

## From our Chief Executive



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Dear Friends,

Consequent to the Leadership Conclave held on 02 April 2006, it was decided that all students from Grade 6 upwards would go out of Bangalore to participate in a leadership camp for seven days. We planned this camp to be unique. Its uniqueness lay in a clear departure from what all schools do – adventure training and outbound exercises. The objective of these camps would be unique: to *reconnect with oneself, with nature, and with the local community*.

I visited the first camp which was located on the fringes of the reserved forest at Nagarahole, 68 kilometers from Mysore. The first batch comprised of boys and girls from Grade 11, 75 in all. I was keen to validate the objective we had set out for ourselves.

I am pleased to say that what I saw vindicated whatever we have been espousing about leadership. True leadership arises when we discover our self. We call it self-awareness. The camp helped our children to understand themselves better; and the mediums we used were effective – camp life and practicing solitude, understanding the silences and beauty of nature in all its splendor, animals in their natural habitat, the challenges of the tribals who have been relocated from within the forest, water sports, rappelling down steep cliff faces, and a local version of bungee jumping.

With each camp we will learn and refine as we go along. This is only natural as leadership, like man, is a process. There is no end state because man is an unfinished product.





With Warm Regards & Best wishes,

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