



# St. Margaret's Secondary School

## Frequently Asked Questions (Updated Feb 2018)

### 1. What kind of school is St. Margaret's Secondary?

- All-girls government-aided school
- Autonomous Status
- Established niche in the Visual and Performing Arts
- Provides holistic education that focuses on developing confident, creative and caring young ladies who will serve God, the Country and the Community.

### 2. What are some of the achievements of the school?

Highlights include:

- Singapore Quality Class
- People Developer Award
- School Distinction Award
- Best Practices Award in all 5 areas: Teaching and Learning, Character and Citizenship Education, Student All-Round Development, Staff Well-Being and Development and Partnership
- Blaze Award from National Arts Council for excellence in the arts
- Sustained Academic Value-Added Results for both the Express and NA Streams

### 3. Is SMSS autonomous? What does that mean?

- Yes. The award of the Autonomous Status is recognition from MOE that we are a good school with well-established programmes and practices. This also means that we have additional funding and greater autonomy to decide on our programmes.

### 4. What does it mean if a school is "Value-Added"?

- The school is able to help its students exceed their estimated potential in the GCE 'O' level exams based on projections from their PSLE T-score.

### 5. Do you offer Higher Mother Tongue?

- Yes, for CL and TL. Students offering HML or enrolled in a Language Enrichment Programme attend lessons at an external venue.

### 6. What CCAs are offered at St. Margaret's Secondary?

- Sports: Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Netball, Ten Pin Bowling, Tennis
- Clubs: Agape Club, Creative Art Club, Library, Debate Club, smARTS Media
- Uniformed Groups: Girls' Brigade, Girl Guides, National Police Cadet Corps, Red Cross Youth
- Performing Arts: Chinese Dance, Choir, Indian Dance, Malay Dance, Modern Dance, String Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Drama Club

### 7. How do I get to St. Margaret's Secondary?

- By bus along Farrer Road: 48, 93, 153, 165, 174, 186, 855, 961
- By bus along Bukit Timah Road: 66, 67, 74, 151, 154, 156, 157, 170, 174, 540, 852, 961
- By MRT: Farrer Road (Circle Line), Botanic Gardens (Downtown Line 2)