



ST. ANDREW'S MISSION SCHOOL

Background

Every child who has received an education in Singapore embodies the desired outcomes of education, namely, a good sense of self-awareness, a sound moral compass and is equipped to take on the challenges of the future. As educators, we place every student at the centre of all we do and firmly believe that every child deserves to be nurtured, treasured and loved.

“...we must keep on striving to uplift children growing up in disadvantaged circumstances, to help them close the gaps they started with as much as possible; to ensure they have more opportunities and choices than their parents and many more pathways to success.”

“Our mission is to uplift our children, preserve social mobility and deliver on the promise of a fair and just Singapore for our next generation and beyond.”

PM Lee Hsien Loong

“Hand-in-Hand: Uplifting our Children Together” Appreciation Event for Community Partners, 10 November 2021.

In response to a call by the Ministry of Education, the St. Andrew's Mission Hospital - Singapore Anglican Community Services (SAMH-SACS) together with the Diocese of Singapore, established a new Autism Spectrum Disorder – National Curriculum (ASD-NC) school, **St. Andrew's Mission School (SAMS)**. SAMS aspires to enrich the lives of children and youth on the autism spectrum who are able to access the national curriculum through the effective delivery of quality holistic education, training and care, distinguished by Christian love and compassion.

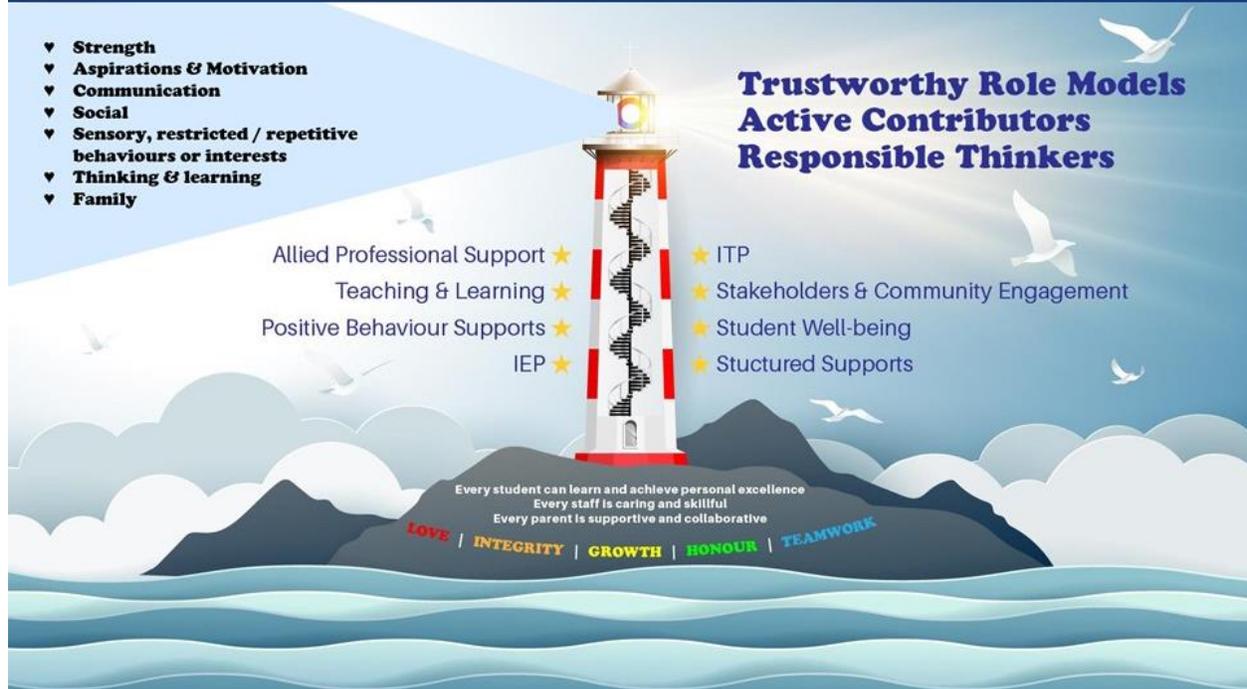
Affiliations

SAMS is a component body that falls under the range of autism services offered by St. Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH). SAMH also operates St. Andrew's Autism School (SAAS), St. Andrew's Adult Home (Sengkang) as well as two St. Andrew's Adult Autism School (SAAAS) Day-Activity Centres in Siglap and Sengkang.

As a Special Education School operated by the Anglican Diocese of Singapore offering the mainstream national curriculum, SAMS bears the same motto, School Song and School Hymn of the St. Andrew's group of schools (which include St. Andrew's Junior and Secondary Schools and the Junior College). The other local schools operated by the Diocese include St. Margaret's Primary and Secondary Schools, St. Hilda's Primary and Secondary Schools, Anglican High School and Christchurch Secondary School.



UNIQUELY BRILLIANT Journey of Every Child in SAMS



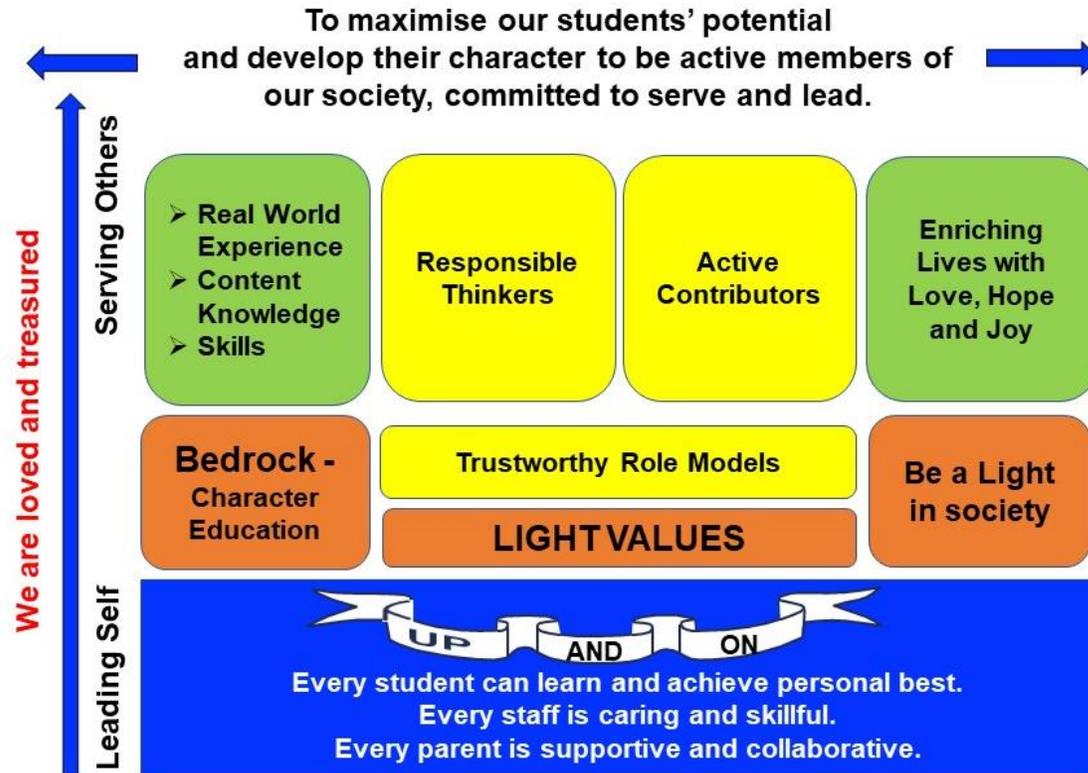
In SAMS, we believe that every child is **uniquely brilliant** and has the potential be trustworthy role models, active contributors and responsible thinkers. To this end, SAMS is envisioned as a safe space that provides a mainstream school environment which encompasses an inclusive pedagogical approach to help instruct children with autism not only in important life skills but also in the key components of the national curriculum. This is so that each child is enabled to reach his or her God-given potential.

Ethos

The mission of SAMS is **to maximise our students' potential and develop their character to be active members of our society, committed to serve and lead.** We believe that all our students will grow to be trustworthy role models, responsible thinkers and active contributors, equipped with strong values, knowledge, skills and dispositions to enable them to embrace diversity and collaborate with others to meet the challenges of a globalised world.



SAMS EDUCATIONAL MODEL



In SAMS, every child is regarded as **uniquely brilliant** and every educator strives to skillfully provide the full spectrum of learning experiences to help them grow in strength, aspirations and motivations, learn to communicate effectively, be socially engaged, pursue their interests, learn continuously, and treasure their families. The school is driven and guided by its core values encapsulated in the acronym **LIGHT** – Love, Integrity, Growth, Honour and Teamwork. These values provide the much-needed moral compass to steer students towards attaining personal excellence and realising their full potential as well as serve to inform the establishment of appropriate structures and effective processes.



Vision & Strategic Thrusts

To fulfil this mission, SAMS aspires to **be a light in society, enriching lives with love, hope and joy**. This is our School's Vision.

Guided by three principles that inform our belief in our students and staff, the systems and processes as well as the school's programmes are designed to help everyone in the school realise the vision of being a light in society.

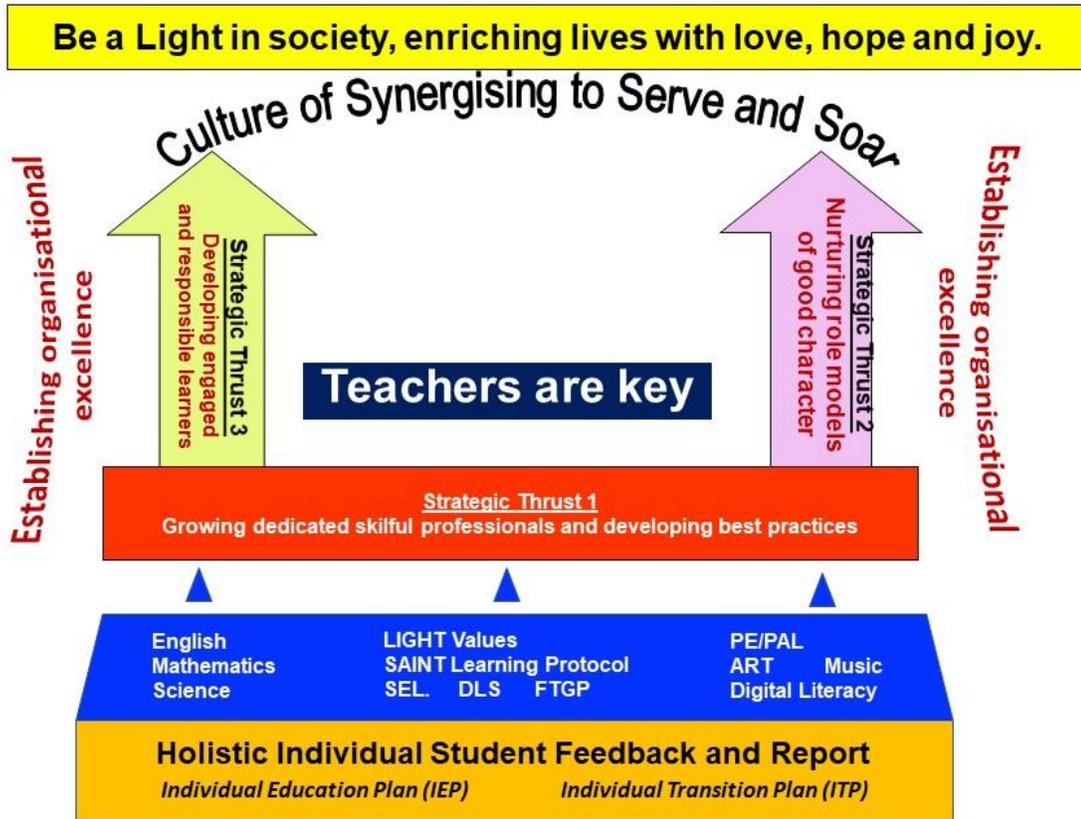
The first guiding principle is that every child can learn and achieve their personal best. In SAMS, every child is loved and treasured and we believe that each one is uniquely brilliant. This is why the school collaborates very closely with the students' families to better understand the learning needs of each child. This will enable our teachers to better cater to each student in their learning journey with SAMS.

The second principle is that every staff member of the school is caring and skillful in their craft. In as much as we place each student at the centre of what we do at SAMS, our teachers are the key enablers of the delivery of the SAMS programme and together with other staff, co-create a culture of synergising to serve and soar. All SAMS staff are purpose-driven and ambassadors of the SAMS culture.

Finally, the third principle is that every parent is collaborative and supportive. To realise the goal of helping every child attain to their highest potential requires the involvement of the family. Parents play a critical role in reinforcing the learning and celebrating the achievements of the children throughout their time with SAMS. An ancient proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" cannot be truer where the children of SAMS are concerned.



SAMS Business Model



The Vision of SAMS is underpinned by four key pillars that form the strategic thrusts of the school.

Thrust 1 - Growing dedicated and skillful professionals and developing best practices.

Our teachers and allied educators are key to enabling the school's curricular and co-curricular programmes to bring about the desired outcomes of education in the lives of our students. We therefore believe in constantly seeking to grow their capacities and competencies in pedagogy, curriculum and leadership to enable effective teaching and learning.



Thrust 2 - Nurturing role models of good character

The values of LIGHT are incorporated into every aspect of SAMS to help every student to develop the social-emotional dimension and inculcate thinking skills. Students of SAMS can and will be responsible thinkers, active contributors and trustworthy role models for our society.

Thrust 3 - Developing engaged and responsible learners

SAMS is driven by the belief that every student can learn and achieve personal excellence. We therefore aim to provide a positive and safe classroom environment that encourages learners to be engaged in the most effective way possible. Where possible, SAMS will leverage on the affordances of educational technology to enable effective teaching and learning to take place in the campus.

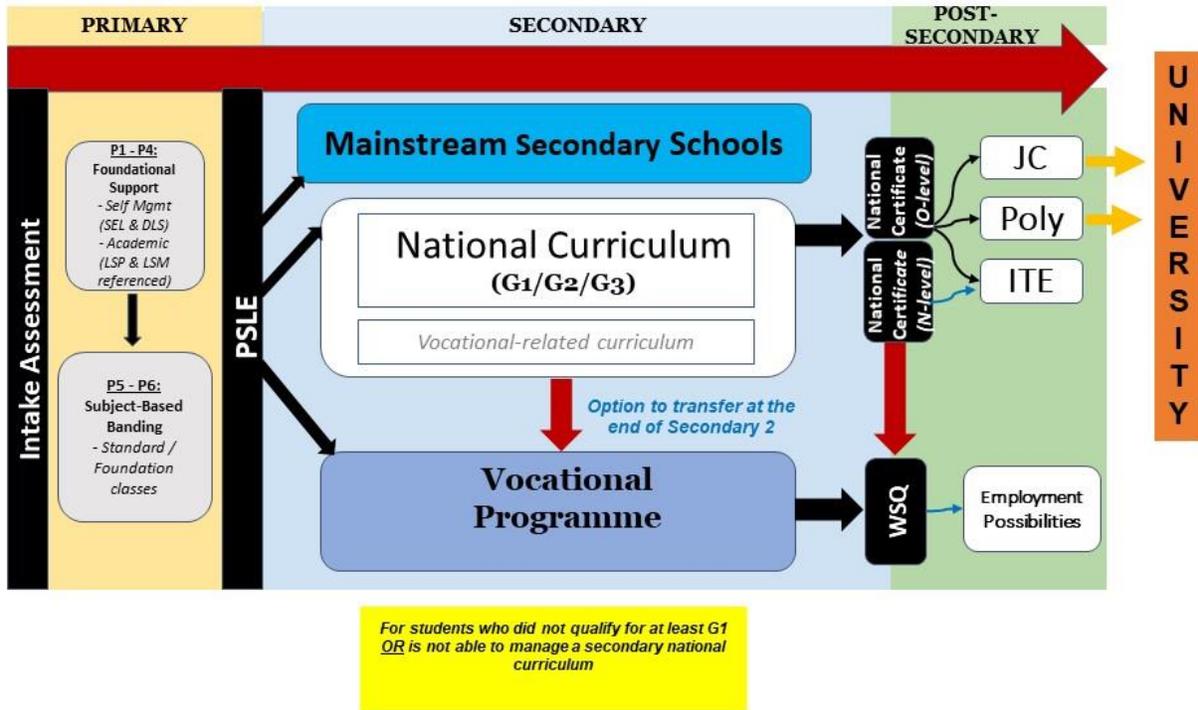
Thrust 4 - Establishing organisational excellence

Management expert, William Newman, said that “administration is the guidance, leadership and control of the efforts of the groups towards some common goals.” SAMS endeavours to establish excellence in our administration systems, structures and processes to realise the vision of the school. Integral to growing a healthy ecosystem in SAMS is the forging of strategic alliances with parents, stakeholders, Government agencies and industry partners.



Diverse and Flexible Pathways

SAMS EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS



Multiple pathways of advancement and development have been charted to provide for our students to go as far as they can. Ultimately, every graduating student of the school will be able to lead themselves in thinking and acting responsibly and contribute actively to society.



A Humble Beginning

The Ministry of Education kindly provided the former site of Yusof-Ishak Secondary School in Bukit Batok for SAMS to use as its holding premises until its new campus is ready.

A special Commemorative Service was held to mark the opening of the school on 12 January 2022, during which the St Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH) Heritage Centre was also officially opened. The SAMH Heritage Centre celebrates the faithfulness of God in enabling the Hospital to grow from flicker to flame in providing holistic care and healing to the undeserved and disadvantaged by ministering to their physical, mental, social and special needs based on Christian values. The Commemorative Service and the official opening of the Heritage Centre was graced by the Right Reverend Dr Titus Chung, Bishop of the Diocese of Singapore and President of the Singapore Anglican Community Services and St. Andrew's Mission Hospital.

SAMS opened its doors to welcome its first cohort of students on 17 January 2022.

New Campus

Development of the new school campus in Clementi is expected to commence by 2024 and be completed in 2030. SAMS expects to operate at the new premises when the academic year begins in 2031.

When completed, the new campus will provide a safe, conducive and functional learning environment for our students and staff. The facilities at the new site will include an Enabling Business Hub, a Playground for Occupational Therapy, a Fitness Hub, an Indoor Sports Hall with retractable seating, Transition Spaces (including a Sensory Garden) and other vocational training programme fixtures.

SAMS has to raise \$12,000,000 for the construction of the new campus. This comprises the 5% of the cost of standard provisions and the full cost of non-standard facilities and fixtures. The Ministry of Education will fund 95% of the cost of all standard infrastructure, furniture and fittings.



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Giving to change lives

We invite you to partner with us in this very meaningful mission and give generously to make a difference in the lives of our students. You can contribute financially through the following ways:

Cheque

- Cheques should be made out to 'St Andrew's Mission School'
- Full Name, NRIC Number and Address should be written on the reverse of the cheque for tax exemption requests
- Please mail your cheque to St Andrew's Mission School, 11 Bukit Batok Street 25, Singapore 658712

Donation Portal

- www.giving.sg (search for St. Andrew's Mission School)

PayNow or Digital Banking

- Transfer to UEN T08CC3017CBLG
- Do indicate your contact (mobile number) for tax exemption.
- Internet banking and other enquiries can be directed to Ms Felyn Lam/ Ms Boey Souk Min at 6334 1539





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Partnerships

SAMS seeks to collaborate with community and industry partners to better meet the objectives of the school and deepen the quality of care in the face of a fast-changing world. We invite like-minded individuals and corporations to consider becoming our partner in this mission to enrich the lives of the children in SAMS.

“Love is the greatest gift in life (1 Corinthians 13:13) – this has been the foundation of our work. We will hold fast to our mission to help people in need regardless of race, language or religion. Come and be a part of our mission to care with your gift of love.”

The Right Reverend Dr Titus Chung
President, SAMH & SACS

For more information please visit our website at www.sams.org.sg or scan the QR Code:

