

LUKE 1:17 – “To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

VLCS/ltp/02-12

10 February 2012

Re: School Relocation

Dear Parents,

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Almost a year ago, we announced our need to find new premises by December 2011, as our lease expires at the end of February 2012. Even with 12 months' notice, it has not been easy to find another property suitable for our school, in a convenient location, and within our budget.

God had kept us asking, seeking and knocking to confirm a location for His school.

Just before Chinese New Year, we found promising premises at Balestier Point. In the prestigious neighbourhood of Novena, the Balestier area is now dominated by lighting shops and is becoming more desirable with many new condominiums and educational institutions. VLCS will soon shine the Light of Christ there too!

It is very important for you to know how we made the decision to move to Balestier Point, B1-00. This is how we decided...

1) My prayer request to God that He provide a place within the required size and rental I deemed fit for the sustainability and growth of VLCS, without compromising the smooth conduct of the ACE curriculum and also getting the prompt approval of government authorities.

❖ This was granted :-

- ✓ Size: Approximately 9% more than what I had prayed for. I prayed for 5000 sqft – the school size is 5425 sqft.
- ✓ Rental: Lower by 13% than what I had prayed for. I prayed for \$3 psf excluding GST – the rental we proposed and agreed to by the landlord is \$2.58 inclusive of GST, plus one free parking lot is allocated to the school.

Every child a graduate prepared for the LORD for good works.

- ✓ URA approval for change of use: A more time- and cost-effective method was revealed to us through the recommendation of the landlord, upon advice by the local area URA officer. By way of online lodgement, the change of use was received on the very day of submission, and it cost only \$107 instead of \$1000.
- 2) In spite of all these providential favours and leading, I continued to press in for further confirmation if I should move the school to Balestier Point. It must be from God and I must be sure of it.
 - ❖ He put me at ease with Psalm 84 and confirmed it through the 7th verse :-
"They will continue to grow stronger,
and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem." (Psalm 84:7 NLT)
- 3) Divine Healing, Divine Co-ordination, Divine Favour: I will share more on this when I meet with you in our Prayer Meeting on 21st February, 7:30pm.
- 4) Staff consensus to move was achieved through casting of vote.
- 5) Parent Partnering Group (PPG): Prayer was solicited from the faithful group of parents who gather every Tuesday to pray for the school. Confirmation of God's endorsement to move to Balestier Point was also received through their individual testimonies.
- 6) Staff fasted and prayed for the release of God's word for us to go. God confirmed it again through Genesis 12:1 and through Deuteronomy 8:6-9, received by one of the staff, reminding me once more of my Faith Vision given me through my wife.


Although part of a business complex, our unit has a separate and exclusive entrance, as it is the only unit at the basement. Yet it is open to the outside with light coming in from one side.

Our architect helped us map out a timeline which should allow us to move in by mid-March. Please refer to the attached annexes for an outline of the planning schedule for the relocation and recommencement of school, public transport, etc.

Now is the time to possess the land that God has given into our hands. Who will arise and build with us? We look forward to your continued support as God brings us through this season of testing, strengthening our faith, granting us a greater testimony, and preparing His people for even greater works to come.

In His joy,

Ps. Rajaram S.N. Samy (Raj)
Principal / Senior Administrator



*I look forward to
meeting you on
Tuesday 21st Feb,
7:30pm*

Important Dates

- Tuesday 21 February:* Thanksgiving Dinner and Fellowship (for students)
7:30pm (for parents): Prayer Meeting plus our Principal sharing about the Relocation (in place of the calendared Parenting Talk)
- Friday 9 March:* Last Day of Term 3 (School Holidays: 10–25 March)
- Mon. 12 – Tue. 13 March:* Christian Educators' Convention (details sent by email)
- Monday 26 March:* Term 4 Commences

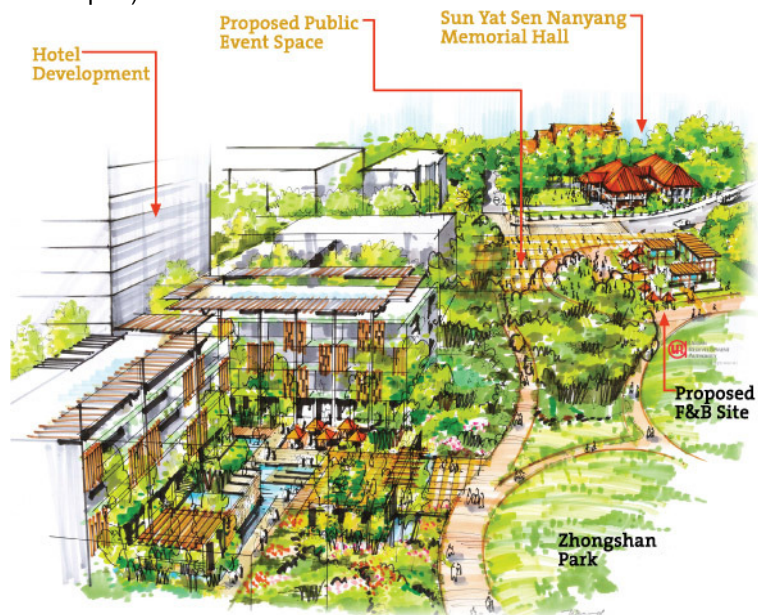
Our New Location

279 Balestier Road
#B1-00
Balestier Point
Singapore 329727

Map: http://www.streetdirectory.com/asia_travel/travel/travel_id_569/travel_site_42128/

Some of our new neighbours in the Balestier area

- Balestier Hill Primary School
- Curtin University of Technology
- East Asia Institute of Management (Balestier Campus)
- Global Indian International School
- ITE College West (Balestier Campus)
- Faith Assembly of God
- Eternal Life Baptist Church
- New Phoenix Park
- Tan Tock Seng Hospital
- Zhongshan Park (a new development including two international hotels, food and beverage, and public recreational spaces)



An artist's impression of what the unique development at Balestier could be like

To read more about the URA's ongoing rejuvenation plans for Balestier, see

<http://www.ura.gov.sg/skyline/skyline08/skyline08-06/text/05.htm>

<http://www.ura.gov.sg/rediscoverSpore/pdf/balestier.pdf>

Public Transport

Several bus services (*SBS only*) ply past Balestier Point, providing convenient links to various MRT stations on *all* lines (and other useful connecting points).

21 Novena (NS20)

Coming to school, alight opposite Balestier Point
Going home, board after Pegu Road

124 Newton (NS21)

Coming to school, alight at Balestier Towers
Going home, board opposite Balestier Point

125 Farrer Park (NE8) [coming to school], Boon Keng (NE9) [going home]

Coming to school, alight at Balestier Towers
Going home, board opposite Balestier Point

130 Ang Mo Kio (NS16)

Caldecott (CC17)

Coming to school, alight opposite Balestier Point
Going home, board after Pegu Road

Farrer Park (NE8) [coming to school], Boon Keng (NE9) [going home]

Bugis (EW12)

SIA / CSC (Balestier Road, for drop-off/pick-up by car on other side of CTE)

Coming to school, alight after Pegu Road
Going home, board opposite Balestier Point

131 Novena (NS20)

Coming to school, alight opposite Balestier Point
Going home, board after Pegu Road

139 Toa Payoh MRT (NS19) – *less direct, better to take 145*

Farrer Park (NE8) [coming to school], Boon Keng (NE9) [going home]

Coming to school, alight at Balestier Towers
Going home, board opposite Balestier Point

145 Toa Payoh MRT (NS19)

Coming to school, alight opposite Balestier Point
Going home, board after Pegu Road

Lavender MRT (EW11)

SIA / CSC (Balestier Road, for drop-off/pick-up by car on other side of CTE)

Coming to school, alight after Pegu Road
Going home, board opposite Balestier Point

186 Botanic Gardens (CC19)

Also useful connecting stops on Bukit Timah Road, Whitley Road and the PIE

Coming to school, alight opposite Balestier Point
Going home, board after Pegu Road