



The photograph was taken when I was waiting to cross the road outside the campus of Pui Ching Middle School in Macau.

# Decisions shape your destiny

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Do you believe in destiny? Do you believe that every person you meet in your lifetime was predetermined the second you were born? While there are certainly some people in the world who do believe in this, I myself think that this is total nonsense. If you live by these beliefs, you will soon find yourself constantly blaming “destiny” for ruining your day or being against you. As Shakespeare once said, “It’s not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves.”

Now imagine this scenario: You’re running to school in the morning. It’s already 8:02 a.m. and you are just one single road away from school, but the traffic light turns red just as you are about to cross the road. What will you do? Will you wait for the green light? Or will you just cross the road because you are running out of time? If you don’t cross

it right now, you’ll probably be late for school. On the other hand, if you choose to cross it anyway, you’ll be breaking the law and putting yourself in danger. Either way, there will be consequences.

As Junior 3 students, you are now facing an important decision that will affect your future. Are you going to choose the Arts Stream or the Science Stream? Actually, neither of these is inferior to the other, and I urge every one of you to really give it some thought before you make your decision.

Ephemeral decisions can have a long-lasting or even eternal impact on your life. Each and every one of the small decisions you make shapes who you are. Remember, you have got so far in life because of your decisions, not your destiny.