

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Lovedale!

Having joined the school on the first of June, I've spent my time here studying and understanding the nitty gritty of how the school functions. While the feedback I received from the stakeholders of the school has been wonderfully positive, there have been thoughts expressed about a few areas which definitely need more attention and work. I strongly believe in working with students and teachers to nurture an education system based on humanity, honesty and giving back. For what good is our education if we don't employ it to support one another and the community.

Today, in the times of rapid change, education, too, is changing and evolving, as it must. We are moving towards identifying as a more global community, being increasingly involved with issues which affect our world, and not solely our immediate surroundings. This change is a much needed one, but, in my experience I have observed that we do run the risk of making our education American and Euro-centric, competition and market-driven. We must never ignore our roots, and the places and people such an education overlooks. Toxic competition must be weeded out, replaced by a learning environment which enables everyone to flourish. These are only a few issues which schools all over the globe face today.

I am hopeful that without diluting our mission of all round development, we will work towards inculcating academic rigour and self-discipline in our students. It is also very important to make our students aware that while life at school is crucial to forming an identity, it doesn't and shouldn't define the rest of one's life; in fact, the bigger journey into the world starts from here. Hence, it is important for us to prepare them to be responsible and ethical citizens for the current as well as the next phase of their journey.

I look forward to meeting you during the course of the year.

Yours,

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Headmaster