

From our Chief Executive



Lt. General Arjun Ray

Dear Friends,

Schools, like people, take time growing and establishing an identity of their own. On one hand, Bangalore has schools that have celebrated their sesquicentennial anniversaries. On the other, there are myriads of nascent schools that have yet to find a place on the map of our city.

How does a school establish an identity? In simpler terms, what is a school best known for? Parents who are truly involved in the education of their children have the right to an informed audit, from time to time, whether or not a school is “walking its talk”, whether it is making good its claims or not.

Every school has its vision which it declares, in its mission statement. This can be made to sound very noble, daring or awesome. Indeed there is much jargon available today that can make even a run-of-the-mill school look like a celebrated school, when published on a glossy brochure!

An identity is a philosophy or a belief system that is aligned to the expectations of parents and preparations to face the challenges to face the new economy. In our context, the central idea is leadership through whole education.

Most reputed schools draw their pride and claim to fame from their academic results and boast of the rigours and discipline of formal learning that they can put children through. They are intent on creating an exam meritocracy. They forget that Knowledge is becoming complex, trans-disciplinary and interdependent, a new synthesis of mind and matter. We call it Systems thinking – the nature of the whole is always different from the sum of its parts.

Whole education must engender the development and growth of all five aspects of personality: the physical, cognitive, aesthetic, emotional and spiritual. It must also focus on developing inner potential. The all important roles in society, for which our children must be prepared, will be driven and facilitated by the Indus Model of Leadership.

Leadership has its foundation in self- discovery; it must transform and be transformational and above all, it must have its roots in sound social values.

Talent meritocracy vs. exam meritocracy is a dilemma that schools and parents face. The [attached article from Newsweek](#) demonstrates the mistaken route that some schools and educational systems follow. Academics are very important. But academics alone won't get you far. Our children need to be taken beyond textbooks and out of the classrooms too.

Let us continue you and us, to raise leaders, who will serve, transform and raise quality in life and growth. This is what should put any school on the map. We are confident that time will prove us right.

With Warm Regards & Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arjun Ray". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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