

Holistic Education

A programme of holistic education is child-centered and empowers students to think differently, creatively and reflectively. Holistic education aims to encompass all aspects of personal learning and growth and emphasizes the interconnections between the subject domains, between individuals and their peer groups and communities and between the individual and the world around them.

- Holistic education nurtures the broad development of the students and focuses on their intellectual, emotional, social, physical, creative or intuitive, aesthetic and spiritual potentials.
- It promotes the importance of relationships at all levels within a learning community in which the educator and student work together in an open and collaborative relationship.
- There is an emphasis on life experience and learning beyond the confines of the classroom and the formal educational environment towards education as growth, discovery and a broadening of horizons. It encourages a desire to elicit meaning and understanding and to engage with the world.
- The approach empowers learners to examine critically the cultural, moral and political contexts of their lives. It leads learners towards actively challenging and changing cultural values to meet human needs.

	Students	Parents	Teachers
Attitudes	Model the attributes of the learner profile	Model the attributes of the learner profile	Model the attributes of the learner profile
Knowledge	Develop an understanding of the subject areas, their interdependencies and interrelationships, and the interconnections in human knowledge	Know your child, their interests, their relationships, their educational program, and what they are learning at every stage.	Demonstrate a deep level of knowledge of their subject area as well as educational theory and methods.
Skill	Demonstrate flexibility and a creative approach to problem solving	Negotiate the distinct roles of cheerleader, friend, teacher and enforcer. An understanding of these roles can help a child step up to the challenges of learning.	Create appropriate pedagogical approaches with active, planned interventions that are developed for students to meet their development needs.
Relationship	Develops and maintains relationships through their interpersonal skills.	The supportive role of the parent within holistic education is essential.	Develop an inclusive, dynamic and egalitarian working relationship between the student and the teacher.
Responsibility	Take ownership of their own development and learning through planning and prioritization, and ensure that through their own determination tasks are completed on time.	Recognize, encourage and praise positive behavioral changes.	Create an inclusive learning community that stimulates the growth of a person's creative and inquisitive engagement with the world.

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