

Subject-Based Banding (SBB) Briefing for Parents of P4 Students

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8 am to 10 am



- Rationale for SBB
- Implementation of SBB in Springdale Primary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Administrative Details



- SBB is premised on ability-driven education.
 - ✓ Students with specific strengths should pursue their subjects of strength to the best of their abilities.
 - ✓ Students who have considerable difficulties coping with certain subjects should focus on building their foundations in these subjects.
- Strong literacy & numeracy will prepare students for secondary & post-secondary education.



- Your child will be encouraged to do the subjects at the levels that best meet his/her abilities.
- Your child can focus on & stretch his/her potential in the subjects he/she is strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subjects he/she needs more support in



What does SBB mean for your child?

At the end of Primary 4

School recommends a subject combination based on P4 examination results.

Parents select preferred combination

At start of Primary 5

Student takes subject combination

chosen by parents



Implementation of SBB

How does SBB work?

If your child (at the end of P4)	Your child will be recommended to take
1. Passes all 4 subjects & performs very well in Mother Tongue Language	4 Standard Subjects + Higher Mother Tongue Language [#]

HMTL only impacts PSLE score if student is applying for SAP schools



Implementation of SBB

How does SBB work?

If your child (at the end of P4)	Your child will be recommended to take
2. Passes 3 or 4 subjects	4 Standard Subjects



Implementation of SBB

How does SBB work?

If your child (at the end of P4)	Your child will be recommended to take
3. Passes 2 subjects or less	3 Standard + 1 Foundation Subjects
	2 Standard + 2 Foundation Subjects
	1 Standard + 3 Foundation Subjects
	4 Foundation Subjects



Implementation of SBB

At the end of Primary 5

Your child takes subject combination for Primary 6
decided by the school based on results

At the end of Primary 6

Your child will sit for PSLE

- Subject combination **determined by the school** at the end of P5 will be the subject combination taken for PSLE.



- The PSLE score takes into account the
 - ✓ content & demand of each subject
 - ✓ number of subjects taken
- The raw marks for each subject is converted to a **Transformed score (T-score)**
 - ✓ The T-score reflects the students' standing relative to other students on a common scale
 - ✓ Foundation subjects being at a easier level, will have a lower T-score compared to standard subjects



- The **Aggregate Score** is the sum of the T-score in all subjects
 - ✓ Each subject, i.e. EL, Maths, MTL & Science carries equal weighting.



Grade	Mark Range	Brief Description
A*	91 & above	Has very good understanding of the subject
A	75 to 90	Has good understanding of the subject
B	60 to 74	
C	50 to 59	Has adequate understanding of the subject
D	35 to 49	Has fair understanding of the subject
E	20 to 34	Has elementary understanding of the subject
U	Below 20	Has not met minimum requirements for the subject



PSLE Grades (Standard)

Band	Mark Range	Brief Description
1	85 & above	Is very good in the subject at the foundation level
2	70 to 84	Is good in the subject at the foundation level
3	50 to 69	Has adequate grasp of the subject at the foundation level
4	30 to 49	Has an elementary grasp of the subject at the foundation level
U	Below 30	Has not met the requirements at the foundation level for the minimum grade



PSLE Grades (Foundation)

- **Based on Merit**
 - ✓ Overall performance & performance in various subjects
 - ✓ Past year performance
- **Teacher availability**
- **Number of students** taking the combination



School will recommend combination based on:

- ✓ Overall performance at Primary 4
- ✓ Performance in specific subjects
- ✓ Past performance (from Primary 1 to 3)
- ✓ Teachers' recommendation

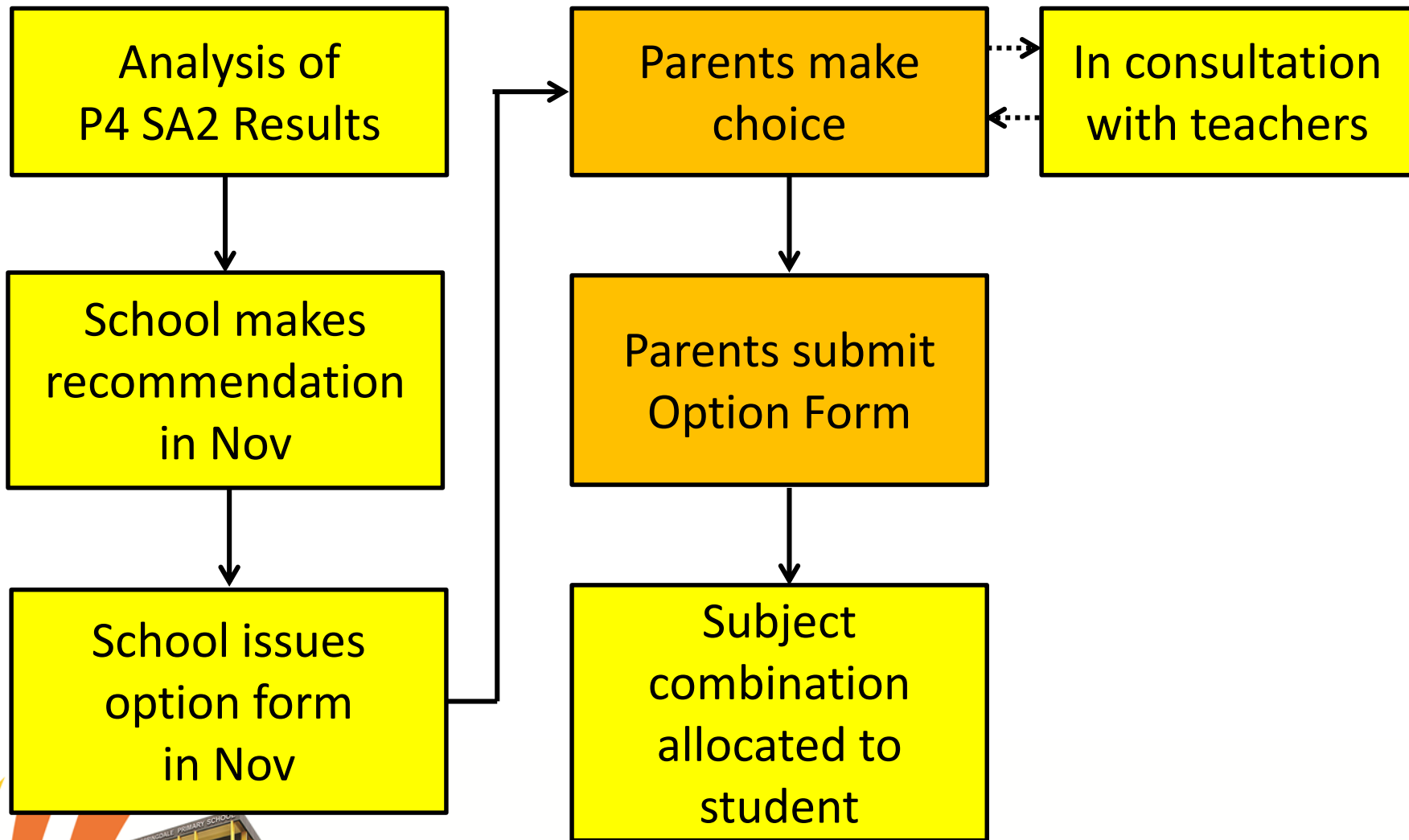


At the end of Primary 4...

School will confirm combination based on:

- ✓ Overall performance at Primary 5
- ✓ Performance in specific subjects
- ✓ Teachers' recommendation





Administrative Schedule