: Device Management Application, more information will be shared later.

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Checking of Pre-Requisites for Use of Own Devices

Refer the pre-requisites on the school PDLP website

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Check that personal device meets the pre-requisite

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For assistance, contact the PDLP Hotline at 6853 8440

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Make appointment if still unable to verify

Category	Details
Device	Chromebook
Operating System	ChromeOS Note: As our school is using ChromeOS, our DMA cannot be installed on Windows or iPadOS.
RAM	4GB or higher
Capacity	64GB eMMC[2] or higher
Wi-Fi Function	Support at least IEEE 802.11 a/n/ac standard that uses 5GHz band Does not support IEEE 802.11 b/g standard
Input	• Keyboard • Inking function (stylus / free hand) • Touchscreen
Device Age	Device should not be older than 4 years from manufacturing date
Battery	Hold charge for at least 4 hours
Auto Update Expiration (AUE) Date	AUE date should be June 2024 and onwards

*If device meets pre-requisite, complete form on Use of Own Learning Device (link available on website). Our ICT staff will contact you for the follow-up.

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Collection of Devices

- Your child will be able to collect his/her device in school from early Term 2 2023.

- If you would like to verify the condition of the device during collection with your child/ward:
  - You may arrange to collect the device at the **vendor's service / collection centre*** or appoint an adult proxy to do so.
  - Your child/ward would need to bring the device to school and arrange for the school's IT department to install the DMA.

- Please approach the school for further advice or clarification if you would like to make this arrangement.

* Parents/Guardians (or adult proxy) will **<u>not</u>** be able to collect the PLD from the school.

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