

Health Promotion Board eTeens for Secondary Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian.

The Health Promotion Board (HPB), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), conducts a programme titled Empowered Teens (eTeens) to educate Secondary 3 students about preventing STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections)/ HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The programme provides information on the transmission and prevention of STIs/HIV and helps guide students to make good life choices to avoid risky sexual behaviors.

- 2. The following topics are taught:
 - a) Sexually transmitted infectious diseases (STIs and HIV): what it is, how it spreads, how to prevent infection mainly through ABC (abstinence, being faithful, correct, and consistent condom use), consequences and impact
 - b) Skills for decision-making, assertiveness, negotiation to say 'no' to peer pressure
 - c) Managing relationships and risky situations in a healthy way
- 3. The programme includes a mass talk and a classroom-based lesson:
 - a) The mass talk includes a presentation on different scenarios involving teenagers and responsible decision-making to respect the boundaries of self and others.
 - b) The classroom-based lesson by an MOE Sexuality Education trained (SEd) teacher reinforces skills of responsible decision-making, negotiation and assertiveness, based on the values which students have been brought up with, in the family and the community. The training for teachers who conduct the classroom-based lesson is provided by MOE.
- 4. Additional information is available on the MOE website https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education.
- 5. If you do not wish your child/ward to attend this programme, please complete the opt-out form on page 2 of this document. For further clarifications about this programme, please email us at Eileen Chee@hpb.gov.sg and Shaheerah Kamas@hpb.gov.sg

Yours Sincerely,

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Communicable Diseases

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eTeens Opt-out Form

Please complete this section if you DO NOT wish your child/ward to attend the eTeens Programme and return it to the school.

I, (name)	, do not wish my son/daughter/ward*,
(name)	of class, to attend the eTeens
STIs/HIV Prevention Programme conducted by the Health Promotion Board.	
My reason(s) for opting out:	
	My child is too young
	I would like to personally educate my child
	I am not comfortable with the topics/content to be covered
	Religious reasons
	I have previously taught my child the topics/content to be covered
	I do not think it is necessary for my child to attend
	Others (please state):
Signature of I	Parent/Guardian Date