RGS – 135 Years of
Nurturing Daughters of a Better Age

The name of Sir Stamford Raffles, Founder of Singapore, has been given to some of the most distinguished of institutions in Singapore, among them Raffles Girls' School (RGS). Sir Stamford Raffles had a vision to establish a premier educational institution which would serve Singapore well and RGS is honoured to have his name associated with our school.

From humble beginning in 1879, but with noble aspirations, RGS has progressed remarkably from a one-room department in a boys' school to a full-fledge girls-only institution, adapting itself continously to the ongoing changes in the education landscape. The school motto in Latin, 'Filiae Melioris Aevi' or 'Daughters of a Better Age' in English is a promise of what is, and a hope of what is to come. Now, 135 years later, the school motto is still, if not more, relevant. Today, the RGS name stands as the embodiment of excellence, spirit, adaptability and innovation in education.

The RGS girl, in her neatly pressed dark blue pinafore, is as much the face of RGS as she is a part of the fabric of Singapore. She comes from all walks of life. She symbolises hope and the potential to do well. She is the high ability girl, who through the RGS experience, will discover her interests and talents, sharpen her skills and excel in all that she does. With RGS' culture of service through community action and community problem solving, the RGS girl is not content to be merely passive inheritors of a better age; instead, she aspires and dares to be an active creator of a better age for all.

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Early this year, RGS students were invited to present a logo design to commemorate RGS' 135th anniversary. We are happy to present the selected logo design. The logo is the creative work of RGS students Emily Yu and Marilyn Kang.

"The logo gracefully and artfully positions 'RGS 135' as the key element. 'RGS' is in the 3 colours of the school - green, black and white. The trailing line represents that RGS has come a long way and is continuously trailblazing. '135' is emblazoned in gold, showing how strong RGS stands in its heritage and foundation. The tree is the same colour scheme as 'RGS' symbolising the school. The birds in the background fly in different directions and heights, showing the various batches of RGS girls who have been nurtured by the school and have subsequently flown to greater heights. The years 1879-2014 depict the school growing strong and embracing greater frontiers." Emily Yu and Marilyn Kang