

# Offering of Higher Mother Tongue Languages (HMTL) & 3<sup>rd</sup> Languages

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**HOD/MTL**

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*bringing out the best in our people*



# **Rationale for Offering HMTL**

The Ministry of Education aims to help students with the ability, aptitude and interest in MTL to achieve higher levels of language proficiency and cultural knowledge through HMTL.

# Criteria to offer HMTL

- ✓ AL 1 / AL 2 in MTL or
- ✓ Distinction / Merit in HMTL

# Benefits for Offering HMTL

- Students with at least a C6 in English (EL) and D7 in HMTL will be **exempted** from offering MTL in Junior College (JC).
- O-Level students with a pass in both EL and HMTL may use **2 bonus points** for admission to JC.

# Benefits for Offering HMTL

For example

- O Level Gross Aggregate L1R5 Score – 8 points
- A pass in EL & HMTL – 2 bonus points
- Net Aggregate L1R5 Score after deducting bonus points – 6 points

\*L1R5 (L1R5 = First Language + 5 Relevant Subjects)

# Benefits for Offering HMTL

- HMTL may be used to **replace EL** as first language in the calculation of L1R5 for JC admission.

# Benefits for Offering HMTL

For example

- L1R5 Score (L1 : EL [B3] ) – 8 points
- Student can replace EL with HMTL if she scores a better HMTL grade
- L1R5 Score (L1 : HCL [A2] ) – 7 points

## Points to note

- All IP students have to offer HMTL unless you are doing NTIL or exempted from offering MTL.
- O Level students who are eligible to offer HMTL will be offered HMTL.
- O Level students who are not eligible to offer HMTL, may offer MTL instead. However, if they do well at the end of Sec 1, HMTL may be offered.

# Points to note

- HMT students only need to purchase HMTL textbooks and workbooks, not MTL books.
- Lessons will be conducted during curriculum time.
- If a student has difficulty coping with HMTL at the end of the year, she may switch to MTL.

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Languages offered at Cedar**

**CHINESE SPECIAL PROG (CSP)  
&  
MALAY SPECIAL PROG (MSP)**

# **Rationale for offering CSP / MSP**

CSP and MSP build on MOE's on-going efforts to promote conversational Malay and Chinese among students, and its bilingual policy as a strategic edge. These programmes equip young people with the language skills to engage the world, and also help to further strengthen Singapore's multi-racial compact in the long run.

# **Aims / Objectives of CSP / MSP**

At the end of the 4 years programme, students will be able to:

- Be comfortably conversant in Chinese / Malay language
- Communicate clearly in various situations and different target audience, in both oral and written form
- Understand the Chinese / Malay culture and traditions

# Criteria for offering CSP / MSP

- Only Sec 1 students who do not offer CL/HCL at PSLE may offer CSP.
- Only Sec 1 students who do not offer ML/HML at PSLE may offer MSP.

If the number of applicants exceeds that of vacancies, selection will be based on the applicant's PSLE results.

# **Benefits of offering CSP/MSP**

Students who pass CSP/MSP at O-Level

- will be awarded 2 bonus points for admission to JC.
- will be allowed to use CSP/MSP grade in-lieu of Humanities in the computation of L1R5.

# Considerations when offering CSP/MSP

- Interest in 3<sup>rd</sup> language
- One subject more than others -> Higher Workload
- One late day: 3hr lesson block on one weekday ending at about 5pm
- Child's preparedness for increased load, hours and transition

# **Regional Studies Programme (RSP)**

RSP aims to nurture a segment of non-Malays in each generation who are comfortably conversant in the Malay Language and able to engage regional countries effectively.

# Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

- Those who are taking **MSP** will be eligible for RSP.
- Students could be offered **MOE RSP scholarship**.
- RSP is non-examinable and lessons are conducted once a week during term time, in the afternoon.

# **Regional Studies Programme (RSP)**

- Students will engage in active discussion and impart their ideas through presentations and project-based task assigned.
- There will be cultural enrichment activities and immersion programme to regional countries. These programmes will be subsidized by MOE.

# Regional Studies Programme (RSP)

- Any queries, please email Ms Farahin at [nur\\_farahin\\_salleh@moe.edu.sg](mailto:nur_farahin_salleh@moe.edu.sg)

# **Application Procedure for CSP/MSP**

If you wish to apply for CSP/MSP for your daughter, please download the application form from the school website and return the completed form, together with a photocopy of your child's PSLE RESULT SLIP, stating the Aggregate Score to the General Office by Wed 7 Jan 2026.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Registration (CSP & MSP)

- Students are to register at the school General Office by Wednesday 7 Jan 2026.
- Places that are not taken up by 7 Jan, will be reallocated to other applicants.
- Note that students are only allowed to do one 3<sup>rd</sup> Language.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Language Registration (except CSP & MSP)

- Please register online at MOELC website at:  
<https://www.moelc.moe.edu.sg/>  
from **26 Dec 2025 (Fri) to 7 Jan 2026**  
**(Wed)** to confirm that you are taking up the offer.

**Thank You**