



INVICTUS
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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 3
31st May 2024

Bukit Timah

FUBISIA
ESTABLISHED IN 1988

Welcome from the Principal

Welcome back! I hope that all our families had a lovely break. Whilst for me it is often an opportune moment to work from home, I did get the chance to visit various attractions around Singapore which are so often spoken with delight in school by our students and staff. Recently, I was pleased to have been invited on a couple of school site visits as part of a FOBISIA team. These visits often give a really good insight into how different schools approach education and whilst a good learning tool, they are a great opportunity to share best practice happening here in school and the achievements of our students. Currently around school, it is a joy to see our students sharing knowledge, practising their talents and speaking aspirationally about their future. Our staff of course have an eye on the next academic year. As is common trend amongst international schools; natural professional migration does occur and equally as important as my hand over to the new Principal , Mr Craig Cooper, is the welcoming of new staff as our recruitment for AY24/25 is nearly complete. We hope to introduce these members of staff to the community before the term ends within the newsletter.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend ahead,



Nicholas Belcher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care



Mr Belcher
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Head - Academic



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Ms Lu
Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King
Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Head of Arts
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Ms Ngooi

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw
Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Liu
Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Metcalfe
Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Joachim
Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Lu
Year 3.1 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Mishra
Year 3.2 Form
& English Teacher



Ms Jing
Year 4.1 Form
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu
Year 4.2 Form
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form &
Maths/Humanities Teacher



Ms Jollyn Lin
Chinese Teacher



Mr Elisara
Year 5.2 Form
& Head of Art



Mrs Lee
Year 6.1 Form
& Humanities/GP Teacher



Ms Ngooi
Year 6.2 Form
& Head of Music



Ms Stewart
Year 7.1 Form
& English Teacher



Mr Burke
Year 8 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Wang
Chinese Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Yusop



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Cai (Temp)



Ms Devi

New Staff arriving in the academic year 24/25

As is often the case in many international schools, after a little while, staff sometimes seek new opportunities and promotions elsewhere to further develop pedagogy and experience. As a result, new staff bring new ideas, new pedagogy and form new relationships with our community at this exciting part of our school development.

This week we start with an update on Mr Craig Cooper our incoming Principal.

As we countdown the days to the end of the school year, I am delighted to take this opportunity to write to you all again, knowing it has been a particularly busy time for everyone.

My family and I are currently living in Haikou, Hainan, and we are preparing to embark on this exciting new journey with you all in Singapore. I am truly excited to get to know each and every one of you and with this in mind, I am writing to help you get to know me and my family a little better.

My wife Geraldine (Gerry) and I, have one child Harrison (Charlie) was born in Dubai in 2011. After Charlie's birth Gerry took a career break before returning to university part-time, earning her BSc in Psychology and her IPGCE and, once we are settled, Gerry plans to work in Singapore too. She is an avid reader of all things science fiction and has been taking weekly lessons in Mandarin for many years. Our son, Charlie, is 13 years old and could win any quiz show on Star Wars. He speaks Mandarin very well and is looking forward to continuing his language studies in Singapore. Charlie loves sports, particularly football, athletics, and fencing, and he is also learning to play the piano.



Mr Craig Cooper

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

As I mentioned in my previous communication, clear and transparent communication is key to a successful partnership with the Invictus community. Therefore, once I am in post, please do come and introduce yourselves, and if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's time with us, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me. I have always maintained an open-door policy and will continue to do so.

Our shared goal is to help Invictus students to achieve the high academic standards and reach their full potential. One of the most important factors in their success will be Invictus' forward-looking educational model, which will equip our graduates with the confidence, qualifications, and skills necessary to become tomorrow's leaders.

I am confident that our combined efforts will further enrich the proud and dynamic school that is Invictus Bukit Timah. I very much look forward to meeting you all and collaborating to build on the solid foundations already established.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Craig Cooper
Principal
Academic Year 24/25

Vision and Mission

Core Values



Respect

Respect for all



Resilience

Persevering and striving for progress



Care

Caring for others in a safe, sustainable environment



Collaboration

Developing the lifelong skills of working with others



Excellence

Challenging ourselves to do our best



Joyous Lifelong Learning

Taking pleasure in learning and growth

Uniform reminders

Uniform - All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days- House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.

School Uniform



PE Uniform



We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.
Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accomodating this by
manufacturing a cotton version in the same style .

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example
3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon – Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

Academic: Important Notices



Our KS3 presentation, which provides an overview our KS3 identity from this August, can be found [here](#). Thank you to those of you who recommended we create a recorded version, and to our KS3 Lead-Dr King-for putting this together.

Assessment Week

Over the course of next week, pupils may be sitting more formal assessments which will provide one source of evidence to support teacher-judgments of pupil progress. Pupils are assessed throughout the year to inform lesson planning and to ensure an appropriate-level of challenge is in place, and some of next week's assessment tasks will be indistinguishable from normal lessons, however assessments do become more formal depending on age and subject as pupils move up the school. No additional preparation is required, nor do we recommend any is conducted, but parents are encouraged to be aware that, despite our best efforts, some pupils, particularly those who are new to the school, may become worried about these tests. Pupils will always be encouraged to simply try their best and to learn from the feedback. No scores will be shared, but grades are available in the End of Year Reports.

Keeping In Touch with Your Child's Learning

The school strives to keep parents informed about their child's learning whilst balancing our teacher's priorities. A reminder that tutors and subject-teachers are always available, and aim to respond to parent emails within 48-hours, however the following are two ways you can immediately keep up-to-date with your child's learning.

Weekly Subject content

Reminding children of learning, and pre-teaching key terms or ideas, is shown to be beneficial, so we've put together a summary of upcoming content for each class here: [Parent-Shared](#)

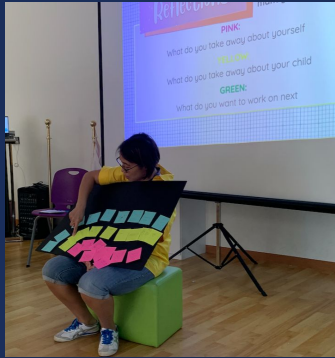
Term 2B Curriculum Letter

Permanently collated here: [Parent-Shared](#). T2B Curriculum Letters.

Pastoral News



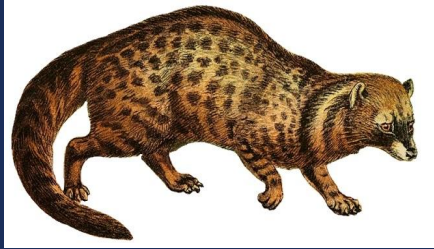
Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care



On Wednesday, our play therapist Grace organised a fantastic session for parents about managing meltdowns. I myself also attended and found it extremely interesting and useful. Grace is very knowledgeable about neuroscience, and was able to answer all the challenging questions given to her. Thank you very much to her and also the parents who attended the session. Grace will be organising more sessions for parents next Term.



House Updates



Civets
98



Pangolins
78





Hornbills
106



Otters
99

This weeks winners are Hornbills with 106 house points. House captains will be planning this week the end of term party for Term 3 house. I am sure Pizza will make an appearance as it was very popular last term.



9:00 - 12:30 PM

AM SESSION

GUARDIANS OF SYNTHESIS


The Synthesia Solar Saga




INVICTUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

JULY HOLIDAY CAMPS

8 to 12 JULY



FINANCIAL LITERACY



Kidz Economy
Compounding Education

1:00 - 4:00 PM

PM SESSION

CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER!

Contact enquiries@pennjunioracademy.edu.sg with any questions.

Summer Camps

Monday, July 8th, to Friday, July 12th, 2024

For ages 8 – 12

- **Guardians of Synthesia Camp: STEM Adventure! - \$525.00**
(AM Session - 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM): Calling all future scientists, engineers, and inventors! This STEM adventure will spark your child's curiosity and equip them with real-world skills through hands-on activities, interactive challenges, and engaging projects with a sci-fi theme.
- **Financial Literacy Camp: Unleashing Young Entrepreneurs! - \$375.00**
(PM Session - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM): Empower your child to become a financially savvy individual! This dynamic camp taught by an experienced International School teacher will equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to make smart financial decisions throughout their lives through interactive workshops, real-world simulations, and engaging activities.

Double the Fun, Double the Savings!

Looking to give your child a well-rounded summer experience? **Enroll them in both camps and save!** We offer a "**Both Camps FULL DAY**" option (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) for a discounted price.

Don't Miss Out on Early Bird & Invictus Student Savings – Stacked Discounts!

- **Early Bird Discount:** Register your child **NOW** until **Monday, June 10th** and **save 5%** on the camp fee!
- **Invictus Student Discount:** Invictus students receive an **additional 10% off!** Simply use the code **INVICTUS10** at checkout. If your child registers during the Early Bird window, they can save a total of **15%!**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Music



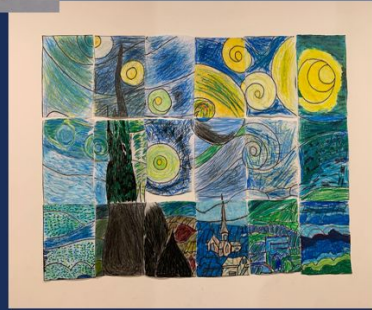
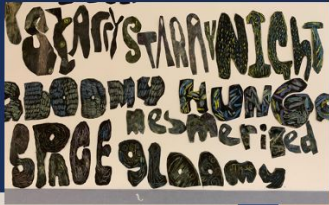
As the upper Primary and Secondary students prepare for their solo/group performance for IBT Has Got Talent 2024 Auditions next week, the students explored various ways to communicate in a group and helped each other improve their performances through valuable peer feedback. The students also explored on the importance of audience engagement, voice/music projection and stage presence in a performance. I am very much looking forward to the auditions next week. Well done students!

Thank you Qiao Yi, Rahul, Duncan and Suzy for playing at Invigorating Instrumentals this week. Well done!



Primary

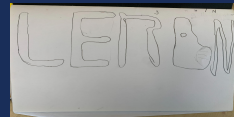
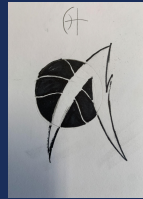
The year 4s have been studying the art of Vincent Van Gogh, in particular 'Starry Night'. Pupils examined his busy brushstrokes full of movement and tones, shades and tints. As a class we proceeded to create words inspired from this work and decorated them with swirling chalk colours. On completion of our 'Vincent Vocab' we completed our year group mural with each pupil completing their panels. The theme was "Starry Night" for one class and 'Sunny Day' for the other. Each class theme compares a mirrored composition of 'Starry Night' with warm colours versus cool colours using Vincent Van Gogh's vibrant mark making. Well done year 4's!



Art & Design

Secondary

The year 8s are exploring the design brief, and in particular, the basketball shoe. Pupils explored creating a logo for basketball based on 4 values required for the sport and elements that reflect their brand. Pupils researched the AND 1 brand and their approach to shoe design as well as looked at logos and brands well known to the sport. Eventually pairs made a shoe and will explore how to develop their own design and logo together!





Invictus Bukit Timah has got talent 2024!



This is an exciting opportunity for you to showcase your hidden talents and wow the audience with your skills. We encourage all pupils to participate and showcase their unique talents. Whether it's singing, dancing, storytelling, ball dribbling, magic tricks or any other extraordinary skill, we want to see what you've got!

Audition: During Music Lesson (3rd June - 7th June 2024) (Year 7 - Wednesday and Year 8 - Thursday)

*If you need a change of costume please bring them to school on your Music lesson day

Performance duration

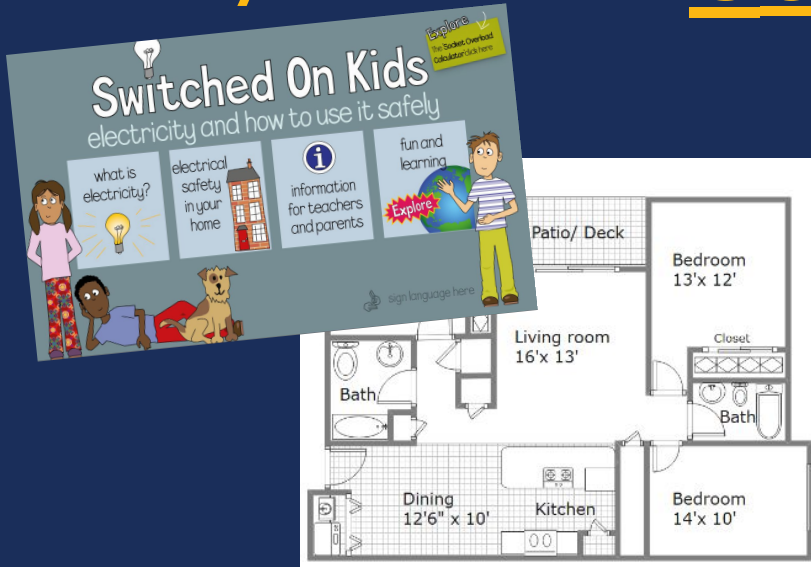
Years 1 , 2 and 3	1min - 1.5min
Years 4 and 5	1.5min - 2min
Years 6 , 7 and 8	2min – 3min

Finals: Invictus Bukit Timah Has Got Talent Assembly 8.30am-9am (Dining Hall)

Years 1 , 2 and 3	11 th June
Years 4 and 5	12 th June
Years 6 , 7 and 8	13 th June

All participants	10 house points
Finalists (3 acts from each class)	25 house points
Winner from each Year	50 house points and a golden opportunity to perform for the entire school during the End of Year Celebration

Primary



Lots of excellent skills on display in primary science lessons this week! Students have been researching and creating written reports and other have been making birds eye plans of their own homes and then thinking about electrical dangers. Practical hands on work with circuits has been in evidence too and we did an investigation into our memory skills with year 5 as the start of our science skills topic!

Science

Secondary

Review and revise are the key words for this week in Science, as our key stage 3 students all focus on reviewing their year in science and practicing some study skills and strategies before their upcoming assessments next week. It wasn't all focused silent work on their own though! Students showed great resilience and collaboration skills when we used puzzles and word games to help us refresh our knowledge.



Chinese Language in Primary

Year 1 continue to revise and practice sentences taught this term extend their sentences, they are also starting to add key phrases such as 早上(morning), 中午(afternoon), 晚上(night) to express certain time of the day, for example 早上8点(morning 8 o'clock). They will continue to concrete skills their skills of telling time by the hour and while learning to extend sentences through readers and games.

Year 2 Foreign Language (FCL) are learning about fruits. They use google translate to find out how to say their favourite fruits, picking up skill such as labelling while familiarizing with pronunciation. They are also learning names of fruits through sequencing and sequencing games. The Standard Chinese(SCL) reviewed measure such as 一本、一个、一支 to describe and and write sentences to describe “What is in my bag?”.

Year 3 Foreign Language(FCL) are learning how to ask and tell “What is your surname?” (你姓什么?) which is expressed quite differently from “What is your name?”(你叫什么名字). Through learning they will learn to identify characters and read sentences without Pinyin, building on their reading and understanding skills. While Standard Chinese Language(SCL) language class are learning to retell article in their own words. Working on their writing fluency through sentence writing practices.

Year 4 Foreign Language(FCL) are discussing about places they go, learning to say names of places and Is snowballing what they have learnt into sentences. They also learn to identify characters, connect characters to the correct Pinyin. Year 4 Standard Chinese Language(SCL) are learning about Polyphonic character(多音字) 长. Polyphonic character is a unique language phenomenon in Chinese, which refers to a Chinese character having more than one pronunciation, and different pronunciations convey different meanings. They are also learning to use classifiers such as 一条裤子、一双鞋子、一双袜子、一件衣服、一顶帽子 appropriately.

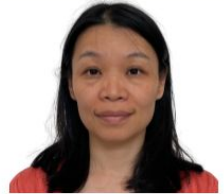


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Chinese Language in Secondary

Year 7 SCL students are discussing time (时间) and timelines (时间轴). They are exploring how and why people use timelines and how to create their own timelines.

Year 8 SCL students are currently exploring the topic "How Big is Our World" as per the textbook. They are delving into various aspects of the topic, including animals in the ocean and on land, conducting related research, and presenting their findings in class. The research results they have brought forth are incredibly fascinating. For instance: "Fresh and live sea cucumbers emit a type of enzyme that causes them to dissolve into a liquid state when they are out of seawater for 6-7 hours." "A healthy chicken can run at a speed of 9 miles per hour (approximately 14.5 kilometers per hour), which is faster than some people can run." "The horseshoe crab (hòu) is often found near the sandy beaches of shallow seas and is the only surviving member of the order Xiphosura. Although they resemble crabs and other crustaceans, horseshoe crabs are more closely related to arachnids such as spiders and scorpions." Their engagement in the topic and the depth of their research have enriched our understanding of the world around us.



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Physical Education in Primary

During their PE lessons, our Year 3 students are learning valuable team-building skills in preparation for their upcoming residential trip. One exciting challenge they're tackling is called "Back-to-Back." In this activity, pairs of students sit back-to-back and must work together to stand up and sit down without using their hands. This exercise emphasizes communication, cooperation, and trust, helping them bond and become more effective as a team. It's a fantastic way to prepare for the collaborative experiences ahead on their trip!



Physical Education in Secondary

Our Year 8 students are honing their basketball skills during PE lessons at the nearby sheltered basketball court. They are practicing fundamental techniques such as dribbling, shooting, and passing. These sessions are not only improving their physical abilities but also fostering teamwork and sportsmanship. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm and progress as they build a strong foundation in basketball!



Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

Inquiry-based learning in KS1 fosters a natural curiosity and love for exploration. By encouraging children to ask questions, investigate, and seek answers, it cultivates critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of the world around them.

In Maths, the Year Ones have been learning about data collection and organisation. They were given the problem ‘What transport do students take to school?’ They visited a number of classes to collect the data, recording the data using tally marks and organised this information into a bar graph. They discovered that most children interviewed take a bus to school!

Through hands-on experiences and guided inquiries, children develop problem-solving abilities, creativity, and a sense of ownership over their learning journey.



Key Stage 2 – Years Three, Four, Five and Six



Care
Caring for others in
a safe, sustainable
environment

As International Plastic Day approaches, students immersed themselves in the topic of plastic pollution during this week's assembly. They explored the role of plastic in our world, tracing its journey from usage to disposal. They discovered the origins and applications of plastic - its benefits and drawbacks, its environmental impact, and how they can make a responsible difference.



Interesting Plastic Facts:

- 52% of sea turtles worldwide are estimated to have accidentally ingested plastic rubbish.
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Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight

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International Day workshops with The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 15TH June.

On Saturday the 15th of June, we will be hosting 'International Day at our campus'. Come along to this with your family to explore games, food and music from countries represented at our school! Sign up for session one (9am-10:30am) or session 2 (11am-12:30pm) via School Cloud.

Parents, if some you still want to set up a stall and represent your country on International Day (15th of June) or add to your team of your nationality, it is not too late to join. Just email us on friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg and we will guide you through the organisation.



Community News



Every Tuesday our parent walk leaves school at 8:30pm for an hour stroll round the local area. It is a brilliant way to meet other parents, and build our school community.

Any parent is welcome to join the walk, and if you have a younger child please do bring them along too, there are lots of pram friendly walks and occasionally a coffee or ice cream at the end is found!

Just turn up and join before they leave!



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REIMAGINE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES AS VIBRANT SPACES.

Create a visual masterpiece that showcases your ideas for transforming a public transport node of your choice into an engaging environment. The artwork should reflect the elements you would like to include to make such spaces more enjoyable and inviting.

Competition Details

Date: 1 June 2024 to 15 September 2024

Theme: "Reimagine our Public Transport Nodes as Vibrant Spaces"

Age: 7 to 12 years old

Prize: Top 3 winners will each win an iPad. Selected art pieces will also be featured at various public transport nodes.

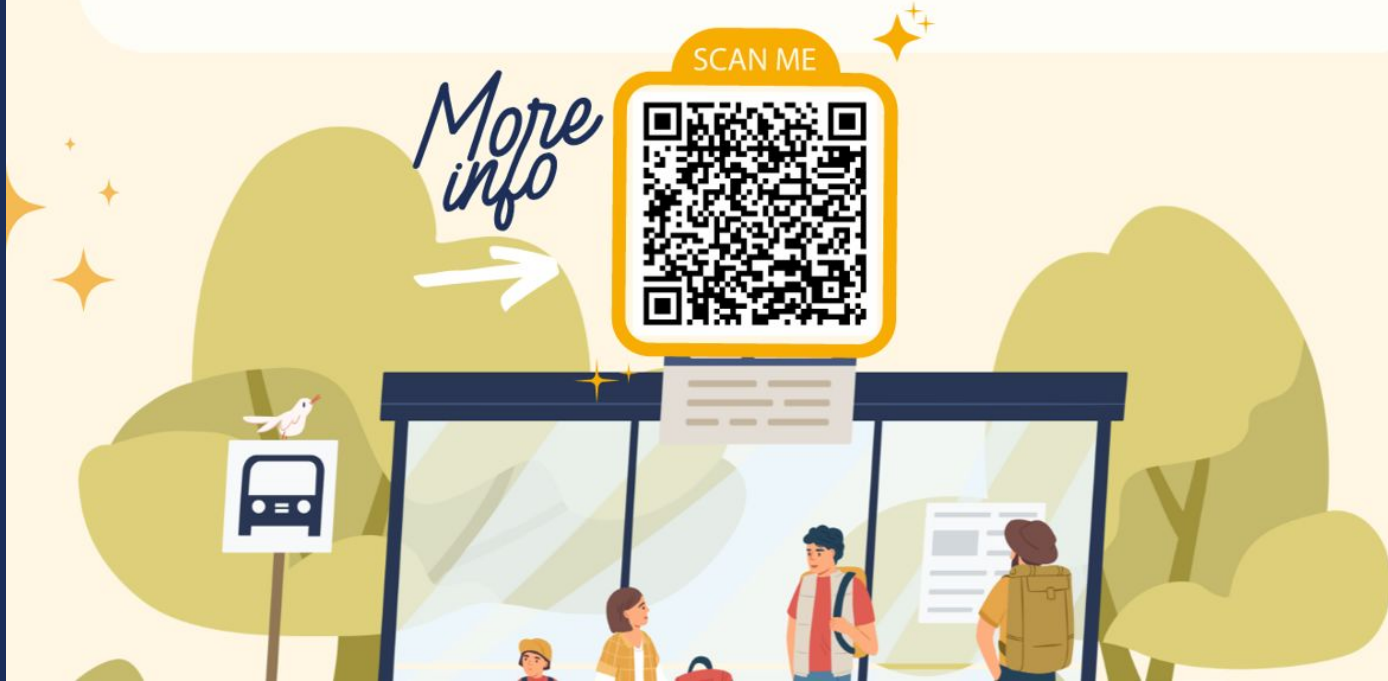
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Artwork must be physically executed on an A4-sized paper.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, i.e. drawings, paintings, comic art etc.

Artwork must be accompanied by an artist statement, (no longer than 100 words.)

Artwork must be scanned in 300dpi or higher and saved in PNG/ JPG/ PDF Submission online via FormSG (www.go.gov.sg/smg-artcompetition-2024) by **15 September 2024**



Discount card for our families

We are very excited to offer an Invictus Bukit Timah discount card for our community of families with a variety of local businesses and restaurants in and around the Bukit Timah area.

Please show your support by showing this newsletter page to these restaurants to receive your discount. We will be creating unique QR codes to use soon! Please click on the logos below to find out more information about our partners.



LET'S TOAST
COFFEE . TOAST . BEER . SNACK

10% off!



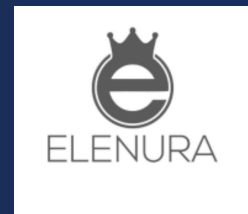
10% off!



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15% off your 1st lash or nail
treatment!
10% thereafter!*

Thank you for helping us grow!

REFER A STUDENT AND GET REWARDED*!

**Terms & Conditions apply*

SGD 500
for every student

as of January 2024



<https://www.invictus.edu.sg/about-us/invictus-referral-programme>

Key Contacts

Safeguarding: safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas:

Admissions: admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

General Queries: questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg

Student Services: studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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