

## Information on the SNGS Bicultural Studies Programme

<b>Objective</b>	<p>“To engage China as it grows in importance, Singapore needs a core group of students who are not only highly competent in Chinese, but also have a strong understanding of China’s history, culture and contemporary developments. Singapore needs to nurture a bicultural orientation amongst these students so that they can understand and engage China as well as relate to the West.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- MOE press release, “Nurturing a Core of Students with Advanced Knowledge of Chinese Language and Culture”, 3 Sept 2004</p>
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p><u>IP Years 3-4</u> (taught within Higher Chinese lessons)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Content on China’s history, culture and contemporary developments in relation to Singapore, ASEAN and the world: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ China’s Economic Development and its Impact</li> <li>○ China’s Governance and its Challenges</li> <li>○ China’s Society and its Evolution</li> <li>○ China’s Rise and its Significance</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(Medium of instruction is Mandarin; readings are in Chinese and English.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for O-level Higher Chinese exam</li> </ul> <p><u>IP Years 5-6 at Eunoia Junior College</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H2 China Studies in Chinese is compulsory for MOE BSP scholars; non-scholars in the BSP are encouraged to offer this subject.</li> <li>• Related enrichment modules for all BSP students.</li> </ul>
<b>Enrichment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talks by academics and industry experts</li> <li>• Immersion Programmes in China and the West (optional for non-scholars but strongly encouraged)</li> <li>• Enrichment programmes organised by MOE e.g. Bicultural Studies Symposium, BSP Camp</li> <li>• Research project: Comparative study between China and Singapore in an area of interest</li> </ul>
<b>BSP Scholarship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOE offers the BSP Scholarship to highly able Singapore Citizens in the BSP. Entry points are at Years 3 and 5.</li> <li>• BSP scholars are given an annual scholarship allowance of \$1,000. School fees are also covered. Scholars also receive funding for immersion in China and the West.</li> <li>• Successful applicants are not required to enter into a bond to serve the Singapore Government.</li> <li>• BSP scholars may qualify for the scholarships offered by the Public Service Commission to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies in universities in China and/or other countries.</li> <li>• BSP students can also look forward to undergraduate scholarships offered by various ministries, statutory boards, government-linked companies or private companies with business interests in China.</li> </ul>