NUS still favourite among JC students; newcomer SMU is runner-up ahead of NTU

Almost two-thirds of 833 first-year junior college students surveyed preferred the National University of Singapore (NUS) over the other local universities, The Straits Times reports today.

Singapore Management University (SMU) was chosen by 10 per cent, while Nanyang Technological University (NTU) managed only 8 per cent of the votes. The remainder of the students did not indicate a preference.

NUS was also considered the most “hip”, garnering 41 per cent of the votes, ahead of SMU’s 27 per cent. A quarter saw no significant difference between the three institutions in this respect.

The results indicate that the much older NUS is still preferred over its younger rivals after the Government’s attempts to get the universities to distinguish themselves.