

NE Learning Journey @ Canberra
Presented by Canberra Secondary School

Introduction

National Education is an important aspect in providing a holistic education for our students. One way of promoting National Education issues is to introduce the students to important episodes in Singapore's history. Though Singapore has a relatively short history, there are important milestones in our past that we can draw lessons from.

Our vision is to build a community of students who feel that they belong together, in the sense that they not only share deeply significant elements of a common heritage, but that they also have a common destiny for the future.

We aspire to establish the school as a Learning Journey site that provides an opportunity for Primary School pupils, and members of the community, to feel pride in our achievements. Through visits to the site, our youth will understand that hard work, the desire to excel, and readiness to take calculated risks, have allowed us to overcome the many constraints a small city has to face.

Aims and Objectives of Project

To instil a sense of pride in our students in Singapore's achievements, understanding the nation's constraints and challenges and build confidence in our future.

Project Description

A group of NE ambassadors will be trained on the following milestones of our history and lessons from the past:

- Political awakening after World War Two
- Background and icons of statehood
- Merger with Malaysia (1963) and separation from Malaysia (1965)
- Early problems of nation building and how these were addressed
- Recognition of sovereignty
- Forging a national identity
- Racial and religious riots
- Adverse conditions in Singapore during the 1960s
- Collapse of Hotel New World
- Hijack of SQ 117
- The beginnings of Singapore Airlines
- The Bukit Ho Swee fire
- First intake of National Servicemen
- The opening of the first factory in Jurong
- Withdrawal of the British military base in Singapore

NE Bridge: Critical Milestones of Transport and Technology Development in Singapore
Features the development of Singapore's land, air and sea transport and its progress since the 1800s.

Innovation & Technology Hub: Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

Singapore has been the world's busiest port in terms of shipping tonnage since 1986. Today it is the major port of call for some 400 shipping lines with links to more than 700 ports worldwide. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has targeted for Singapore to remain the world's busiest port for shipping tonnage with its new record of 986.4 million gross tons (GT) achieved for shipping tonnage in 2003.

Schools are beginning to cultivate the spirit of Innovation and Enterprise in students. Given the national imperative for Singaporeans to be more innovative and enterprising, schools as the training ground need to take proactive steps to prepare students for their future. Like an eagle, an innovative and enterprising student is creative and proactive. He is open-minded and envisions possibilities; he creates and seizes opportunities; he pursues his dreams with passion. He has the boldness to take risks and the tenacity to persevere in the face of challenges and setbacks. It is important to inculcate in students a sense of social obligation, to return something to the community when they have succeeded. They need to appreciate that success comes not solely through their own effort, but also through the support of family, friends, the school or the larger community. Social obligation is key to community regeneration and the sustainment of Singapore as a cohesive society.

Students will have the opportunity to have hands-on experience on boating and radio-controlled boats in the school's pond to learn about navigation.

Sembawang Heritage Hub: Snapshots of Sembawang's Past

Sembawang has evolved from a fishing village into a modernised new town. By looking at its past and examining the transition into the present, we take a snapshot of the typical development of a new town in Singapore. Students are better able to appreciate the type of conveniences that modern Singapore living has to offer.

Timeline

S/N.	Activities	Time Frame
1	Research and selection of important episodes in Singapore's history, pertaining to the achievements of the nation and challenges faced by Singapore	July
2	Collaboration with National Archives of Singapore	July
3	Design of promotional materials to be distributed to Primary Schools	August
4	Completion of Learning Journey site along NE Bridge, Sembawang Heritage Hub and Transport and Technology Hub	August
5	Opening ceremony of NE Learning Journey by NPCC Council Chairman	18 th September 04
6	Invitation of 40 students from Canberra Primary School for trial run in conjunction with Open House	October