



COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY DEBATE 2019

# Learn for Life – Remaking Pathways

MOE will continue to improve the education system, invest resources to support students, and rebuild/upgrade older JC campuses. Here's a summary of the announcements made at COS 2019.



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# Remaking Secondary School Pathways

Full Subject-Based Banding (Full SBB) will be progressively adopted by secondary schools, from 2020 onwards.

## What are some of the changes under Full SBB?

2020

- Students with strengths will be able to study the Humanities at a more demanding level from Sec 2, on top of English, MTL, Maths and Science offered today.
- About 25 schools will start the pilot, with more schools progressively adopting Full SBB, from 2020-2024.

Learn more about the complete suite of changes under Full SBB:

[www.moe.gov.sg/cos2019](http://www.moe.gov.sg/cos2019)

2024

- Express, N(A) and N(T) labels will be removed. Instead, students will be able to study a range of subjects at three levels, G1/G2/G3 (G stands for General), based on their abilities, and take a new common national examination and certification in 2027\*.

2028

- With their new national certification, students can have more opportunities to progress to post-secondary courses that match their strengths and interests.



\*Applies to 2019 Primary 2 students onwards

# Junior College (JC) Rejuvenation Programme

We will be rebuilding/upgrading the older JC campuses to support more interactive models of teaching and learning. We will do this in phases starting from 2022.



**Phase 1 of the Rejuvenation Programme, which is expected to complete tentatively by 2025, will benefit Temasek JC, Anderson Serangoon JC, Jurong Pioneer JC and Yishun Innova JC.**

- Anderson Serangoon JC and Temasek JC will temporarily move to former Serangoon JC and Tampines JC sites respectively, until their existing campuses are rebuilt, when they will move back to their existing sites.
- Jurong Pioneer JC will remain at its existing site while the former Jurong JC is rebuilt. Jurong Pioneer JC will then move to the former Jurong JC site.
- Yishun Innova JC will remain at its existing site while the former Innova JC is upgraded. Yishun Innova JC will then move to the former Innova JC site.

# Updates on Higher Education Transformation

We have continued to make progress in building new pathways to support lifelong learning and strengthen the system, helping enterprises transform, and building employer capabilities to complement work-learn efforts.



## Some updates on the transformation of higher education include:

### PSEIs

- Polytechnics and ITE saw a record number of Early Admissions Exercise (EAE) applicants for 2019.
- Polytechnic admission pathways for working adults have been expanded.
- Over 30,000 individuals have enrolled in the SkillsFuture Series.
- 10 more ITE Work-Learn Technical Diplomas will be launched this year.

### SkillsFuture

- Businesses that qualify for the Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG) can now apply for a PSG (SkillsFuture Training Subsidy).

### Support for private providers

- Requirements will be streamlined to reduce compliance and regulatory costs.

[Learn more about the full list of updates:](#)

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# Uplifting Pupils in Life and Inspiring Families Taskforce (UPLIFT)

UPLIFT aims to strengthen support for students from disadvantaged families, to enable them to reach their true potential.



**A safe and nurturing environment, where students can play, learn, and revise after school is crucial. MOE will:**

- Facilitate enrolment of disadvantaged students into Student Care Centres (SCCs).
- Work with MSF to review the affordability of SCCs for low-income families.
- Enhance and scale up student support programmes to more than 120 secondary schools by 2020. Known as GEAR-UP, schools will work with community partners to enhance students' motivation and resilience.

**MOE will set up an internal UPLIFT Programme Office to:**

- Identify local needs of schools and students.
- Pool together community resources and volunteers to meet these needs.

**MOE will also support MSF's efforts to tighten coordination among SSOs, FSCs, schools, other community organisations and VWOs, for complex cases.**

**Learn more about UPLIFT's strategies and initiatives:**

[www.moe.gov.sg/cos2019](http://www.moe.gov.sg/cos2019)