

# Educational Creed

I believe that education is a lifelong journey empowering individuals to deepen self-awareness, reflect critically on values and beliefs, and internalise meaningful influences from the world around them [4, 10, 8]. Through learning, students develop the capacity to understand themselves, their roles within a diverse society, and their ability to impact positive change in their communities [1, 4].

Education must provide all individuals with opportunities to realise their full potential, ensuring a foundation where every learner feels safe, respected, and valued for their unique voice. Learning environments must foster kindness, nurturing inclusivity and a sense of belonging free from bullying, prejudice, or exclusion. Every member of the learning community should experience relationships and instruction grounded in empathy, compassion, and mutual respect—towards others, themselves, and the natural environment [1, 9, 8].

The purpose of schooling is not only the acquisition of knowledge but also the development of character, ethical understanding, and social responsibility. Education should build critical listening and communication skills, encouraging genuine dialogue so students learn to understand multiple perspectives and collaborate towards shared goals [6, 4, 8]. Learners must be empowered to recognise and challenge injustice, actively contribute to a supportive and equitable community, and uphold anti-bullying values in all spheres [8].

True learning happens in environments of trust, where curiosity and the courage to question are encouraged, and where every individual's prior experiences are honoured [5, 6, 4]. All educational experiences—whether academic, social, emotional, or spiritual—should promote the growth of body, mind, and heart, so that learners become fully themselves in relationship with others and the world around them [1, 7, 10].

Education in the modern world must also prioritise the development of crit-

ical leaders who can thoughtfully respond to and guide others amid continual change. Students and educators alike should be equipped to lead with integrity, flexibility, and moral purpose, actively participating in transforming society for the better. Through opportunities for leadership, collaboration, and reflection, education cultivates the problem-solvers, ethical thinkers, and adaptive pioneers needed in our ever-evolving context [9, 2, 3, 1].

An essential mission of education is to cultivate a growth mindset in every student, inspiring resilience, adaptability, and a lifelong love of learning. Learners are guided to set goals, embrace challenges, learn from mistakes, and constantly seek new knowledge for self-improvement and the common good. By modelling and teaching these values—self-awareness, kindness, inclusivity, respect, environmental stewardship, true listening, critical leadership, and persevering curiosity—educators help build compassionate, reflective, and future-ready citizens [1, 8].

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