# PUNGGOL COVE

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

## MOE EDUSAVE CHARACTER AWARD (ECHA)

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

### **Objective and Guiding Principles for ECHA**

- 1. To send a clear and strong signal of the importance that MOE places on character and values, on par with achievements in the academic domain; and
- 2. To recognize outstanding students in each school who are exemplary in character, and who can be a role model to inspire others.

### **Selection Criteria for ECHA**

- 1. The award is given out to <u>Singaporean</u> students 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 nominated student must have <u>demonstrated good character and values</u> in a consistent manner. Students may be identified for the following types of qualities:
  - a) Qualities associated any of the school values (Empathy, Mindfulness and Care)
  - b) Able to demonstrate a maturity level beyond their peers.
  - c) Able to make a difference in the life of others
  - d) Able to be a strength to their peers and assist teachers to manage others (e.g. students with special consideration)

A structured and robust procedure will be implemented during the selection process.

Shortlisted students will go through the following selection process:

- 1. Nomination by teachers based on the selection criteria
- 2. Selection by level teachers (i.e. Form Teachers and subject teachers)
- 3. Endorsement by the school panel

### Award Quantum for ECHA

Similar to the practice for other Edusave Awards, the ECHA awardees will receive a certificate and an award voucher. The award quantum is as follows:

| Levels   | Award Quantum |
|----------|---------------|
| P1 to P3 | \$200.00      |
| P4 to P6 | \$350.00      |

If you need any further clarification, please contact our HOD Discipline, Mr Benjamin Chew, at Tel: 63857339 or email him at chew\_chung\_siong@schools.gov.sg.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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