

St Andrew's Junior School Extend - A - Care

Background

St Andrew's Junior School is committed to cater to the needs of the pupils in various aspects as we develop them into Servant Leaders who bring life to the nations. In line with the school's strategic thrust of "Cultivating character, Growing leaders", we believe that the pupils' well-being and social and emotional needs must be taken care of. In the midst of us, a group of pupils comes from homes which cannot provide adequate support or supervision. Hence, there is a need to provide greater support to these pupils. This effort also provides us an opportunity to partner our stakeholders better and is aligned to the school's strategic thrust of "Harness to Connect, Connect to Harness". In 2013, the school piloted the Extend - A - Care programme with a group of pupils who were identified by the school counsellor. A number of the pupils in the programme benefitted greatly from the programme and had shown improvement both in their character as well as academically.

Objectives

Extend - A - Care is a programme to cater to the needs of pupils who come from families that are unable to provide adequate support or supervision.

The aims of this programme are to:

- 1) provide the pupils with a friend outside his current sphere of contacts
- 2) build the pupils' resilience through the positive influence and structure
- 3) assist in monitoring academic development of the pupils.

Parent volunteers meet with their assigned pupils on a regular basis to befriend them, and to supervise and help with their school-work.

Highlights

In 2014, the school is blessed to have SAPTA come on board to support the programme. SAPTA sponsors some of the needy pupils in the Extend - A - Care programme. This year, SAPTA's sponsorship enables 4 pupils to attend St Andrew's House Day Boarders (SAHDB) after-school care. Attending SAHDB allows these pupils to experience some structure after school, and provides the environment to help them in their school work. The parents of these pupils are grateful that the welfare of their sons is taken care of.