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Since 1994 Home Economics is a compulsory core subject for girls and boys at the lower secondary level. Previously Home Economics was offered to girl pupils only. To-day, more and more women join the work force to contribute to the family income and improve the standards of living. The traditional role of women as home-maker has thus been extended to that of co-earner. Men need to realise the importance of this extended role and to provide support to their women-folk through partnership in the home.

The revised Home Economics programme endeavours to prepare girls and boys for their dual roles in the future. The basic course in Home Economics will enable pupils to develop a set of values that have practical application to family life. Family life will then be more meaningful as they strive to create an environment conducive to healthy growth through improved management of personal resources of time, energy and money.

The syllabus content has been revised to meet the changing scene in family life and dietary patterns in our society. This basic course train pupils in problem-solving and decision-making skills, and to help them to live graciously with one another, it will also impart to pupils the knowledge and skills to be creative, adaptable and resourceful in the home.

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