



The importance of Co-Curricular Involvement in school

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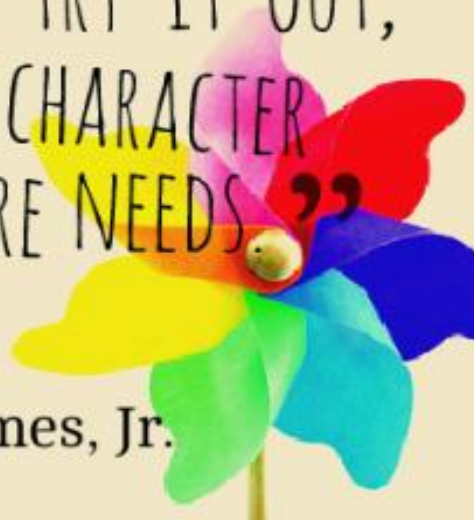




The importance of CCA/play

“PLAY BUILDS THE KIND OF FREE-AND-EASY, TRY-IT-OUT, DO-IT-YOURSELF CHARACTER THAT OUR FUTURE NEEDS.”

James L. Hymes, Jr.



"PLAY IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT FOR LEARNING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS, SUCH AS PROBLEM SOLVING, COLLABORATION, AND CREATIVITY."

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS





Some soft skills employers value

- [Effective communication](#)
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Creativity
- Organisation
- Dependability
- Empathy
- Open-mindedness
- Integrity
- Willingness to learn

Soft skills ≈ 21st century skills



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Ian Yeulett,
Global head of
enterprise sales,
Bloomberg L.P.

What I look for most in graduate candidates is if they've done something other than their degree course such as volunteering or being involved with their university sports club.

The extra-curriculars on a CV can tell you a lot about a candidate.

When I was a student, I remember a vast majority of past students who returned to school to share their experiences did not say they had scored a certain number of A grades.

*Rather, they attributed **skills they picked up from their CCAs**, which were the qualities that allowed them to **convince their employers to give them a chance** because they had **"gumption, creativity and so forth"**.*



Rod Flavell,
CEO of FDM
Group



Chan Chun Sing
Minister for Education





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Technical prowess is important for securing a job. But lower-profile skills like communication and critical thinking are becoming just as crucial – if not more.

In order to do your job effectively, you need hard skills: the technical know-how and subject-specific knowledge to fulfil your responsibilities. But in a forever-changed world of work, lesser-touted ‘soft skills’ may be just as important – if not even more crucial.

Additionally, soft skills have become even more important in the post-pandemic, largely remote work landscape. For instance: communication can be much more nuanced and complex when workers don’t see colleagues face to face. Adaptability, too, is a soft skill – and the past two years have called for a lot of it.





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How to build up soft skills that employers value

4. Take on activities outside of work or school

Join an interest group or professional network where your passion lies, as networking can be a powerful tool in helping you to learn and grow your skills, suggests Institute for Human Resource Professionals chief executive Mayank Parekh.

Adecco Singapore country manager Betul Genc says temporary jobs, group projects, school clubs or community work provide opportunities for students and people in the early stages of a career to meet and learn from others, while also developing themselves through experiencing real-life situations.





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Sec 4/5

- Aptitude-based admissions (DSA, EAE) and post-sec paths
 - Deepen exploration of tertiary education & careers
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Sec 3

- Adjust to Upper Sec subjects
 - Take on leadership roles
 - Explore World of Work
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Sec 2

- Explore Values, Interests, Personality, Skills (VIPS)
 - Choose Subject Combination
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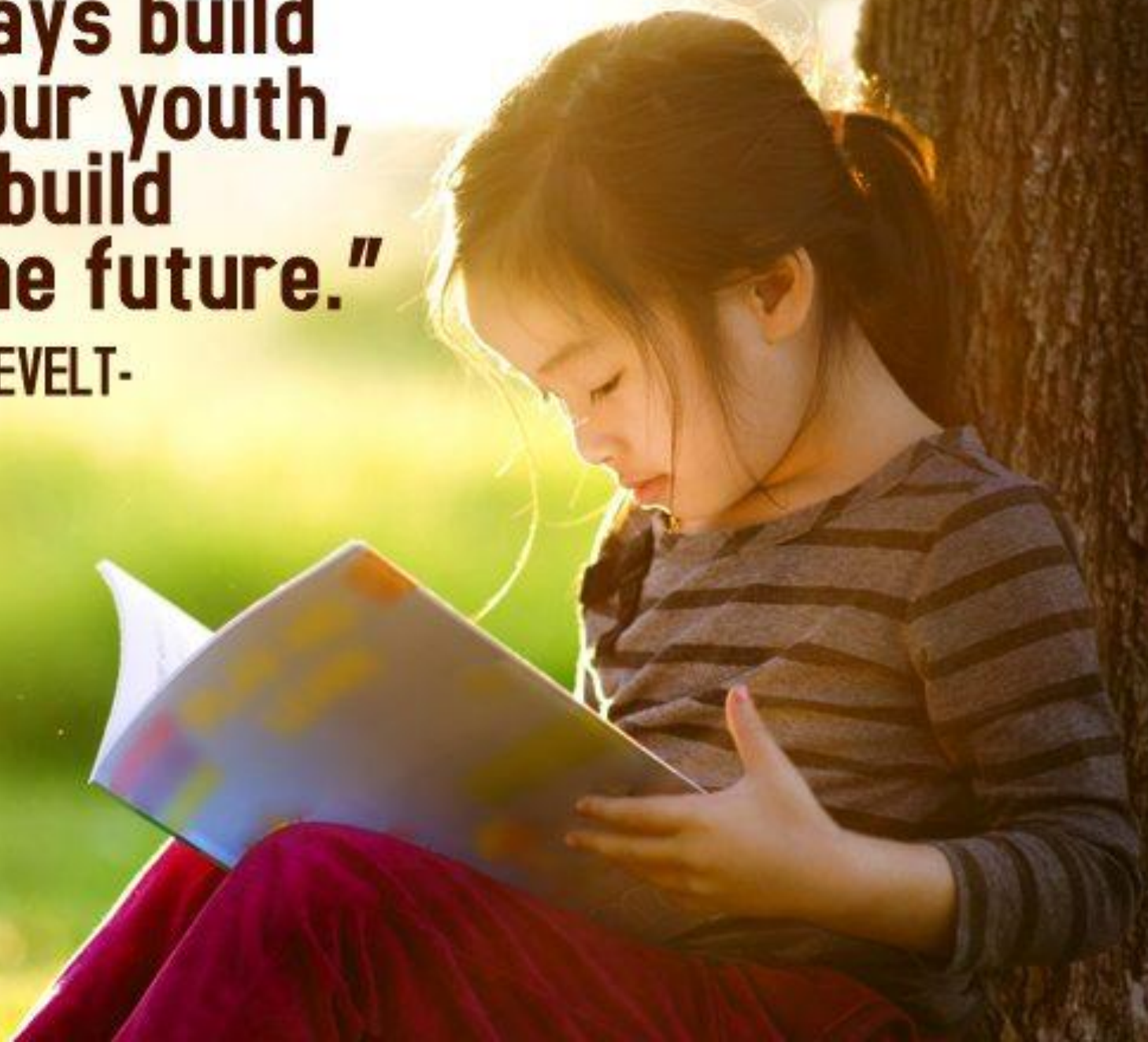
Sec 1

- Transition to new school environment
- Explore and understand self



**"We cannot always build
the future for our youth,
but we can build
our youth for the future."**

-FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT-



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- Dates: Mondays and Tuesdays
- Venue: Library

