

RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

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2. The **Goals** of Sexuality Education are to:

- (a) Support students in managing their physiological, social and emotional changes as they grow up and develop safe and healthy relationships.
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- (c) Help students develop a moral compass and respect for themselves and others by having positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality that are premised on the family as the basic unit of society.

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You may click [here](https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education) (<https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education>) for more information on MOE Sexuality Education.

OVERVIEW OF RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR 2024

4. Sexuality Education is delivered in a holistic manner through the school curriculum. The content for Sexuality Education is grouped into five main themes: Human Development, Interpersonal Relationships, Sexual Health, Sexual Behaviour, and, Culture, Society and Law. You may click [here](https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education-scope) (<https://go.gov.sg/moe-sexuality-education-scope>) for more information on the scope of Sexuality Education in the school curriculum.

Sexuality Education:

5. The focus for Sexuality Education at Pre-University is on respectful relationships. Specifically, the JC/MI package covers themes of Interpersonal Relationships, Sexual Health, Sexual Behaviour, and Culture, Society and Law woven into the main focus on relationships.

At River Valley High School, the following Sexuality Education lessons will be taught in 2024:



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2024 SEXUALITY EDUCATION LESSONS IN CCE 2021

PRE-U YEAR 1 / IP YEAR 5

MODULE / THEME	LESSON TITLE / DURATION	Lesson Overview	TIME PERIOD (e.g. Term 1 Week 8)
Developing Healthy Relationships/ Theme 3B 'Sexual Health and Behaviour'	What Are Your #relationshipgoals? (60 mins)	<i>What are unhealthy relationships and who can I turn to if I need help? How does one manage aggression, both physical and emotional, in relationships?</i> In this lesson, students will learn to navigate challenges in a dating relationship. This includes identifying unhealthy relationships, when to seek help, who to turn to for support and to appreciate that one can emerge stronger and be better prepared for future relationships. Students will have a deeper understanding of what dating and family violence entails and be reminded of the importance of respect for others.	Term 3 Week 3
	If Not Now When (Part 1) (60 mins)	<i>Are values such as abstinence of sexual activity before marriage still valid in the world today? Why? Is abstinence a reasonable choice?</i> In this lesson, students examine issues related to abstinence and explore the balance between being free to make personal choices and being responsible for the consequences of their choices. They will	Term 3 Week 4

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		<p>understand that, in the face of conflicting voices and perspectives, they need to focus on integrity, and choose to act in accordance with sound values and moral principles.</p> <p>In so doing, students learn to make responsible decisions for self and others, and think through the consequences of doing so.</p>	
	<p>If Not Now When (Part 2)</p> <p>(60 mins)</p>	<p><i>Is one's personal choice more important than considering the impact and consequences of one's choice on others?</i></p> <p>In this lesson, students examine issues related to abortion and the impact of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and understand that one has to make responsible decisions for both self and others.</p> <p>Students are also taught to consider sexual abstinence before marriage to remove any risks that come with casual sex. The lesson will also focus on being a source of support for others who may be pregnant or have STIs.</p>	<p>Term 3 Week 8</p>



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2024 SEXUALITY EDUCATION LESSONS IN CCE 2021

PRE-U YEAR 2 / IP YEAR 6

MODULE / THEME	LESSON TITLE / DURATION	LESSON OVERVIEW	TIME PERIOD (e.g. Term 1 Week 8)
Developing Healthy Relationships/ Theme 3C 'Society, Culture and the Law'.	Why is Voyeurism Wrong? (60 mins)	<p><i>Is voyeurism wrong? Why?</i></p> <p>In this lesson, students will examine the relationship between rights and responsibilities by exploring societal expectations, the laws that protect teenagers from sexual crimes, and the legal consequences of inappropriate sexual behaviour.</p> <p>Students will examine what makes voyeurism wrong, learn the importance of the law as signposts for desired behaviours and conduct in society, and the importance of one's moral compass in responsible decision-making and choosing to do what is right.</p>	Term 2 Week 1
	Overcoming Stereotypes (60 mins)	<p><i>How does the media portray gender and relationships? How do societal influences affect our understanding of gender stereotypes?</i></p> <p>In this lesson, students will recognise that some segments of society may inaccurately reflect the efforts needed to maintain healthy relationships, leading to skewed assumptions of sexual messages and connotations within relationships.</p>	Term 2 Week 2

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		Students will understand how societal influences can skew one's understanding of gender stereotypes (e.g. boys should not cry, and are to suppress emotional sensitivity so as not to seem weak; girls are physically weak and unathletic, and downplay achievements so as to fit in), which can affect interactions and relationships in ways that are harmful to themselves and others.	

eTeens Programme:

6. *eTeens* is a programme developed by Health Promotion Board, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, to provide JC/MI Year 1 students with accurate information on STIs/HIV and protection from a health perspective. The desired outcome of the *eTeens* programme is that students are empowered to make wise, informed and sensible decisions.

7. Students learn the health, social and financial implications of STIs/HIV on an individual and the family, and the importance of responsible decision-making and seeking help. Abstinence and upholding family values are the key messages.

At River Valley High School, the *eTeens* programme will be implemented as follows in 2024:

Topics/Lessons	Programme Learning Objectives	Time Period (e.g. Term 3 Week 2)
Mass Talk by HPB appointed vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infectious diseases (STIs and HIV) • modes of transmission for STIs and HIV • modes of protection against infection, specifically abstinence and the correct and consistent use of condoms • consequences and impact of being infected with STIs/HIV • ways of managing the impact of STIs 	Term 3 Week 9

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

8. Parents may opt their children out of Sexuality Education and/or supplementary Sexuality Education programmes by MOE-approved external providers.
9. Parents who wish to opt their children out of the **Sexuality Education lessons** need to complete an opt-out form. This form will be communicated to parents at the start of the year, either through Parents Gateway and FormSG or hard copy ([Annex A](#)). The completed form is to be submitted by **23/02/2024 Friday**.
10. Parents who wish to opt their children out of the **eTeens programme** need to complete an opt-out form. This form will be communicated to parents at the start of the year, either through Parents Gateway and FormSG or hard copy ([Annex B](#)). The completed form is to be submitted by **23/02/2024 Friday**.
11. Parents can contact the school at 65678115 or rvhs@moe.edu.sg for discussion or to seek clarification about the school's Sexuality Education programme.



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31/01/2024

Dear Parents/ Guardians

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4. Please visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage (<https://rivervalleyhigh.moe.edu.sg/information/moe-sexuality-education-in-schools-jc>) for more information on **River Valley High School's Sexuality Education Programme for 2024.**

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Mdm Choy Wai Yin
Signature of Principal

[Parents' Acknowledgement – This is to be signed/acknowledged by parents of all students.]

MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS PARENTS' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dear Mdm Choy Wai Yin

I acknowledge receipt of letter from the school dated on 31/01/2024 regarding the school's Sexuality Education programme that will be taught in 2024. I have read and understood the information provided on the content coverage and delivery of the programme.

Parent's Name & Signature

Date

Parent of: _____ ()
(Child's Name)

Class

[Parent Opt-out Form – This section is applicable only for parents who wish to opt their child out of the MOE Sexuality Education programme for 2024.]

MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS PARENT OPT-OUT FORM

To: Mdm Choy Wai Yin

Dear Principal

1. I would like to withdraw my child, _____, of
(full name of child)

_____, from the Sexuality Education programme for 2024.
(class of child)

2. My reason(s) for my decision to opt my child out of the programme:

- Religious reasons
- My child is too young.
- I would like to personally educate my child on sexuality matters.
- I do not think it is important for my child to attend Sexuality Education.
- I have previously taught my child the topics in the Sexuality Education lessons for this year.
- I am not comfortable with the topics covered in the Sexuality Education lessons for this year.
- Others: _____

Thank you.

Parent's Name & Signature: _____

Parent's Email address: _____

Parent's Contact No. (mobile) _____

Child's Full Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Date: _____

**Health Promotion Board
eTeens for Junior Colleges and Millennia Institute (JCs/MI)**

Dear Sir/ Madam

1. 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 JC/MI 1 students about preventing STIs/HIV (Sexually Transmitted Infections)/HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The programme provides information on transmission and prevention of STIs/HIV, and guides students to make responsible decisions to avoid risky sexual behaviors.
2. The following topics are taught:
 - a) Infectious diseases (STIs and HIV)
 - b) Modes of transmission for STIs and HIV
 - c) Modes of protection against infection, specifically abstinence and the correct and consistent use of condoms
 - d) Consequences and impact STIs/HIV
 - e) Ways of managing the impact of STIs
3. The programme is delivered through a 1-hour mass talk. A video and presentation are used to convey key learning points. The programme depicts the health, social and financial implications of STIs/HIV on an individual and the family, and emphasises the importance of responsible decision-making and seeking help. Presenters are engaged by HPB and follow a presentation guide approved 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 hpb_yhp@hpb.gov.sg.

Yours sincerely



Ann Low (Ms)
Covering Director, Preventive Health Programmes Division
Health Promotion Board

eTeens Opt-out Form

Please complete this section if you DO NOT wish your child 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 Parent/Guardian

Date