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APPLICATION FOR ART ELECTIVE PROGRAMME (AEP) CENTRE (2019)**INFORMATION SHEET FOR APPLICANTS****INTRODUCTION**

- 1 Secondary 1 Express students in non-AEP/EAP schools can now apply for the four-year secondary AEP at National Junior College for the 2019 intake.

AEP CURRICULUM

- 2 Since 1983, the Art Elective Programme (AEP) has provided opportunities for students passionate and talented in art to pursue art in deeper and broader ways. The AEP curriculum aims to develop students' conceptual and analytical thinking and creativity. It covers historical and theoretical studies in Art, places emphasis on creative processes and exposes students to a wide range of media and art forms. In addition, students will also participate in combined enrichment events where they will learn and collaborate with peers across AEP schools and participate in programmes designed in partnership with the arts and creative industries.
- 3 In addition, students will also participate in combined enrichment events where they will learn and collaborate with peers across other AEP schools. The enriched learning experiences will build students' abilities to engage with aspects of art, design and media in depth, and learn about Singapore and international arts, culture and creative industries by connecting students with arts institutions, practitioners and practices.
- 4 At the end of the four-year programme, students will sit for Higher Art at O-Level, which can be used in lieu of a Humanities subject for admission to Junior Colleges (please see Table 3 in <https://www.moe.gov.sg/admissions/direct-admissions/dsa-jc/eligibility>).
- 5 Lessons at the Lower Secondary levels will be conducted every Tuesday, 3 – 6 pm, at National Junior College. Lessons for Upper Secondary levels will be on every Thursday afternoon, 3 – 6 pm. As this is the only AEP centre and lesson timing available, students are to ensure that they are able to commit to these schedules before applying.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 6 AEP forms part of the students' overall curriculum. Prior to application, students are to work with their secondary schools to ensure that their school schedules and commitment allow them to participate fully in the AEP. Students who are selected and admitted into the AEP will need to commit to the programme for 4 years, as withdrawal from the AEP requires the approval of Arts Education Branch, MOE.
- 7 Students will need to complete an online application form at <http://bit.ly/AEPcentre2019>. The link can also be accessed from the AEP webpage on the MOE website. Prior to clicking 'submit', students will need to print a hard copy of their online application, get their parents' signature, and submit it to their school designated teacher-in-charge by **Monday 14 January 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted.
- 8 All applicants will have to attend the Phase 1 selection exercise at National Junior College on **Wednesday 23 January 2019**. The selection comprises the following exercises within a given time frame:
- Observation Drawing – Students are to draw given object(s) or image(s) from observation.
 - Creativity Challenge – Students are to create an image(s) and/or object(s) with given ideas, images and/or materials.
- 9 Shortlisted students from Phase 1 exercise will proceed to Phase 2. They will be notified to attend a briefing on **13 February 2019** and a portfolio interview between **25 February – 1 March 2019**. They will need to present a portfolio containing at least 3 – 5 original artworks or images of artworks created using a variety of different media. During the interview, applicants may be invited to share their ideas and processes behind the artworks through a short 5-minute presentation. The decision of the selection panel is final.
- 10 Successful applicants will be notified by **15 March 2019** and invited to join the AEP Centre at National Junior College from Term 2 Week 1. The application and selection timeline is as follows:

Dates (2019)	Events
2 – 14 Jan	Online Application Opens
14 Jan	Deadline to submit e-application and hardcopy printout to Secondary School designated teacher-in-charge
23 Jan	Selection Exercise Phase 1
By 5 Feb	Notification on Selection Exercise Phase 2 for shortlisted applicants
13 Feb	Briefing for shortlisted applicants and their parents
25 Feb -1 Mar	Selection Exercise Phase 2 (for shortlisted applicants)
By 15 Mar	Notification of Results
From 25 Mar 2019 (Term 2, Week 1)	Commencement of Programmes at AEP Centre

11 For more information about the AEP, please refer to the following MOE web page: <https://beta.moe.gov.sg/courses/express/electives/>

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