

BOON LAY SECONDARY SCHOOL



2023 DIRECT SCHOOL ADMISSION – SECONDARY SCHOOLS

FOR ADMISSION TO SECONDARY 1 IN 2024

INTRODUCTION TO DSA-SEC

- DSA is meant for students seeking admission to secondary schools based on a diverse range of specific academic and non-academic achievements and talents, before taking the PSLE.

DSA TALENTS OFFERED

- The talent areas offered by our school are:

PHYSICAL SPORTS	VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS	
Badminton (Boys & Girls)	Chinese Orchestra	English Drama / Theatre
Basketball (Boys)	Choir	Malay Dance
Netball (Girls)	Concert Band	Modern Dance
Football (Girls)	Visual Art	

TALENTS IN PHYSICAL SPORTS

BADMINTON (BOYS & GIRLS)

Our Badminton team's motto is "Smashing Limits", which means building on our previous successes over the years.

With that in mind, we strive to continue to bring more glory to the school in the years to come. The achievements have been brought about by the dedication, commitment and tremendous support from the players, teachers-in-charge and the various stakeholders.

BASKETBALL (BOYS)

Our Basketball team aims to develop the basketball players to be leaders and team players on and off the court. In its student development programme, beyond developing the students in basketball skills and game strategies, the team also places importance on leadership development, building team work, perseverance and dedication.

The basketball training sessions and competitions may be demanding, but these sessions, together with the other team activities and events, create positive and lasting sporting experiences for the boys.



NETBALL (GIRLS)

Our Netball team aims to develop every individual girl to adapt, evolve, persevere and strive to achieve her best, and to develop strong teamwork and dedication to the sport and team.

During the training sessions, the Netballers are put through various training methods, including strengthening techniques to ensure that the girls are equipped with the necessary Netball skills, stamina as well as endurance required for a game.

Both our B and C Division teams participate in the National Schools Games (NSG) West Zone Netball Inter-School Competition. Through these games, our players build strong camaraderie while at the same time pit their talents against other teams.

FOOTBALL (GIRLS)

Our Football Girls Team is part of the two school football academies in Singapore dedicated for girls.

Football in our school started as an interest group with a small number of players. Since then, the number of players has grown and the dedication of the girls towards the training sessions (which are beyond their regular CCA sessions) has led them to be competition-ready.

In partnership with two other schools, the Football Girls Team is participating in this year's National School Games Football C Division games.



TALENTS IN VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

CHINESE ORCHESTRA

ABOUT US

Our Chinese Orchestra understands the importance of honing and highlighting individual talents. Every member is given an opportunity to learn the knowledge and skills that comes with playing the various musical instruments and also to showcase their talent during performances in school and/or at external events.

Over the years, we have also evolved from the usual perception of performing only traditional Chinese music to a new refreshing approach of showcasing modern pop music, mash-ups, fusion of different genres of music and classic Chinese pop music.

The CCA welcomes musicians of all races to join the club so as to promote the spirit of learning from one another, appreciating and embracing differences, while at the same time developing one's competency.

Our Chinese Orchestra comprises of five different sectional categories - pluck string, string, cello bass, wood wind and percussion.



CHINESE ORCHESTRA

ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment



CHOIR

ABOUT US

Our School Choir is a mixed youth choir. The Choir presents at major school events and public showcases. It performs an extensive repertoire, ranging from Choral Classics to light jazz pieces, and contemporary pop music.

Guided by the Choir's motto, "the voices of our hearts, the songs of our lives", the Choir aims to develop a sense of appreciation for the traditions of choral music, while nurturing and cultivating a passion for singing in our members. Through the various school exchanges, internal and external choir performances and competitions, the Choir also hopes to inculcate the right values and desirable social attitudes in all our members.

CHOIR

OUR ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Non-Judging Category
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2019 The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM): Passed with Merit
- ★ 2018 Singapore International Choral Festival: Bronze Diploma
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2015 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2013 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction



CONCERT BAND

ABOUT US

Our Concert Band nurtures disciplined leaders with excellent musicianship. Our programmes empower students to become independent and forward-looking leaders through providing various opportunities such as sectional leadership, committee roles and participation in our junior-senior buddy system.

We strive to hone and sharpen our musical skills through theoretical and practical assessments. Seeking intra-school and collaborative performance opportunities with our counterparts in other schools throughout the academic year, the band builds members' confidence and grants them stage exposure. With an enriching and exciting programme, we instill the love of music in all members and empower them to discover the best version of themselves through the art of music.

The instruments which our Band has are Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and other various percussion instruments.

CONCERT BAND

OUR ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment



ENGLISH DRAMA / THEATRE

ABOUT US

Our Musical Theatre Club is one of the few schools in Singapore to focus on Musical Theatre as the main form of theatrical performance. The musical theatre club combines songs, spoken dialogue and dance in their performance, with acting as the basis to bring forth the narrative. Every story is communicated through words, music, movement and the technical aspects as an integrated whole.

Building on each other's strengths and working towards improving as a team, the club has customised a variety of practice sessions to empower every member with different performance skills as well as stage management support.

The club believes in presenting various performance opportunities to ignite every member's passion in performing through various school exchanges, boot camp, internal and public performances.

ENGLISH DRAMA / THEATRE

OUR ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2019 Trinity College Musical Theatre Examinations: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction



MALAY DANCE

ABOUT US

Our Malay Dance club strives to ensure each and everyone of our members are stretched to meet their maximum potential. Inculcating discipline and resilience in our members, our programmes serve to mould our members to be confident and committed in working towards achieving their goals. Our dancers are given opportunities to perform and compete in various showcases such as the Esplanade MUARA festival and the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation or SYF Celebrates. From these events, the dancers acquire important experiences that help them to develop greater self-confidence and mastery of their dance skills.

The CCA welcomes dancers of all races to join the club so as to promote the spirit of learning from one another, appreciating and embracing differences, while at the same time developing one's competency.



MALAY DANCE

OUR ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Distinction



MODERN DANCE

ABOUT US

BLS Contemporary Dance Club prides itself on producing collective magic on stage from individual strengths. Through the different programmes, performances and competitions, our dancers are exposed to the various dance genres and a wide spectrum of dance styles, and they learn to hone their dance techniques.

We aspire to inculcate values of discipline and respect as well as creativity and expressivity on stage and beyond. Members discover their potential, build self-confidence and resilience, as well as develop leadership and team-management skills as they journey in Modern Dance.

MODERN DANCE

OUR ACHIEVEMENT(S)

- ★ 2021 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2019 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment
- ★ 2017 Singapore Youth Festival Presentation: Certificate of Accomplishment

VISUAL ARTS

Our school offers art at the lower and upper secondary levels to engage students in various aspects of art education through learning the basic elements of art, principles of design, exploration of different skills and media and art theories.

Authentic learning opportunities for students include visits to art exhibitions, inter-department learning journeys, and collaboration with external partners on community art programmes as well as art competitions.



ANNOUNCEMENT

- The selection criteria and process for the talent areas will be updated from early-May. For more information on DSA-Sec, please refer to the MOE website at <https://www.moe.gov.sg/dsa-sec>.