

# Happy to be a Swachh School!

The Lawrence School, Lovedale figures very high on the Swachh School indicators, as per the exacting standards of Sti4Change. Following is a report by the organisation, wherein it lauds the green initiatives undertaken by the School.

Instituted in 1858, it is now one of the premier residential schools in India . The indicators where the School scores high are :

1. It has put in place a sound waste management system. There are separate dustbins in all common areas for effective waste segregation.
2. With four functioning kitchens there is a lot of organic waste generated. Big composting pits have been dug for the wet waste. Each pit when it gets full is closed and the next pit used. After 6- 8 weeks (depending on weather conditions) the closed pit is opened to recover the compost.
3. There is a strict monitoring of food waste. Food waste is collected in trolleys and separated from the crockery.
4. Dry-waste is collected from all the bins in the school and stored in a room. High quality paper and dispose recyclables are picked up periodically by ITC Coimbatore, under the 'Wealth out Waste' (WOW) Programme.
5. The sanitary and medical waste is handed over to the 'Society of Biomedical Waste Management- Nilgiris'.
6. There are litter free campaigns and periodic cleaning drives of the campus by students.
7. The school has excellent WASH facilities. The toilets have been revamped over the years. Every hostel and common areas have extremely clean toilets with mugs, buckets and dustbins. The wash basins, counters and mirrors are of excellent quality. The cleaning staff takes immense care in cleaning and maintenance of the toilet and shower facilities.
8. Each dining hall has a water purifier called Water Doctor for safe drinking water.
9. Water supply is adequate and rain water is harvested through a lake on the campus which is the only source of water to the entire campus.
10. Solar energy is used for water heating and only supplemented by diesel energy when required.
11. As part of the school outreach program, students felicitate the sanitation workers of the municipality.
12. Students conduct waste awareness for all the students in the school and all the staff in the school.

Students actively participate with the NGO, MOB (Make Ooty Beautiful) for cleaning up Ooty town.

13. Students were also involved with the Street Store, where they collected old clothes and accessories and sold at a nominal price. For all these initiatives and more, Sti4Change awards the title of a Swachh School to The Lawrence School, Lovedale. Congratulations!