

INFLUENCE OF FACTORS AND STRATEGIES ON MOTIVATION TO LEARN
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ABSTRACT

Learning motivation is a crucial indicator to indicate the achievement and performance of a respective student. The past research had shown that students who owned a higher learning motivation would have a higher confidence level, hence results in a better performance in their assessments. However, most of these research backgrounds were based on the students in government school. Among all these studies, only a small amount of them focused on the learning motivation among middle year students in private school. Therefore, this study was aimed to investigate the factors that influence the learning motivation of middle year students in a private school in Johor state and to examine the strategies that will enhance their learning motivation. A case study with in-depth interview was designed to investigate the influence of factors and strategies on the learning motivation among the middle year students. Six students with an age range in between 14 to 16 years old in a private school in Johor state had participated in this study. Generally, they were born with a higher socioeconomic status. The data were processed and analysed by using thematic analysis. The factors that influenced the students' learning motivation were identified such as family-related factors, school-related factors, social-related factors and personal-related factors. The participants had showed both positive and negative views among these factors except for the personal-related factor. It was the only factor that participants purely showed negative view on it and had been deemed as an obstacle that will affect their learning motivation. Besides, the common strategies implemented by the students were self-regulation, work on a designed study plan, self-alert about the consequences for getting poor grade, goal setting, curiosity and form a study group with peer. Most of the students in this study believed that self-regulation and self-discipline were the most effective strategies to enhance their learning motivation. In conclusion, it would be beneficial for the students' holistic development if the stakeholders in private education system could collaborate with one another to eliminate the hindrance factors that will decline the students' learning motivation and implement the strategies which promote the students' motivation to learn.

ABSTRAK

Motivasi belajar merupakan penunjuk yang kritikal bagi mengakses pencapaian dan pretasi seseorang pelajar. Menurut kajian lepas, pelajar yang mempunyai motivasi belajar yang tinggi akan lebih berkeyakinan terhadap diri serta berperformasi tinggi dalam bidang pembelajaran akademik. Umumnya, kajian yang berkaitan dengan motivasi belajar telah dikaji dalam kalangan pelajar sekolah kerajaan. Namun, kajian ini kurang difokuskan dalam kalangan pelajar sekolah swasta. Kajian ini adalah untuk mengkaji faktor yang mempengaruhi motivasi belajar serta mengenalpasti strategi bagi meningkatkan motivasi belajar dalam kalangan pelajar menengah tahun dari sebuah sekolah swasta di negeri Johor. Kaedah temu bual digunakan dalam kajian ini. Sebanyak enam orang pelajar swasta yang berumur dari 14 tahun hingga 16 tahun telah dipilih secara rawak dari golongan keluarga yang berstatus sisekonomi tinggi. Data kajian telah diproses dan dianalisis dengan menggunakan analisis tematik. Faktor-faktor yang mempengaruhi motivasi belajar adalah berkaitan dengan keluarga, sekolah, sosial dan sendiri. Dalam kajian ini, faktor yang berkaitan dengan sendiri telah dianggapkan sebagai factor yang menjejaskan motivasi pelajar untuk belajar. Di samping itu, strategi yang dilaksanakan oleh pelajar termasuk regulasi kendri, menyediakan jadual belajar, sentiasa mengingatkan kesan gagal dalam peperiksaan, penetapan matlamat pembelajaran, perasaan yang ingin tahu dan membentuk kumpulan belajar dengan rakan sebaya. Kebanyakan pelajar dalam kajian ini mempercayai bahawa regulasi sendiri dan disiplin diri adalah strategi yang paling berkesan bagi meningkatkan motivasi belajar. Kesimpulannya, pihak berkenaan dalam sistem pendidikan swasta patut berkolaborasi untuk menghapuskan faktor penghalang yang menurunkan motivasi belajar dan melaksanakan strategi yang sesuai untuk mendorong motivasi belajar dalam kalangan pelajar.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

COVID	-	Coronavirus Disease
IB	-	International Baccalaureate
IPR	-	Interview Protocol Framework
MYP	-	Middle Year Programme
SCT	-	Social Cognitive Theory
SLT	-	Social Learning Theory

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Private schools co-exist with public schools to offer different education programs for students, thus giving alternatives for parents to opt for their best-perceived education for their children. In Malaysia, there are generally three types of schools that exist alongside each other: the public owned and fully government-funded such as national school; private owned and semi government-funded like religious, English, Chinese and Tamil medium school; and private and self-funded like private schools such as international school who used the foreign syllabus, Chinese independent schools, religious schools. The functions of these types of schools differ along the lines of social, cultural, religious, and medium of instruction.

It is a general notion that parents must pay a higher fee for private schools that offer secular education as compared to those which are religiously based. Private schools are depending on the students' tuition fee, private charity, and the support from the government occasionally. This leads to private school tends to attract the socio-economic privileged students (Alderman et al., 2001). In terms of results such as PISA; Peterson and Llaudet (2006); Thapa (2012), students that join private schools tend to perform higher significantly in the assessment than the students who joined national school. However, after considering the socio-economic background of the students who attend these schools and the related materials and instructional benefits that mount up to the schools, there is no significant difference in results when comparing to the same SES category from public and private schools.

Some private schools prepare their students for international exams only such as Cambridge Assessment (IGCSE), Australian Matriculation (AUSMAT) and

Scholastic Assessment (SAT) but there are others which offer both Malaysia public examinations besides the international exams such as Malaysia Certificate of Education (SPM), Malaysian Higher School Certificate (STPM) There is a substantial number of private school students who take both international and Malaysia public examinations, hence they have to work extra hard. The key factors which drive the student to work hard in their academic achievement are aspiration, interest, encouragement and goals (Diab & Schultz, 2021; Kryshko et al., 2020; Pengestu & Meydia, 2021; Tucker-Drob & Harden, 2012). These components are explained in motivation theories. When students lack motivation or interest in learning, it leads to multi-fold consequences. Among these are students will not contribute to the task adequately and be procrastinated which leads the failure in their examination (Clark & Saxberg, 2018).

Motivation defined as enthusiasm energized and willingness for achieving certain targets (Adetya Dewi et al., 2020; Rafiola et al., 2020). Motivation is an essential factor for uplifting the students' achievement and performance. It is associated closely with actions, beliefs, interest, goals, perceptions, and values (Deci & Ryan, 1985, 2000, 2010; Reiss, 2012; Vallerand, 1997; Vallerand et al., 2016; Vansteenkiste et al., 2006). In general, varieties of motivation methods can highlight on cognitive behavior (like strategies and monitoring); non-cognitive parts (like attitude, belief and perceptions) or both. Cognitive engagement through implementation of strategies for satisfying the student's interests and challenging their thinking will motivate the students to explore more on their study (Turner, 1995). These interests lead the students to be grit in a task for a longer time, higher attention, capability to focus and the learning and enjoyment are increasing. Moreover, the motivation to the goal achievement is affected by the students' value and belief before they initiate the task. The student is motivated for completing the assigned task when they trust the learning outcome is useful, beneficial, importance and interesting (Clark & Saxberg, 2018).

The student's learning motivation can be hindered by the external factor such as school climate (Ömür, 2020). The supportive and positive school climate will improve students' self-confidence and preferable behavior during the learning process.

The learning environment will be more effective towards the students' learning. If the school climate is negative and passive, there is a high tendency for the students to behave badly and decline their learning motivation. Besides that, learning motivation can be hindered by poverty (Gbollie & Keamu, 2017). Students' attention towards the study will be distracted by the financial issues including getting sufficient resources to support their learning. Besides this, the poverty might further endanger the student's academic performance because they are worry towards the uncertainty in their future such as the cost of the education and the support from their parents (Capra, 2009). Therefore, the collaboration between the parents and school are essential for ensuring the students' learning motivation.

Aware of the facts that students' status of learning motivation can be influenced by internal factors (such as belief and cognitive) and external factors (such as parental support and learning climate). Therefore, this study will be very beneficial for middle year students and stakeholders in a private school at Johor by providing an insight for them to understand the effectiveness of external motivation and internal motivation towards the students' academic accomplishment and performance. The related party can implement the strategies and techniques to enhance the students' motivation to learn while necessary. Framed in motivation theory, this study aimed to explore the underlying factors which influence the student's motivation to learn and the consequences.

1.2 Background of the Study

Malaysia parents are given the right to decide the type of school for their children's education. The parents have two options. One of the options will be the government school which is financially supported by the government. The second option will be private school which is not financially supported by the government; however, it is supported by the students' tuition fee. The examples of the private school are international school, independent school and religious school. Parents always want to provide the best learning environment for their children. According to the research by Egalite and Wolf (2016); Singh (2015); Yaacob et al. (2015), the total admission for the private school had increased in the preceding 15 years. The influences on the parents' choice for sending their kids to private school are affected socially, culturally, politically and economically. The social background, education level, occupation, family size and the income of a family primes the parents to choose a conducive learning environment for their children.

Besides that, some of the parents are disappointed with the learning culture in public-school education which is highly focusing on the academic performance like paper and pen-based examination rather than the students' holistic development such as critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving abilities and volunteering activities. Moreover, lacking facilities in the government school had dissatisfied the parents. Among these, the absence of swimming pools and insufficient workstations for students to exercise their practical skills such as science laboratories may also discourage the parents from sending their kids to government school. Therefore, some parents are willing to spend more money to ensure their children can be developed holistically. Parents are hoping with the conducive learning environment, their children can engage well in school, therefore the children can be motivated extrinsically and intrinsically on their learning journey.

Motivation to learn is essential for predicting the students' academic success. The students' achievement and performance can be theorized by the intrinsic motivation and extrinsic motivation (Vallerand et al., 2016). Students will be motivated intrinsically to achieve some goals for their own sake or self-satisfaction.

The students' intrinsic motivation can be further enhanced by providing them more chances or choice for their personal accountabilities.

Extrinsic motivation refers to a person trying to avoid an undesirable outcome or to end something and not for their own sake. Students' motivation to learn can be affected by extrinsic goal, intrinsic goal, task value, control of learning belief and self-efficacy of learning and performance (Tsai et al., 2016). Besides this, students who have high learning motivation will have higher confidence levels in their learning and performance better in the assessment (Huang et al., 2020). Moreover, the learning motivation will also improve the interaction between teacher and students or students and peers, the participation in classroom activities and discussion and the creativity (Tsai et al., 2020). Therefore, students can engage actively during the lesson and they will also have a better understanding towards the lesson content.

However, motivation to learn may be declined several factors such as learning difficulties upsurge, negative teacher's behavior and parental involvement (Ömür, 2020). Example, if the parents are not interested for creating a healthy interaction with their children to concern about their psychosocial and cognitive development as well as their needs, the students will have a high trend to perform badly in the assessment and give up in their study (Moè et al., 2018). Moreover, the students' learning motivation can be hindered by the negative teacher's behavior. Example, the teachers do not allow the students to make their own decision; do not prepare for the lesson; do not have sufficient knowledge and skills to support students' inquiries; and refuse to change according to the student's needs (Ömür, 2020). This will result in the poor relationship between the teachers and students and students will show lesser interest toward the learning.

In one of the private schools at Johor, the middle year programme students have low learning motivation in their learning. The school management is worried that the learning motivation will affect the students' performance. This may result in the students will take longer time to complete their Middle Year Program or do not manage to get the school leaving certificate successfully. This school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme for students from age 3 to 17 years old with two

programmes which are primary year programme (PYP) and middle year program (MYP). The MYP is designed for the students aged between 11 years old to 16 years old. The curriculum framework includes eight subject groups which covered language acquisition, language and literature, individuals and societies, sciences, mathematics, arts, physical and health education, and design.

Moreover, during year 4 and year 5, the students will also need to complete a long-term project known as personal project and service known as community services. In this personal project, the students will decide their area of interest and explore on the topics they would like to study which integrated with all the subject groups and the skills they have learnt in this programme. The final product can be a project, proposal, or video. In year 5, the MYP students will sit for the standardization assessment which is known as e-Assessment as an exit ticket for entering the high education system. The students must achieve a minimum grade of '3' in all the subject groups and complete their personal project and community services for them to receive the IB MYP certificate. The IB MYP certificate is an evidence for proving the students completed the IB MYP successfully.

IB MYP earns a resilient reputation for delivering on great academic standards and holistic assessment for evaluating the students' knowledge and skills for recent decades (Harrison & Miller, 2017). The students need to work very hard for understanding the concept and content across the eight subjects so that they can integrate the knowledge and skills to overcome the challenges for getting IB MYP certification successfully. The difficulties for integrating the knowledge and skills had reduced the students' learning interest and motivation (Ormrod & Jones, 2012). Besides this, the students' learning motivation are hindered while the teachers neglect their needs or cannot support their inquiries (Ömür, 2020). Decline in learning motivation will result in the students failing perform in their academics (Adetya Dewi et al., 2020; Bernardo et al., 2015; Vallerand et al., 2016). However, little is known about the phenomenon of learning motivation among middle year students in this private school.

1.3 Problem Statement

Students in the private schools particularly those with much higher tuition fees generally come from higher socioeconomic status and with sufficient resources to support their learning. To be cost effective to the parents, private school management must meet the parent's expectations over control and management of their student's behavior, discipline and achievement. In compliance with these requirements, the school managements are stringent with the recruitment of teachers, keeping the orderliness of the school, curriculum and instructional activities, facilities, and the school environment. It is common to see a conducive learning environment with a small class size of maximum 25 students per class and complete with necessary facilities in private schools. This classroom environment enables students to get more attention and assistance from the teacher, hence improving student engagement and more focus in their academic achievement and performance.

The furthest recent study by Bernardo et al. (2015) showed that the students who attended the private school had higher academic performance compared to others. Private school in Korea leans to perform better than the public school students due to the autonomy and the resources in private school (Kim, 2018). The other study conducted by Cavalcanti et al. (2010) found out that students who attended the public school scored 4.2-17% lower than the private schools students in the public university entrance examination. Besides that, in the Philippines, the public-school students are performing lower than the private school students. The mean scores of the private school students were 51.8 % and the mean scores of the public-school students were 46.0% during 2007. According to the study conducted by Duncan and Sandy (2007), students who attended private school scored 12 marks higher in the government standardization test compared to the students who attended the public school.

However, there are mixed findings on the results of students from public and private schools can perform similarly if the students are coming from higher socio-economically backgrounds or the school with the great resources and self-autonomy. Conducive environment, facilities, resources and learning opportunities are no doubt vital external factors contributing to student achievement but personal factors internal

to students such as motivation factors exert big influence on students' learning and achievement (Hamjah et al., 2011; Huang et al., 2020; Liu & Thompson, 2018; Tsai et al., 2016; Tucker-Drob & Harden, 2012).

Motivation to learn is a crucial predictor for the students' achievement and performance (Adetya Dewi et al., 2020; Anderman & Midgley, 1997). However, most of the learning motivation research background is in the government school. Little is known about the phenomenon of learning motivation among middle year students in private school. In view of the discussion above, a case study design will be employed in this study to investigate the learning motivation among students from middle year program in a private school in the state of Johor. This school has started its operation more than a decade ago but so far there is no studies on the learning motivation of students from this school and other private schools in the state of Johor. The findings are expected to provide some useful information for private schools particularly on learning motivation which leads to academic achievement.

1.4 Objectives of the Study

The purpose of this study is to investigate the learning motivation among middle year program students in a private school at the state of Johor.

The research objectives are:

- 1.4.1 To investigate the factors that influence the middle year students' learning motivation in a private school at the state of Johor.
- 1.4.2 To examine the strategies which enhance the middle year students' motivation to learn in a private school at the state of Johor.

1.5 Research Questions

The research questions in this study are

- 1.5.1 What are the factors that influence the middle year students' learning motivation in a private school at the state of Johor?
- 1.5.2 How do the strategies enhance the middle year students' motivation to learn in a private school at the state of Johor?

1.6 Significance of the Study

This study is essential for identifying the factors on learning motivation among middle year program students in a private school and exploring the strategies that facilitated the students' learning motivation. It will benefit the private education sectors stakeholders such as students, school managements, academic staff, and the parents for variety purposes.

Firstly, the finding of this study will help the educators and parents to understand the factors that influence the students' learning motivation. After identifying the bad influence on the students' learning motivation, the operant conditioning by Skinner (1971) should be practiced like punishment and negative reinforcement to remove the undesirable attitude and behavior while they are learning. However, the positive reinforcement such as rewards and incentives should be executed to increase the occurrence of the positive learning behavior. Besides that, both the educators and teacher can have collaboration for structuring a desirable learning environment for the students to promote their learning motivation.

Besides this, this study can help the school management to review the school policy. While the school management focuses on the students' academic performance, they need to deliver the values and goals of learning to the students so that the students

will know the reason why they should work hard in their study. Besides that, through this study, the school will understand the differences among the students' cognition and personalities. Therefore, the reasonable and attainable goals setting should be tailored according to the students' need.

Lastly, this study can also promote the innovation of the teaching approaches and strategies which will facilitate the students' learning motivation. The different strategies will be examined and discussed to promote the student's self-efficacy and becoming a self-regulated learner.

1.7 Theoretical Framework

Theoretical framework presents and portrays the theories which explain the core of the research study. It is unquestionable that the students' intrinsic and extrinsic motivation in learning can be affected through the social-cognitive context. There are numerous studies showing that learning motivation is correlated to Bandura Social Cognitive theory (SCT) (Schunk & DiBenedetto, 2020; Schunk & Usher, 2019). Bandura developed the reciprocal determination models which consists of three types of influences such as behavior, personal and environment (Bandura, 1999). The impacts on students' learning motivation will be discussed according to the reciprocal interaction among the features in SCT. The self-regulation theory will explain how the students sustain their motivation when encountering the challenging task. The theoretical framework for the learning motivation of private school middle year students in the state of Johor is attached below.

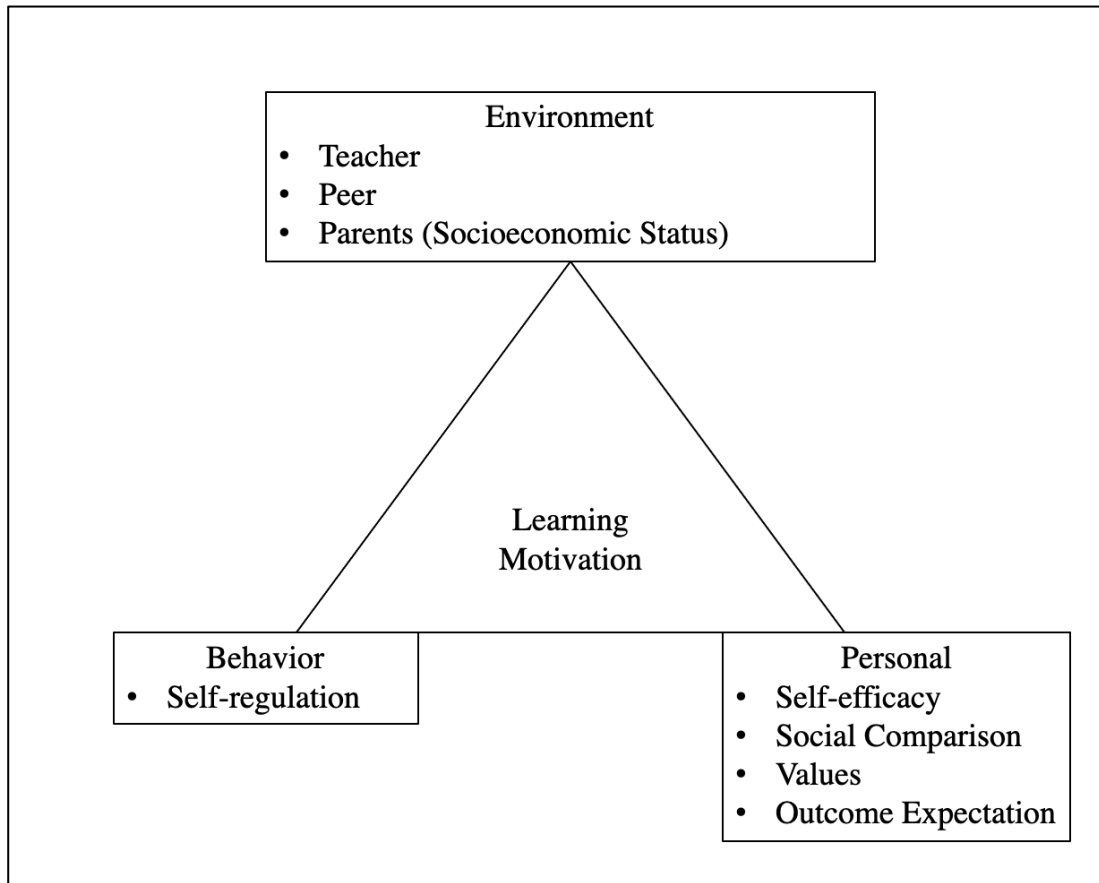


Figure 1.1 Theoretical framework of this study

1.7.1 Learning Motivation

Motivation is a form of strength and determination in an individual which causes the momentum to accomplish the target (Rafiola et al., 2020). The motivation defines the processes that activate and sustain the goal-oriented activities (Schunk et al., 2014). Learning motivation refers to the attribute that moves the students to attend study. The performance of the students will differ while influenced by the intrinsic and extrinsic factors (Deci & Ryan, 2000). Intrinsic motivation refers to the motivation which is associated with personal interest, preferences and enjoyment which leads to personal satisfaction (Deci & Ryan, 2010). The intrinsic motivation will lead the fruitful learning outcome and inspire the students' creativity. However, extrinsic motivation also plays an equally crucial role in students' learning. The students can be motivated extrinsically due to the attractive incentives and rewards and the degree of

autonomy in learning. Example, students work hard for getting acknowledgement and gifts from their parents. The factors and influence triggered by the social and environment context to a person's motivation will be discussed in social cognitive theory.

1.7.2 Bandura's social cognitive theory

Social cognitive theory (SCT) was established by Bandura (1988) for clarifying the interactions of the human function with the social context. SCT was commenced from the social learning theory by Bandura (1969). According to SCT, learning is laid firmly in the social framework and learning behavior plays the roles for the interaction of the individual with the environment and internal stimuli which included cognition and feeling. This theory highlights the reciprocal interactions between the personal behavior, cognitive and environment which is affecting and being affected by others. Behavior included the individual personalities, actions, choice, and verbal statement; personal included attitude, belief, expectation, and knowledge; the physical and social environment included peers, family, teachers, classroom setting and resources. This theory offers an ample description on the elements that influence on the students' learning motivation. The figure 1.2 portrays the reciprocal interaction of Bandura's social cognitive theory.

There is significant pragmatic data that has given the resilient support to the valid evidence between the SCT and the motivation in the learning process (N. Iroegbu, 2015). Moreover, there is also sufficient study to discuss the relationship between the learning achievement and performance with the SCT. According to Burney (2008), all the components in the SCT would interact to influence the students' learning motivation hence their performance and the behavior will be affected. Moreover, according to Gibson (2016), the SCT also helps to clarify the varieties of cognitive and learning processes that are connected to the determination of the learning outcomes and the process of the learning which is transformed into the behavior.

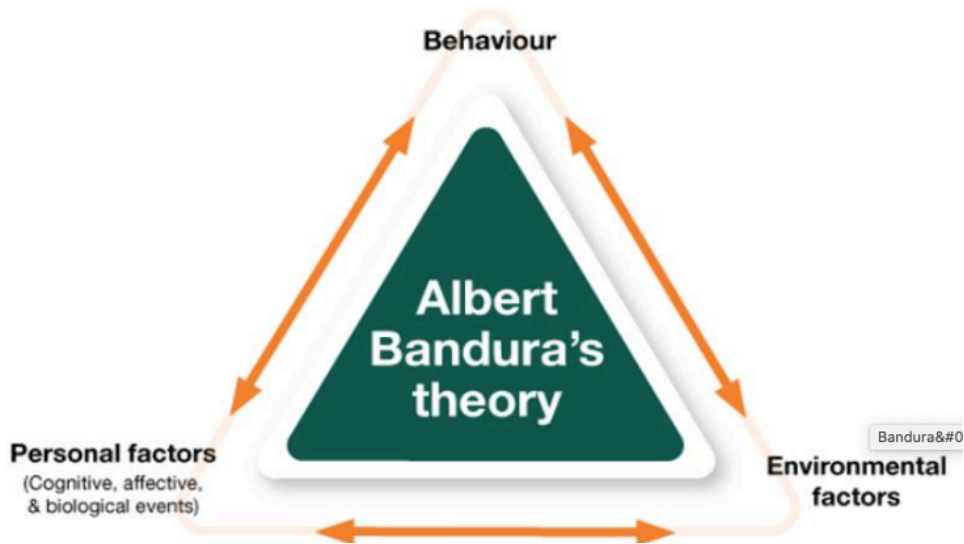


Figure 1.2 Bandura's social cognitive theory

1.8 Conceptual framework

The conceptual framework provides an overview regarding the learning motivation of a private school middle year students in the state of Johor. The proposed conceptual framework based on the empirical study and literature review from the past research. The students' motivation can be influenced by the motivational factors and motivational strategies reciprocally. Figure 1.3 outlines the conceptual framework based on the core components in the research.

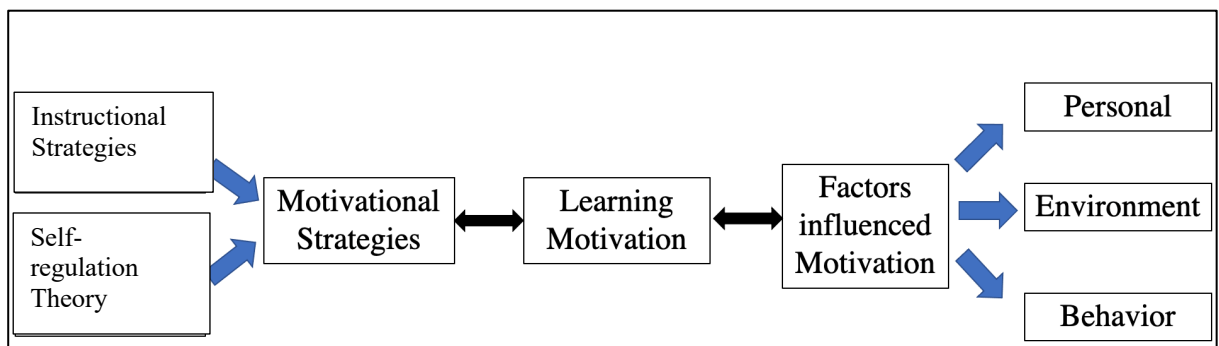


Figure 1.3 Conceptual framework of the study

The motivational strategies can be divided into two major parts which are instructional strategies and self-regulation theory (Deci et al., 1999; Schwinger &

Otterpohl, 2017). The special instructional strategies will have the teacher to support and motivate the students that are associated with the extrinsic factors such as supportive environment, rewards and certain degree of autonomy in the learning process (Hidi et al., 2004) . However, motivational regulation will explain the strategies used to sustain the student's motivation which prevent the happening of negative consequences (Grunschel et al., 2013). The more motivational strategies would be examined through case study from the participants. Besides that, the factors that influenced the students' learning motivation will be investigated based on the personal, environment and behavior according to the social context.

In this study, the learning motivation of a private school middle year students are investigated to identify the factors which endanger the students' learning. Besides that, the motivational strategies will be examined to facilitate the students while they are learning or trying to sustain their will in learning.

1.9 Scope of the Study

The population in this study involves MYP students in a private school at Johor Bahru district. The middle year programme included 5 grades. The students are aged between 11 years old to 18 years old. A case study will be conducted to investigate the factors influencing the learning motivation of a private school middle year students in the state of Johor and to examine the strategies which facilitate the students' learning motivation. The research instruments in this study will be an interview session. The interview session will be conducted by using a video conferencing program like Zoom or WebEx. The data collection session will be conducted within one month. The interview session will be conducted continuously until the information trends reach the saturation point.

1.10 Delimitations of the Study

The delimitations of the study are restricted by the age, gender, geographic location, population size, population attributes and time constraints. The school studied is the only institution which provides IB MYP at Johor Bahru. Due to the time constraints and the outbreak of COVID-19, the site visit session is being limited and the data is only collected in a single private school. This might lead to the bias where the population attribute might be consistent in the same school. The reliability of the results cannot be compared with other schools which offer the same programme. Besides that, the social desirability bias would occur when the interviewee is not comfortable or insecure in expressing their real mind. Therefore, the result of the study cannot be generalised.

1.11 Definitions of Terms

To clarify the essential wordings in this study, the following terms are being explained below. This is beneficial for the common understanding to the readers.

1.11.1 Motivation

“*Movore*” is the root word of motivation in Latin represent motion or drive to move (Hamjah et al., 2011). Motivation refers to the momentum or the driving force to encourage the student behave positively in their learning (Benabou & Tirole, 2003). It also refers to the students who is enthusiasm for doing somethings. The students’ learning achievement and performance were influenced by the motivation significantly (Anderman & Midgley, 1997).

In this study, the factors affecting the private school middle year students’ learning motivation are investigated. Besides this, we will observe the status of the

students' learning motivation and how the status of learning motivation will affect the students' behavior and their academic performance.

1.11.2 Private School

Private school is a self-funded school that does not receive the main financial support from the government (Alderman et al., 2001; Beavis, 2004; Peterson & Llaudet, 2006; Singh, 2015; Thapa, 2012). It is an education institution which is depending on the students' tuition fee, private charity and the occasional support from the government. The tuition fee will be utilised to provide a conducive and quality learning and teaching environment towards the students (Egalite & Wolf, 2016).

In this study, private school refers to a self-funded school in Johor which offers that international examination. This school offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme for students from age 3 to 17 years old with two programmes which are primary year programme (PYP) and middle year program (MYP). The MYP is designed for the students aged between 11 years old to 16 years old.

1.11.3 Middle Year Programme

The middle year programme is a framework designed by the International Baccalaureate organisation for the students aged between 11 years old to 16 years old. (Harrison & Miller, 2017; Tan & Bibby, 2011)

In this research, the IB MYP at state of Johor students will be selected for the semi-structured interview session to study the factors affecting their learning motivation and to explore the learning strategies which will facilitate their learning motivation.

1.11.4 Influencing factors

Influencing factors refers to the possible aspects that change the students' behavior and performance (Caganova et al., 2017). A great understanding for the influencing factors towards the students' learning motivations will help students to narrow the academic gap and encourage the development of interventions intended to promote the learning motivation (Isik et al., 2018). The reciprocal interaction between key factors (behavior, environment and personal) in the social cognitive theory are commonly used to explain the influencing factors on learning motivation (Burney, 2008).

In this study, the influencing factors which modify the students' learning motivation will be investigated and discussed detailly. Besides this, the hindrances of the learning motivation will be studied. The researcher will discuss the benefits and the implications of the influencing factors towards the students' learning motivation.

1.11.5 Strategies

Strategies are essential for creating an effective learning and teaching environment (Nyaumwe & Mtetwa, 2011). According to Guilloteaux and Dörnyei (2008), strategies refers to the action, approaches and techniques conducted by the teacher to enhance the student's motivation towards the learning. Besides this, strategies can be used to motivate the students' self-regulated learning skills and change the students' perception towards the task (Zepeda et al., 2020).

The motivational strategies will be examined in this study for interpreting its effectiveness toward the students. Moreover, the motivational strategies which help the students to accomplish their target will be examined to improve the students' achievement.

1.12 Summary

Chapter 1 offers an outline of the contemporary study. The terminology of learning motivation, influencing factors, private school and strategies had been discussed in this chapter. Learning motivation is a crucial predictor for the students' achievement and performance (Adetya Dewi et al., 2020; Anderman & Midgley, 1997). However, most of the learning motivation research background is in the government school. Little is known about the phenomenon of learning motivation among middle year students in private school. Therefore, a case study is necessary for investigating the learning motivation among the middle year students in a private school. The background and problem statement in this study had been highlighted. Through the research objectives and questions with the aid of theoretical and conceptual framework, people will have greater understanding on the nature of the study.

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