

PEEK INTO POST-SEC LIFE



You will discover different school cultures and denizens when you graduate. CHLOE NG and ZAN SAM reveal what's out there.



Sustainable Architectural Design students merge traditional designs and environmentally friendly architectural techniques, basically they are big fans of putting grass on everything. ST FILE PHOTO



The Perfumery and Cosmetic Science course is unique to SP, where more effort is spent into smelling nice than dressing nice. PHOTO SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC

Singapore Polytechnic

It's the first one that people here associate with polytechnic life as we know it today, with more than 50 years of history to its name.

But its students' dress sense is, well, practical, to say the least. Year 2 diploma in Banking and Finance student Sharlene Yeo, 19, explained SP's "uniform": "SP students usually wear SP shirt, shorts, and slippers. They spend less effort in dressing up as compared to other polys."

Perhaps, this is so they can spend that time making the most of their education. SP offers many exclusive courses, such as Creative Writing for TV and New Media, Perfumery and Cosmetic Science, and Nautical Studies, which are found nowhere else in the poly-landscape.

Nanyang Polytechnic

If you are looking for warm and friendly people, NYP is where you should be. Smiles and handshakes play a large part, as shown by their open house experience, IN found.

"The people here are very friendly, and I made a lot of friends even on the first day of school. My cohort is very small and we help one another out when it comes to tutorial sessions or assignments. The friends I've made here make school feel like home," said Year 1 diploma in Sustainable Architectural Design student Sean Teo, 19.

Creative works are strongly encouraged by the poly, with a plot of land – known as Maker's Space – specifically dedicated to the art of 3D printing, woodworking and more. Students are welcome to drop by to express themselves.

Temasek Polytechnic

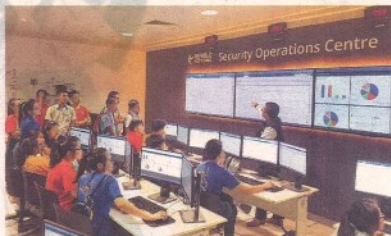
Immersing yourself in the culture of this polytechnic, with Bedok Reservoir in its backyard, is literally not an issue, because when orientation begins, you'll be tossed in the water – sort of.

The annual Freshmen Orientation Regatta will see the different schools compete in a head-to-head dragon boating race across the water. Year 2 diploma in Retail and Hospitality Design student Natalie Hui, 19, said: "(My most memorable moment was) when I felt my whole Design School, heart as one, cheering during our orientation camps and during regatta."

Furthermore, watch out for the fashionistas from the School of Design. The Apparel Design and Merchandising students, easily recognised by their bold and unusual fashion choices, show off their sartorial sense in campus shows, competitions and in the canteens.



At Temasek Poly's new Centre for Aquaculture and Veterinary Science, you can touch a rodent and pretend that it is cute instead of really gross. PHOTO TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC



Republic Polytechnic has a Security Operations Centre Lab that can simulate cyber attacks for teaching purposes. It is where students will learn that "great power comes with great responsibility". PHOTO REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC

Republic Polytechnic

What Republic lacks in history, its people make up for in focus and passion, said Year 3 Diploma in Sonic Arts student Jeanette Lim.

"The students here really love what they do, and everyone puts in hundred per cent effort into their work submitted. I have seen people staying late at night just to perfect that day's assignment."

With its close proximity to the neighbouring territory of Johor Bahru, it's convenient for students to take a fun post-class day trip across the border.