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Dear Parents/Guardians,

EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD 2017

INTRODUCTION

MOE introduced the Edusave Character Award (ECHA) in 2012 to enable schools to recognise students who demonstrate exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions. This is part of the larger goal to foster an inclusive and stronger Singapore as we broaden the qualities and achievements to be encouraged and applauded. The award also supports schools' continuing efforts in nurturing students of good values and character, who are active contributors and concerned citizens.

The finalisation of nominations for ECHA is in November annually.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The award is given out to Singaporeans who have met the selection criteria and who have cleared the selection process. All Singaporean students are eligible regardless of the level that they are in.
2. The nomination process is open to all students, staff, parents and partners (coaches, long-term vendors, etc).
3. Students may be nominated regardless of their academic results provided that their weak academic results are not due to negative character traits but are attributed to difficulties that go beyond the control of the student.
4. The nominated student must have demonstrated good character and values in a consistent manner. They must also have an 'Excellent' grade in their holistic report card. Students are identified for the following types of qualities:
 - (a) Qualities associated with any of the school values (Team Spirit, Graciousness, Perseverance and Self-Discipline)
 - (b) Demonstrated a high level of civic responsibility: Students must have demonstrated concerns about issues related to their community or issues faced by others. They could have initiated simple action or played an active role to address these issues and demonstrate commitment to making a difference; and/or





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- (c) Qualities associated with resilience: Students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, health issues, family issues, peer resistance etc) and have managed to overcome the odds.

FORM OF AWARD

Similar to the practice for other Edusave awards, the ECHA awardees will receive a certificate and an award voucher. The ECHA award quanta are as follows, depending on the level of study:

Levels	Award Quantum
Primary 1 to 3	\$200
Primary 4 to 6	\$350

Structured Selection Process

There will be 3 key stages in the selection process; Nomination, Shortlisting and Endorsement by panel.

Nomination

Nominations will be opened from **Wednesday 18 October to Wednesday 25 October, 5pm** and submission is to be made at the General Office by the deadline.

The Nomination Form will be made available through multiple channels:

- (i) Printed copies in the General Office
- (ii) Softcopy downloadable from the school website

The ECHA is meant to recognise and affirm students who demonstrated exemplary character and outstanding personal qualities through their behaviour and actions and we look forward to your nominations.

The award will be given out at the community level in 2018, together with the Edusave Scholarships, Edusave Merit Bursaries, Good Progress Awards and EAGLES.

Thank you.

Mdm Chua Pei Pei
Principal

