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OUTRAM SPOTLIGHT

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating Our Learning, Achievements, and Moments Together

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This year is a special year as we welcome our first batch of Secondary One students to our brand new, state-of-the-art Anchorvale campus in Sengkang!

With excitement and anticipation, we begin this new chapter—honouring our past, while embracing the possibilities that await us in our new campus.



1906 - 2026:

FROM OUTRAM ROAD TO ANCHORVALE CRESCENT, SENGKANG

From a primary school to a secondary commercial school in 1954, at the heart of this transformation is the school's enduring motto, **Labor Omnia Vincit** —Labor Conquers All.

Despite undergoing various transformations over the decades, the school continues to persevere in holding on to its unique identity.

In 1961, the school was renamed **Outram Secondary School**. Then in 1968, the school moved to York Hill, off Chin Swee Road where it also moved away from its commercial education focus.

The school then became a powerhouse for water polo and swi-

mming, producing several national athletes. It also returned to its commercial roots, honouring its history by being the first school to offer 'O' Level Business Studies.

Now, we are at the start of a new chapter in our Outramian history as we open our new campus in the northeast of Singapore. Our unique status as Singapore's only dual-campus school (until 2027) brings with it more challenges and excitement.

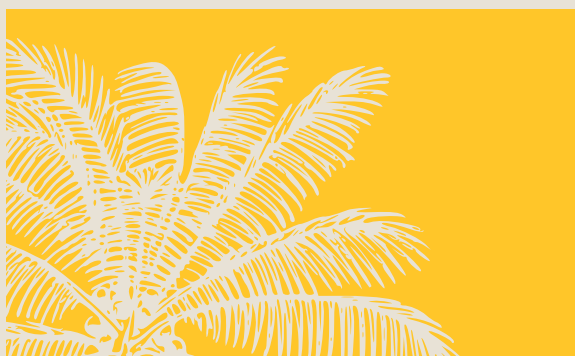
Find out more about the school's history in the next few pages and at:

<https://www.outramsec.moe.edu.sg/about-us/History/>



WE ARE NOW 120!

Fun Fact: Outram Secondary School is Singapore's first "zero-energy level" school, fully powered by over 1,300 solar panels, which can harvest enough energy to power roughly 250 HDB flats daily, making it a "School of the Future". Together, every Outramian will honour our legacy and embrace the future with innovation and community connections.

*120th Anniversary Highlights***1906 - 2026:****KEY MILESTONES IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY****1906**

Establishment of Outram Road School on Outram Road, formally opened by then Governor of Singapore Sir John Anderson.

1958

Became a co-educational school.

1961

Renamed as Outram Secondary School.

1968

Relocation to its present premises at York Hill.

1969

Introduction of Higher School Certificate in Commercial Education Level – the only school in Singapore to do so.

1977

Official opening of swimming pool in the York Hill campus.

2006

Celebration of centennial year.

2007

Accorded South 4 Centre of Excellence for Business and Enterprise. Outram becomes the first school in Singapore to offer Business Studies as a subject.

2014

Accorded Applied Learning Programme in business and enterprise and Learning for Life Programme in sports and outdoor education.

2016

Celebration of 110th anniversary with homecoming carnival and dinner.

2026

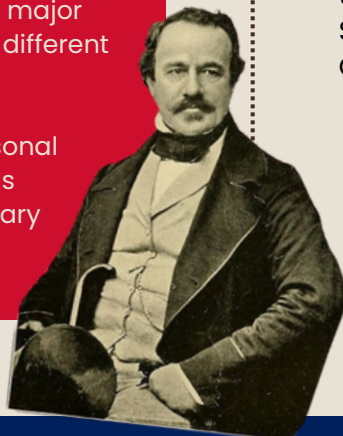
Celebration of 120th anniversary later this year!

120th Anniversary Highlights



Outram Secondary School is named after Sir James Outram, a British officer who served in India during the 1800s, a period when much of the region was under British colonial rule. He is often remembered for his leadership during the Indian Rebellion of 1857, a major uprising that historians today study from many different perspectives.

In his time, Outram gained a reputation for personal courage and a strong sense of integrity and was nicknamed the "Bayard of India", after a legendary knight said to be brave and honourable.



1906 - 2026:

OUR HERITAGE AND LEGACY

Read on to find out more about the unique history of one of Singapore's oldest schools, Outram Secondary School!



Originally named "Outram Road School", it was the third school to be started by the British colonial government to meet the demands of growing student numbers at the Cross Street school nearby.

Outram was one of the few schools who provided opportunities to learn English through a primarily mother-tongue medium environment.

Interestingly, the same qualities of determination and strong community principles have shaped the school's own story over the years. Outram was once the only government school in Singapore with its own swimming pool, a facility completed in 1977 after years of support and fundraising efforts from the local community.

Generations of students learnt to swim, trained in water polo and built resilience in that pool, turning it into a symbol of the school's belief that with teamwork and perseverance, even ambitious ideas can become reality.



In our next edition of the Outram Spotlight, read to find out more about Outram's illustrious alumni!

Start It Right!

Orientation Programme - a bridge between the old and the new

From the first day, our fresh-faced Secondary Ones were treated to a series of specially curated activities in Anchorvale, designed to ease the transition into this new phase of their educational journey.

The students also went on a learning journey to York Hill campus and visited the neighbourhood via the unique Community Mapping Activity where they had a chance to interact with the residents around Anchorvale.



Connecting with each other through games and building bonds that last.

Programme in Pictures



Secondary Ones found out more about the school as they explored different areas in our Anchorvale campus through Bingo!



These new students were enthusiastically learning the school mass dance and school cheer for their showcase.



The bubbly and energetic Orientation Group Leaders inspired the juniors with their sleek dance moves.



Sec 1 to 5 classes went on a tour of the neighbourhood, from the nearest LRT station to the Sengkang Riverside Park.



Exercise SG Ready - Outramian Edition

Total Defence Day Disruption Exercise

On 16 February, Outramians went through a simulated power supply disruption. This allowed students to have a first-hand experience of the impact of a power outage on their daily routines and school activities.

Learning Through Experience

Without access to power, certain facilities and digital tools that students normally rely on were temporarily unavailable.

Despite the temporary inconvenience, students demonstrated adaptability and cooperation as lessons continued with adjustments made by their teachers.

Building Awareness and Resilience

Such experiences help cultivate awareness of how individuals and communities can respond calmly and adapt during disruptions. As part of building a resilient school community; these activities reinforce the importance of remaining flexible and supportive of one another when facing challenges.

"Are you ready for disruptions?"

— Exercise SG Ready Theme for 2026

Sports Highlights

OSS Fun Run – The Sengkang Edition

On 13 March 2026, the big Outramian family gathered together in Anchorvale for the school's annual run. This year, our school spirit found its stride on the scenic trails of Sengkang Riverside Park. Trading the familiar walls of the classroom for the open air, students, teachers and parents shared a journey of resilience, and laughter.



NSG Oath-Taking Ceremony 2026



Sec Ones were introduced to this meaningful event where the school commemorated the NSG Opening and for Athlete's Oath-taking.



Team captains shared their reflections on their journey as both student-athletes and leaders, with pride and conviction.



The Oath-Taking Ceremony symbolises the student-athletes' commitment to uphold the values of fair play, respect and integrity throughout the competition.



It reinforces the importance of sportsmanship and representing the school with pride and responsibility, while serving to unite all athletes as they embark on their NSG journey together.



Spring Festival Celebration 2026

Together, we ushered in the Year of the Horse and celebrated the Spring Festival with our inaugural concert at our new campus – "Galloping Towards a New Era." Drawing inspiration from the ancient legend of King Mu's Eight Steeds (八骏马), the celebration seamlessly linked each mythical horse to the school's values, motto, and our commitment to *Future-Readiness*.

From the disciplined roar of the Lion Dance to a modern remix of the classics, *Gong Xi Gong Xi* and *He Xin Nian*, complete with an original student-composed rap, the performances showcased the fiery passion and creativity of our Outramians.

Another highlight was the interactive games segment, which brought students and teachers together in a spirited competition. Our very own God of Fortune also came to reward participants with auspicious red packets.

Lastly, let us congratulate the winners of the "Galloping with SPIRIT" Classroom Festive Decor Challenge: Secondary 1J, 3B and 4/2. They had transformed their noticeboards into inventive displays that embodied the school's values. Their exceptional display of *Stewardship* and *Teamwork* had brought the festive theme to life beautifully!

Sense of Belonging
Perseverance
Integrity
Responsibility
Innovation
Teamwork





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Beyond the School



Learning Together, Growing Stronger

We are honoured to host students and staff from SMPK Penabur Bandung, Indonesia from 24 to 25 February 2026. They visited both of our campuses to attend lessons and experience our co-curricular activities first-hand, gaining insights into Outram's vibrant learning culture.

The Secondary 1 and Secondary 3 student hosts represented the school with confidence and warmth, guiding and engaging visitors throughout their stay. Needless to say, friendships grew and bonds were formed. This cross-cultural exposure value-adds to the learning experiences of Outramians.



Exploring Post-secondary Pathways

On 5 March 2026, Sec 4 and 5 Outramians trooped to CHIJ St Theresa's Convent to attend the ECG Career Fair where they interacted with industry partners and institutes of higher learning. Students explored the booths with curiosity, asking thoughtful questions about post-secondary timetables, CCAs and campus life. Encouraged by their peers, quieter students even stepped forward to engage booth representatives. Many left with brochures and magazines after visiting multiple booths, demonstrating enthusiasm and initiative in learning about the diverse opportunities ahead.

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