



FERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Direct School Admission (DSA) Briefing

FOR P5 & P6 PARENTS

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Content

- DSA talent areas offered by secondary schools
- Understanding the DSA application process and timeline
- Tips on preparing your child for DSA



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What is Direct School Admission (DSA)

- Provides a pathway for students to gain admission to secondary schools based on their **interests, aptitude and potential**
- Each participating secondary school offers distinctive programmes and **sets its own selection process and criteria** to admit students
- If successful, students will receive a confirmed place in their chosen school, though they must still **meet the required Posting Group** for the school.



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Who should apply for DSA-Sec?

- Demonstrate strong abilities, passion, or achievements in specific areas
- Committed to developing their talents
- Prepared to contribute actively to their chosen DSA domain throughout their secondary school years
- DSA schools whose programmes align with your child's interests and strengths



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What are the DSA Talent Categories

DSA Talent Category

**Sports &
Games**

**Visual,
literary &
performing
arts**

**Debate and
public
speaking**

**Science,
Mathematics
and
engineering**

**Languages
and
humanities**

**Uniformed
groups**

Leadership



**School
websites**

**School
OPEN HOUSES**



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DSA talent areas offered by secondary schools

Have a target secondary school

- School Website

Do not have any target secondary school

- SchoolFinder Website



<https://go.gov.sg/schoolfindersecondary>



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Important to
note:

Schools that **ONLY** accept students
through DSA process:

- NUS High School of Mathematics and Science
- School of Science and Technology

School that **ONLY** accept students
through its own admission process:

- Singapore Sports School
- School of the Arts



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How do we shortlist DSA schools?



- Conversations about their interests, strengths and aspirations
- Review P5 and P6 results to assess if they can cope with the academic rigour of your target schools



- Explore schools' websites together. (DSA talent areas and entry requirements)
- Attend school open houses with your child.
- Consider practical factors



- Balanced list of schools (talents, reasonable chance, etc)
- DSA admission criteria and cut-off points to assess chances realistically



**AL score:
AL13 - AL16**



Posting Group 3

**Strength:
Basketball**



School A

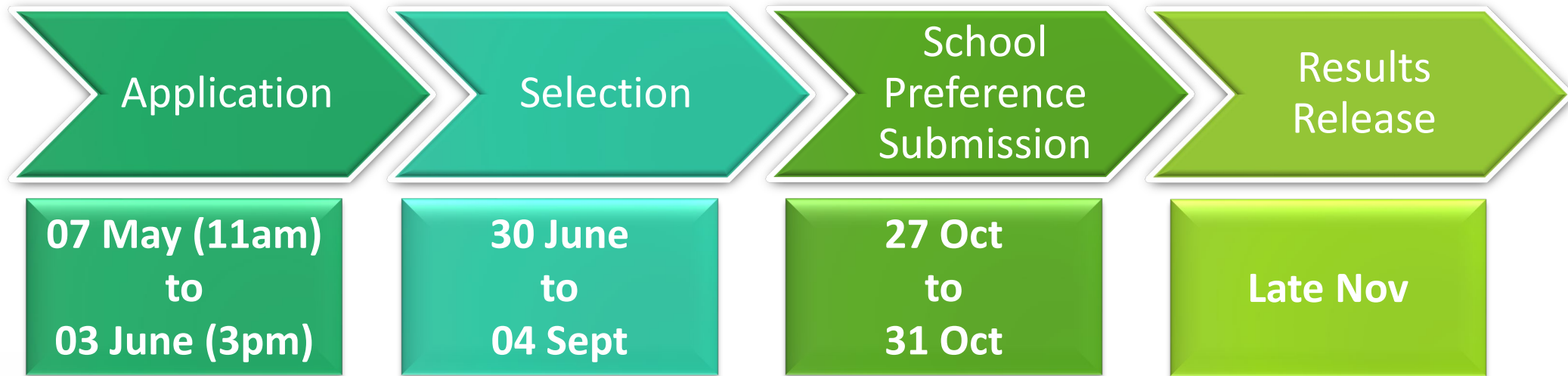
| | Affiliated | Non-affiliated |
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| Posting Group 3 | - | 7 - 14 |
| Posting Group 2 | - | 21 - 22 |
| Posting Group 1 | - | 25 - 26 |



School B

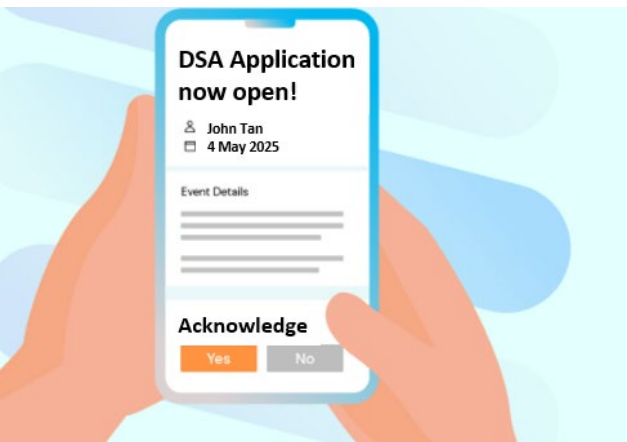
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| Posting Group 2 | - | - |
| Posting Group 1 | - | - |

Timeline of the DSA Exercise



Application Process (07 May – 03 Jun)

- Online application via DSA-Sec Portal (Link in PG message)
- Only one parent's Singpass is required for application
- Students can indicate up to three choices
(Maximum of two choices for the same school under two different talent areas)



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Application Process (07 May – 03 Jun)

- Information will be shared with the secondary schools (academic results, CCA, school-based awards and NSG participation)
- Optional to include any non-school-based information via the Portal
- Testimonials are not required

School of the Arts (SOTA)
Singapore Sports School (SSS)

**Visit school website
and apply directly**



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Selection Process (30 Jun – 04 Sep)

CONTACT DETAILS

- Refer to secondary school website for more details (important timeline, selection process and criteria)
- Secondary schools will contact you on your DSA application if your child is shortlisted

Trials Interviews Projects
Auditions Tests



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School Preference Submission (27 Oct – 31 Oct)

- Students with at least one DSA offer will receive email and SMS notification
- BOTH parents are required to log in to the DSA Portal using their Singpass to submit up to three school preferences.
- Offers that are not accepted via the Portal will lapsed.
- Late submission or withdrawals will NOT be allowed after deadline.



Results Release (End Nov)

- Students will receive the DSA allocation results together with the PSLE results
- Students who are **successful** in DSA are NOT allowed to participate in the S1 Posting.
- Students who are **unsuccessful** in DSA will need to apply to a secondary school via S1 Posting to submit school choices.



FVPS DSA 2024

Results of 2024 DSA application

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| No. of Applicants | 75 |
| No. of DSA-Sec Offer | 31 |



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Science, Technology,
Engineering & Math

Mathematics (11)
Robotics (5)
STEAM (3)
STEM (3)
Science (9)

Entrepreneurship &
Innovation

Innovation (1)
Social Innovation (2)

Visual Arts, Design & Media

Chinese Calligraphy (1)
Media Arts / Film (1)
Visual Arts (6)

Sports and Games

Badminton (25)
Basketball (41)
Bowling (2)
Floorball (23)
Football (3)
Golf (1)
International Chess (1)
Softball (1)
Table Tennis (3)
Taekwondo (1)
Wushu (4)

FVPS DSA 2024

Leadership &
Uniformed Groups

Leadership (13)
Scouts (2)

Performing Arts

Chinese Orchestra (4)
Concert Band (1)
Guzheng (13)
Indian Dance (2)

Language & Humanities

Bilingualism (3)
English Language (3)
Malay Language (1)

Tips on preparing your child

Trials, auditions, test, etc

- Practise skills and tasks



Interview

- Look through secondary school website to know more about the school
- Go to SLS Lesson Package to practise some common interview questions



thank you

*for partnering with us in
supporting your child's
educational journey ahead*



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