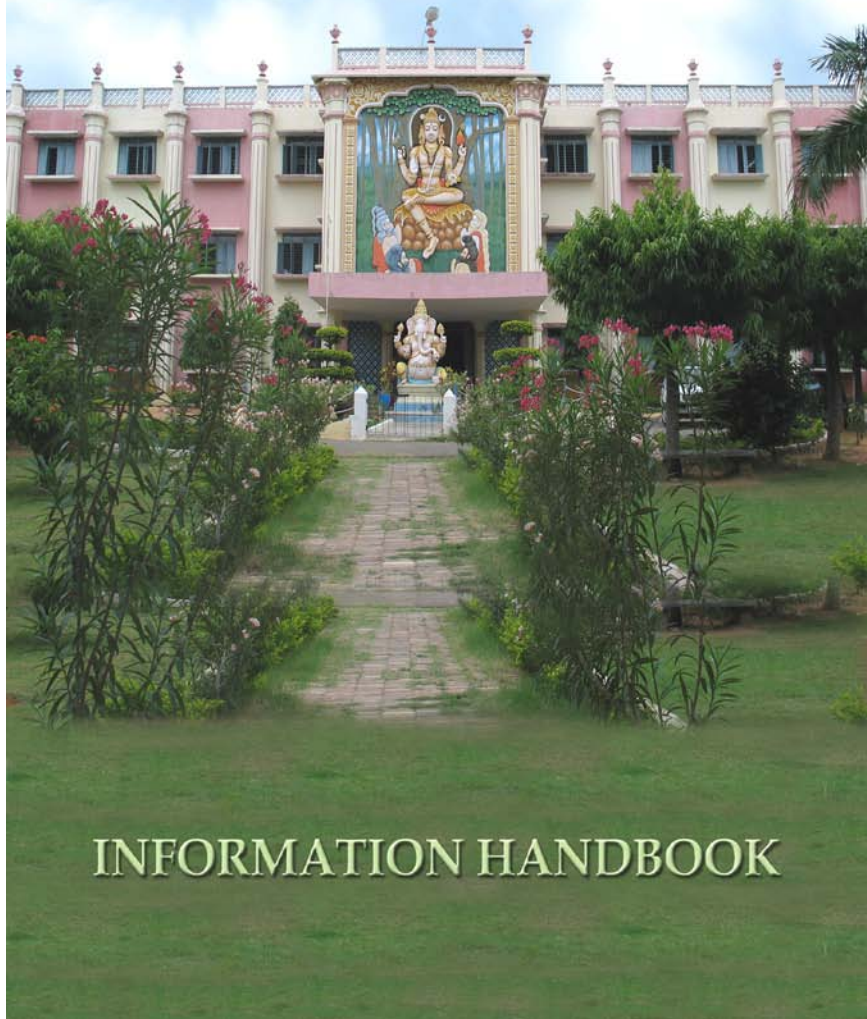




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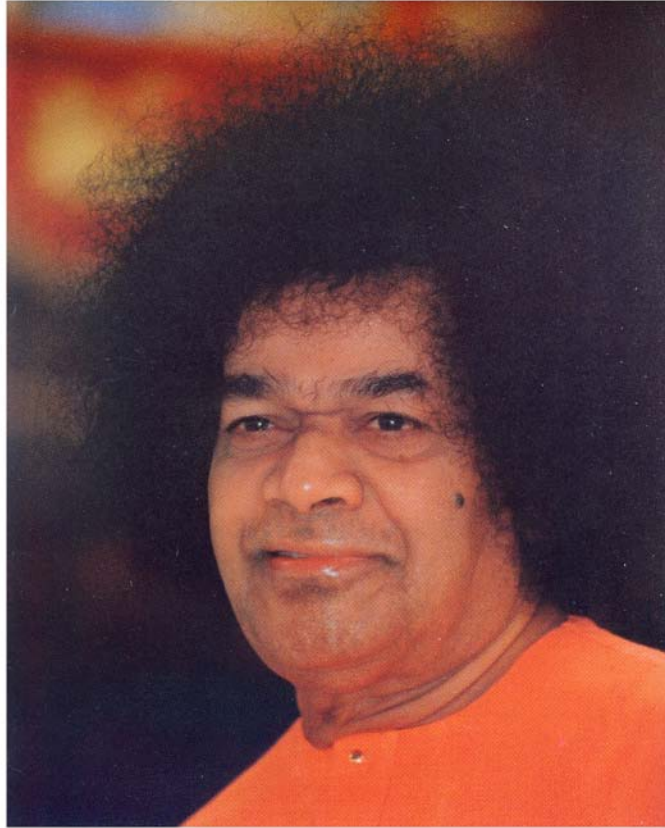
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Website: ssshs.org.in

Baba's Message to His students....

"You are all here as students of this school. How can any study be worthy, if it does not confer good knowledge and prompt one to do good work? An education that helps you merely to keep alive is no education at all. The wheels of the chariot of life are good knowledge and good deeds. Charity and sacrifice is spiritual, good behaviour is spiritual, keeping away from evil is spiritual.

Man feels that riches are paramount, but what he fancies as wealth are but material, momentary and trivial things. Character, virtue, brotherhood, charity -these are the real riches. The company of the good and the godly is wealth, most worthy. Wisdom is the most precious wealth. The educated person must live with this conviction. Search for mere riches can never confer contentment and peace of mind.

In every field, students must strive to become ideal leaders and guides. The students of today are the citizens of tomorrow who will shape the destiny of a nation. When you grow straight and strong, every department of public and governmental activity will become efficient and beneficent."

THE SCHOOL IN PROSPECT

Genesis and Inspiration

The Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School is inspired, initiated and being lovingly nurtured by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. He is its life and soul, motivation and goal. Under His direct guidance and loving care the school embarked on its mission of moulding young minds on 15th of June, 1981.

“Character Development with Academic Excellence”, has been the governing principle of all endeavours in the school. The school at every step, big or small, is guided by the comprehensive educational philosophy of Bhagawan Baba who emphatically advocates “Education should be for life and not for a living”.

Mission

The relentless pursuit of the school has been:-

To lay the foundation of a noble character of moral integrity, brotherhood, patriotism and sacrifice in the young minds so that they grow straight and strong as ideal leaders who can shape the destiny of the nation.

Objectives

True education should produce balanced personality in whom intellectual, emotional and spiritual values are harmoniously developed. Therefore, all the learning programmes in the school are structured to inculcate in the learners, the qualities of:

1. Self-confidence with faith in God.
2. Academic excellence.
3. Communication and social skills along with analytical abilities.
4. Maintenance of a well-nourished, healthy and agile physique.
5. Inculcating an affinity towards a disciplined and regulated life.
6. Developing an interest to participate in service activities.
7. Harmonising positive thoughts, words and actions.
8. Developing respect and regard towards Indian culture and way of life.
9. Upholding reverence for parents, elders and honour for dignity of all individuals.

To equip the student with all these noble qualities, the education is provided **completely free of cost** without any distinctions of caste, creed, colour and economic status.

Affiliation

This school is a fully residential English Medium school for boys and girls affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. It consists of classes from I to XII and forms a vital educational limb of the Sri Sathya Sai University. The syllabi and textbooks followed at the school are those prescribed and recommended by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi.

Location

The school is located in the Sri Sathya Sai Vidya Giri complex of Prasanthi Nilayam and is housed in two magnificent buildings. The imposing building with a beautiful sculpture of child Krishna houses the teaching and residential quarters for girls from class I to XII and for boys from class I to VII. The palatial building with the sculpture Lord Dakshinamoorthy presiding over it, is the teaching block for boys from class VIII to XII. The towering edifice to its right is the hostel which lodges all the boys of the Higher Secondary School.

Unique and Distinguishing facets

The school offers students and parents a unique educational experience which, in many ways, is different from schools elsewhere. The salient and distinguishing features which make the school exclusive and exceptional are the following:

- ❧ A major focus of the school is character development, in addition to academic excellence. Inculcating the virtues of adherence to truth and discipline, dedication to duty and devotion to the Supreme is as important as academic excellence.
- ❧ The school believes in national integration as is amply portrayed in its emblem and follows an open-admission policy purely on the basis of merit. It encourages enrolment of boys and girls irrespective of income, class, creed, religion or region with no reservations or preferences for any particular community or religion.
- ❧ The school has students hailing from all parts of the country and belonging to diverse religious groups. They fully participate in all the festivals celebrated and cultural programmes conducted at the school. This serves to give them a feel of the hallowed ideals of 'Unity-Purity-Divinity', which is the quintessence of Indian culture.
- ❧ The school has a highly competent and dedicated team of teachers drawn from different parts of India who are committed to be exemplars of values. The tutors live with the children in the hostel to give personal attention to every student much like the ancient gurukula system and ensure an atmosphere of love and care.
- ❧ The school integrates value education and teaching in all its programmes. It is the relentless pursuit at the school to instil in every student, the universal and timeless doctrine of 'Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man'. There are also special Human Value classes held to provide students a deeper insight into religion and philosophy.
- ❧ The school has a nurturing climate based on the twin foundations of love and discipline. It is suffused with prayers, bhajans, stories and parables drawn from different faiths of the world.
- ❧ The education at the school is completely free of charge. The school does not collect any fees whatsoever from the students.

I. The School Academic Year

The academic year lasts from the 1st of June to the 31st of March. The school has a long break for summer (April-May) and a short break for winter vacation (October-November), the dates of which are announced during each academic year.

The School Terms -

- First term : June to October.
- Second term : November to March.

II. Courses of Study

The curriculum for class I to XII is as prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. The School offers courses in Science and Commerce at senior secondary level.

Subjects taught in the school

A course in "Human Values" is taught to students of all classes. The class-wise details of other subjects are listed as follows:

Primary Classes - I to VIII

1. English
2. Hindi/Telugu
3. Sanskrit
4. Mathematics
5. Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology from VI to VIII)
6. Social Studies (History, Civics and Geography)
7. Drawing and painting
8. Work Experience
9. Physical Education and Games
10. Music
11. General Knowledge

Secondary Classes – IX & X

1. English
2. Sanskrit
3. Mathematics
4. Science (Physics, Chemistry and Life Sciences)
5. Social Sciences (History, Civics, Economics, Geography & Disaster Management)
6. Health and Physical Education
7. Work Experience
8. Art Education:
Gardening, Paper Cutting, Needle work etc.

Senior Secondary Classes - XI & XII

SCIENCE GROUP

Compulsory: English Language (Core English)

Electives: *Combination I:*

Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics

(In lieu of second language, a limited number of students from MPC group are offered Computer Science course based on a qualifying test)

Combination II:

Physics, Chemistry, Biology

COMMERCE GROUP

Compulsory: English Language (Core English)

Electives: 1. Business studies / Mathematics

2. Accountancy

3. Economics

Second languages Telugu/Sanskrit/Hindi (for all groups)

Work Experience, General studies, Health and Physical Education (for all groups)

III. Admission

As stated earlier, the school has an open-admission policy and has no preference or reservation for any community, caste, creed, class, religion or region. It is done solely on the basis of merit.

Age Limit for admission

1. At the time of admission to class I, the child should have completed 5 ½ years and should be less than 6 ½ years by the 30th of September of the year in which the admission is sought. The age of admission to the other classes should be reckoned accordingly.
2. For class XI, the candidate should be less than 16 ½ years of age. Relaxation of age is not permitted.

In case of admission on the basis of Transfer Certificate issued from the other schools, the date of birth recorded in the T.C. shall be accepted. Request for any change in date of birth at a later date is not entertained.

Admission Procedure

1. Admission of new students for class XI(boys and girls) is made every year on the basis of written tests in the beginning of the academic session. Application forms along with prospectus (and entrance test syllabus for class XI only) can be obtained from school office personally or by sending D.D. in favour of 'Principal, Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School' drawn on State Bank of India, Prasanthi Nilayam (code no: 2786) for Rs.100 towards the cost of the prospectus, which is not refundable. The application form and Prospectus are available at Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School, Prasanthinilayam only from **Jan 1st to Feb 15th** of every year. The application

form along with the profile card and identity card duly filled in should reach the school office before March 1st. Affix Rs.5 stamp on the identity card. The tests are generally held in the second week of May. For class XI, the written test will be on General English and on other subjects chosen by the students. The provisional admission to qualified students in the test is subject to the performance in the oral test and medical examination. At the X standard board examination, the candidate should have secured a) a minimum of 55% marks in general English, and b) a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate in all the subjects including General English and Languages. For separate courses one should apply separately for each group. Final results of the entrance can be viewed in the website.

2. The right to call an applicant for test/interview is reserved. Selection for the test rests completely with the discretion of the school authorities.
3. All newly admitted students shall be on probation for a period of one year during which he/she can be asked to leave, if found unsuitable for the school. The decision of the school in this matter shall be final.
4. Before a pupil can be enrolled, the enrolment form and other necessary papers must be completed by the parents or guardian.
5. Students can be removed from the school roll by the school authorities on any one of the following grounds:-
 - a) Consistent academic weakness / Indiscipline.
 - c) Over age (students who exceed the age limit for All India Senior School Certificate Examination)

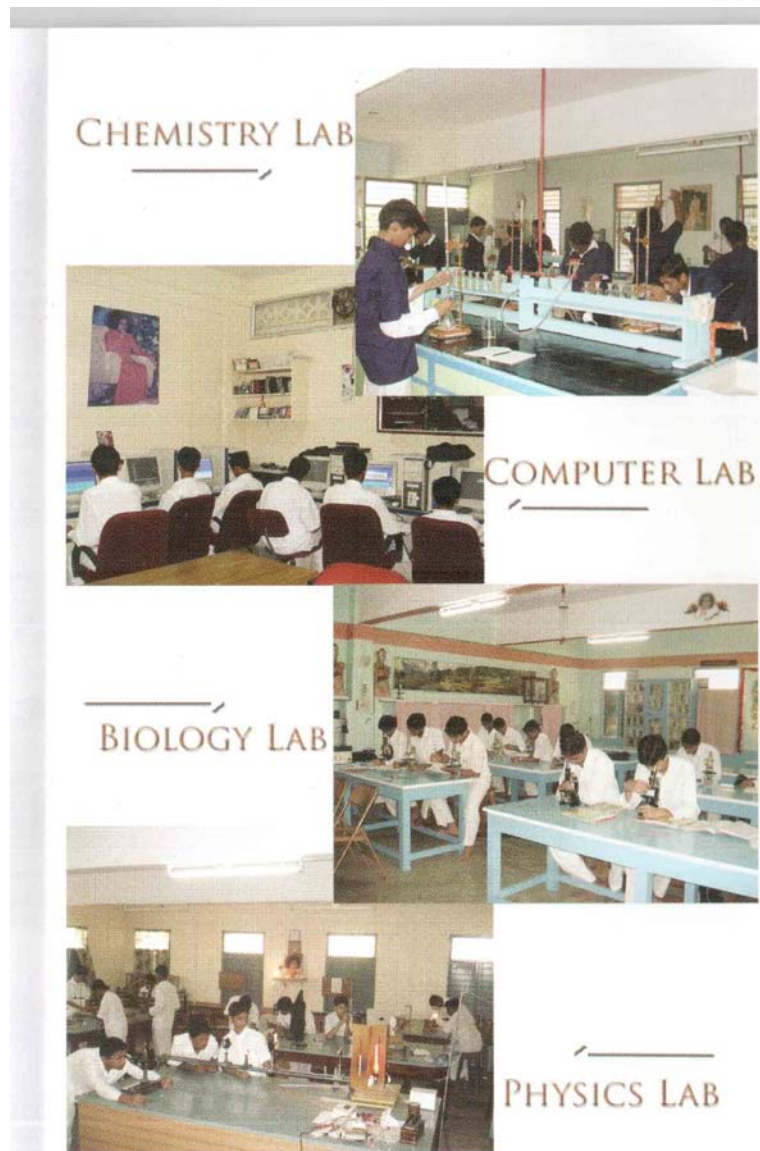
IV. School Uniform

- Boys:**
1. Class I to VII
Sky Blue Shirts and Dark Navy Blue Trousers
White Shirts and White Trousers
 2. Class VIII to XII
White Shirts and White Trousers
- Girls:**
1. Class I to VII
Dark Navy Blue Tunic and Sky Blue Shirts
White Tunic and Shirts
 2. Class VIII to XII
Dark Navy Blue Langa, White Blouse and
White Half Saree
White Langa, White Blouse and White Half
Saree

V. School Fees

As mentioned earlier, students admitted to the school are exempt from payment of all fees such as tuition fees, examination fees, laboratory, library fees, fees for extra-curricular activities and medical tests. The education is totally free of charge.

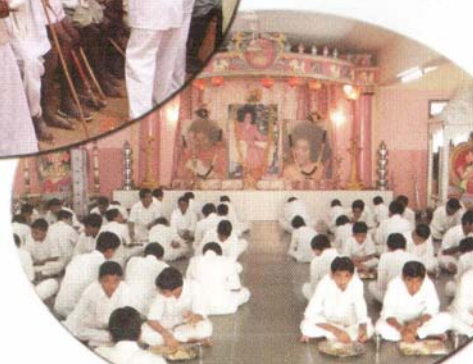
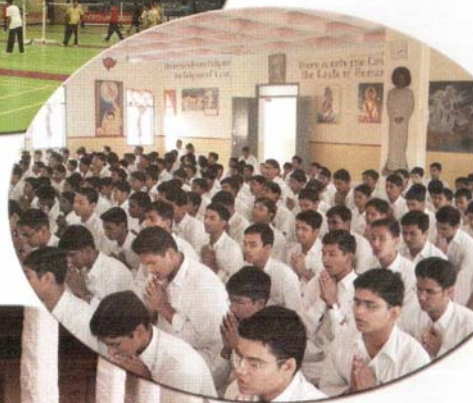
This is in line with the school's policy of pursuit and promotion of talent irrespective of the economic and social background of the student so that excellence is achieved.

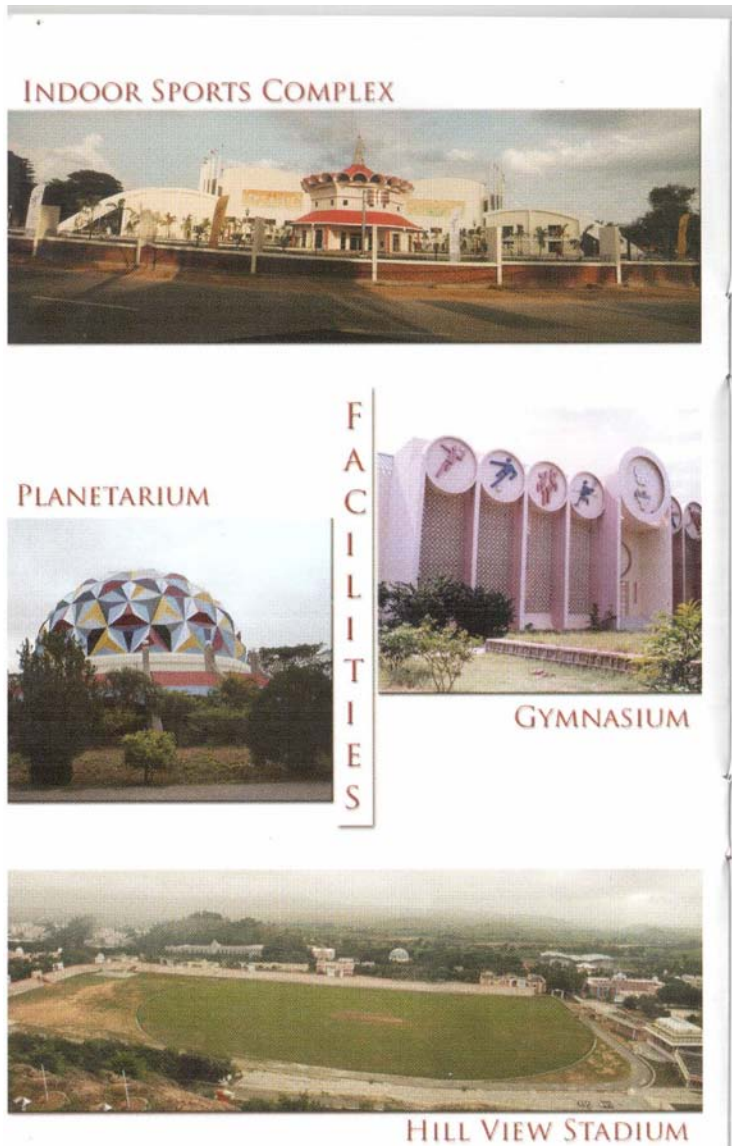


ANNUAL SPORTS & CULTURAL MEET



ACTIVITIES





VI. Examination and Promotion

Promotion to the higher class up to class X and class XII will be on the basis of Annual Record of the pupil which includes-

1. Project work/Practical Work
2. Class work and Home Assignments
3. Unit tests
4. Term Examinations
5. Annual Examination

The school prepares students for the Secondary and Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (under 10+2 scheme) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi.

Under the three-language formula, those students who do not clear the third language in class VIII and are promoted to class IX, shall be re-examined in that subject. No student will be eligible to appear in the Secondary School Examination at the end of class X, unless he/she has cleared the third language.

Grading system of 9-point scale, set by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi shall be followed for all classes. A student getting 'E' grade and below will have to take a grade improvement test in order to earn a promotion to the next class.

VII. Absence and Leave

1. No student shall absent himself/herself from the school without a leave application from the Hostel Warden/Parents/Guardian. The name of the student may be put off the roll if he/she fails to produce a valid explanation.
2. Students are strictly forbidden to leave the school premises during school hours without permission.
3. For long absence, students need to obtain prior permission. The name of the student, who remains absent for twelve consecutive days without leave application, will be removed from the rolls without intimation.
4. All are expected to attend school on the reopening day after summer or winter vacation.

VIII. Prominent Amenities

Computer Lab

Equipped with the latest Pentium systems, the computer lab is very much in tune with the times. Apart from effectively aiding in teaching the prescribed syllabus, it endeavours to expose the latest technologies and skills to the students.

Science Laboratories

The school has spacious and well-ventilated laboratories for the departments of chemistry, physics and bio-sciences. Furnished with all the necessary instruments and accessories, the labs ensure that the practical understanding of the subject is comprehensive and complete.

Prayer Hall

The school has a large and elegant prayer hall befitting the educational philosophy of the school. It is the most sacred space of the school premises where daily prayers, meetings and co-curricular activities are organised.

Gymnasium

The school boys have access to a modern gymnasium stocked with an assortment of body-building contraptions to tone up their muscles and physique.

Indoor Stadium

Students have access to international indoor stadium where they can play Basket Ball, Table tennis, Volley Ball and Shuttle Badminton.

Music Room

The school provides ample opportunities for students with an aptitude for music. Highly talented tutors and availability of different musical instruments help the budding musicians to pursue their interests with ease.

School Library

The in-house library with over 8000 books and a photocopying facility is an effective tool in the education process of the student. The collection of books ranges from pedagogic to philosophy. The

library also subscribes to selected weekly and monthly journals, magazines and newsletters, apart from daily newspapers.

Audio-Visual Room

The school has a well-furnished and plush audio-visual set-up. It serves as a valuable educational aid and multimedia facility acting as a catalyst in not only creating interest but also in increasing understanding of the students in the basic concepts of various disciplines.

Games and Sports facilities

The games and sports amenities of the school range from courts for games like basketball, volleyball, football, shuttle, table tennis and the like to a full-fledged cricket stadium measuring up to international standards. The cricket ground, in fact, has been a host for an exhibition match between India XI and Rest of the World XI in year 1997. All the students are divided into four houses and inter-house competitions are held in all the games both for senior and junior students.

IX. Talent Search Programmes

The school provides facilities for a number of Talent Search Programmes besides the academic curriculum. These activities are meant to develop communication abilities and perceptual skills apart from proper utilisation of leisure. It also gives to the students an experience of fellowship and mutual-aid which are essential ingredients of a well balanced personality. Student participation in most of these activities is compulsory.

List of Extra Curricular Activities

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Dramatics | 2. Recitation |
| 3. Public Speaking | 4. Essay Writing |
| 5. Story Telling | 6. Debate and Elocution |
| 7. Quiz | 8. Thermocol Modelling |
| 9. Self-Reliance programmes | 10. Needle work |
| 11. Knitting | 12. Paper Craft |

X. Annual Sports and Cultural Meet

The school has its annual festival of sports, games and cultural activities in the second week of January every year. The sports and cultural meet is an exhibition of events demonstrating a high degree of perfection, co-ordination and skill in the presence of a large audience. Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Himself presides over the function and blesses the students and staff profusely with His encouragement, supervision and benediction. Sports and games are encouraged in the school not with a view to promote competition but to look high beyond competition and participate in the events in order to maintain a healthy body and mind. It serves to foster the virtues of team-spirit and camaraderie in the energetic youngsters, apart from general entertainment.

Education is for life, not for a living.

- Baba

Hostel

"The Hostel is a home where each lives for the other and all live for God"

Junior Hostel

The primary wing of the school has an impressive and artistically designed hostel with the enchanting statue of child Krishna playing on the flute on the front. It lodges all the girls, junior and senior, and boys upto class VII. Boys and girls are housed in separate dormitories. The bright and well-ventilated dormitories make for comfortable and collective living. Each child has his/her own individual bed space and large shelf area to keep his/her clothes and other items of personal use. Mattresses, Bedspreads, Pillows, etc are all provided by the hostel.

Higher Secondary School Boys' Hostel

The hostel for the higher secondary school boys is an imposing and elegant edifice. This hostel, housing all boys from class VIII to XII was inaugurated by Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba on July 23rd, 1995. This spacious building is self-sufficient in all respects. Safeguarding and promoting good health of the students is the foremost among other concerns of the hostel. It is for this reason that the hostel maintains an exceptional level of cleanliness.

Hostel Fees

The hostel charges a fee of Rs. 12,000 from the students of Class I to Class XII for an academic year towards Boarding and Maintenance expenses. In addition, an amount of Rs. 1500 is charged as caution deposit from students of class VIII to XII which is refundable after the student's education in the school is complete. The amount can be paid in advance at once. In addition, at the end of each term, the deficit charges if any are distributed equally among all the students.

Medical facilities

The health of the children is adequately watched over in the hostel. It has a well-equipped dispensary under the care of a professional Medical Practitioner. No stone is left unturned when it comes to the physical well being of any child. The students are periodically examined by E.N.T., Eye and Dental specialists. Also the services of the General and the Super-Speciality Hospitals, which are located in the vicinity, are extended to the inmates of the hostel whenever necessary.

Multi-purpose Hall

The hostel has an airy and versatile hall, which is used for various purposes. It serves as a Dining Hall, Prayer Hall as well as a Performance Hall for various extra-curricular and co-curricular activities of the hostel.

Hostel Mess

The hostel mess caters to all the food and nutritional requirements of the students. They are served a well-balanced and strictly vegetarian diet along with milk at the hostel. The menu for all meal sessions is changed regularly to provide variety and wholesome nourishment.

Kitchen

The kitchen is well maintained to ensure high standards of hygiene. It is also well furnished with modern methods of cookery replete with contemporary cooking gadgets.

Sick Ward Pantry

There is also a separate Sick Ward Pantry to prepare special diets as per doctor's advice for students not keeping good health.

Other in-house facilities

Apart from the above-mentioned facilities, the hostel has a number of other services in-house to make the stay of the student at the hostel a pleasant experience. They include -

1. A general stores stocking every possible item, from pencils and pins to buckets and bags, as may be required by the students.
2. A library and reading room with a variety-collection of general knowledge and children story books apart from comics and other light reading material.
3. An audio-visual parlour to provide wholesome entertainment on weekends and on other special occasions.
4. A computer room with Internet connectivity and multimedia facility with restricted access.
5. A telephone booth with multiple land lines for incoming as well as outgoing calls.
6. For artistically inclined students the hostel has ample facilities to pursue their interests of painting, drawing, etc. in their leisure time.
7. For boys keen on indoor games like carom, chess, etc., the hostel has spacious patios.
8. The hostel also has laundry, saloon, tailoring and bank extension counter facilities.

A Striking Feature

A wonderful facet of the hostel is that all the services within the hostel are all manned and managed by the students themselves. Whether it is managing the general stores and fruit stall, Telephone Booth, hostel library and the reading room, serving in the dinning hall, maintaining the dietary kitchen, looking after the hostel garden, running the weekend entertainment presentations, looking after the upkeep of the prayer hall shrine or any other service, boys are encouraged to voluntarily take up some responsibility as per their liking and interests. It serves to infuse in them the virtues of service, co-operation and dignity of labour, besides providing them invaluable work experience.

Daily Schedule

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|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 1. Suprabhatam (Morning prayer) | - 5.30 a.m. | |
| 2. Jogging & Games or Yoga | - 6.00 a.m. | |
| 3. Breakfast | - 7.30 a.m. | |
| 4. School Hours | - 9.00 a.m. | (with one hour lunch break in between) |
| to 4.00 p.m. | | |
| 5. Tea & Snacks | - 4.00 p.m. | |
| 6. Games | - 4.30 p.m. | |
| 7. Bhajans | - 6.00 p.m. | |
| 8. Dinner | - 7.00 p.m. | |
| 9. Study Hours | - 7.30 p.m. | |
| 10. Night Milk | - 9.30 p.m. | |

Night Prayer & Sleeping times are fixed differently according to the age group of the students.

Code of Conduct and Regulations

A cultured Code of Conduct is a time-honoured and long cherished tradition of the hostel. Every student is exhorted to observe the rules and regulations whole-heartedly and in right spirit.

1. Each student is expected to sincerely practise obedience and reverence to teachers and elders, as Baba says, Humility is the hallmark of a good student. Mutual courtesy and gentlemanly behaviour also is as important as it promotes peace and harmony among the students.
2. Students are expected to wear decent and unostentatious dresses and maintain short and well-groomed hairstyle. Students are not supposed to sport moustache, beard and long side burns. They are also expected to maintain high standards of cleanliness.
3. Voluntarily maintaining silence during mass gatherings like school assembly, in dining hall, inside classroom, inside Mandir etc. is expected from every student. Indulging in loud talk and idle chat is inexcusably condemned.
4. Punctuality is a must in the disciplined life pattern at the hostel. All students are expected to be in time for all sessions whether in school or in the hostel.
5. Leaving the hostel premises for any reason other than attending School and Mandir, without explicit permission from the warden is not encouraged. Overnight stay outside the hostel is forbidden.
6. In the event of a student's presence being absolutely required at home, other than during the vacation, he/she should furnish the following to the Warden along with the leave application:
 - a) The requisition letter from the parent.
 - b) Permission letter from the School authority / the Doctor-in-charge (in case, it is for health reasons).

The Warden, then, at his discretion may permit the student to go home and return to the hostel within the stipulated time.

7. Parents / guardians alone are permitted to meet their wards between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sundays only and not on any other holiday. No visitor is permitted to meet any student on working days.
8. Personal possession of cash, valuables, mobile phones, mp3 players, video games, and any other electronic gadgets is not allowed inside the hostel.

Any breach of the rules and regulations mentioned above will not be tolerated. The hostel and school authorities reserve the right to expel any student from the hostel and the school at any time of the year if his/her behaviour is found wanting.

HOW TO REACH PRASANTHI NILAYAM

Below is a list of trains passing through 'Sri Sathya Sai

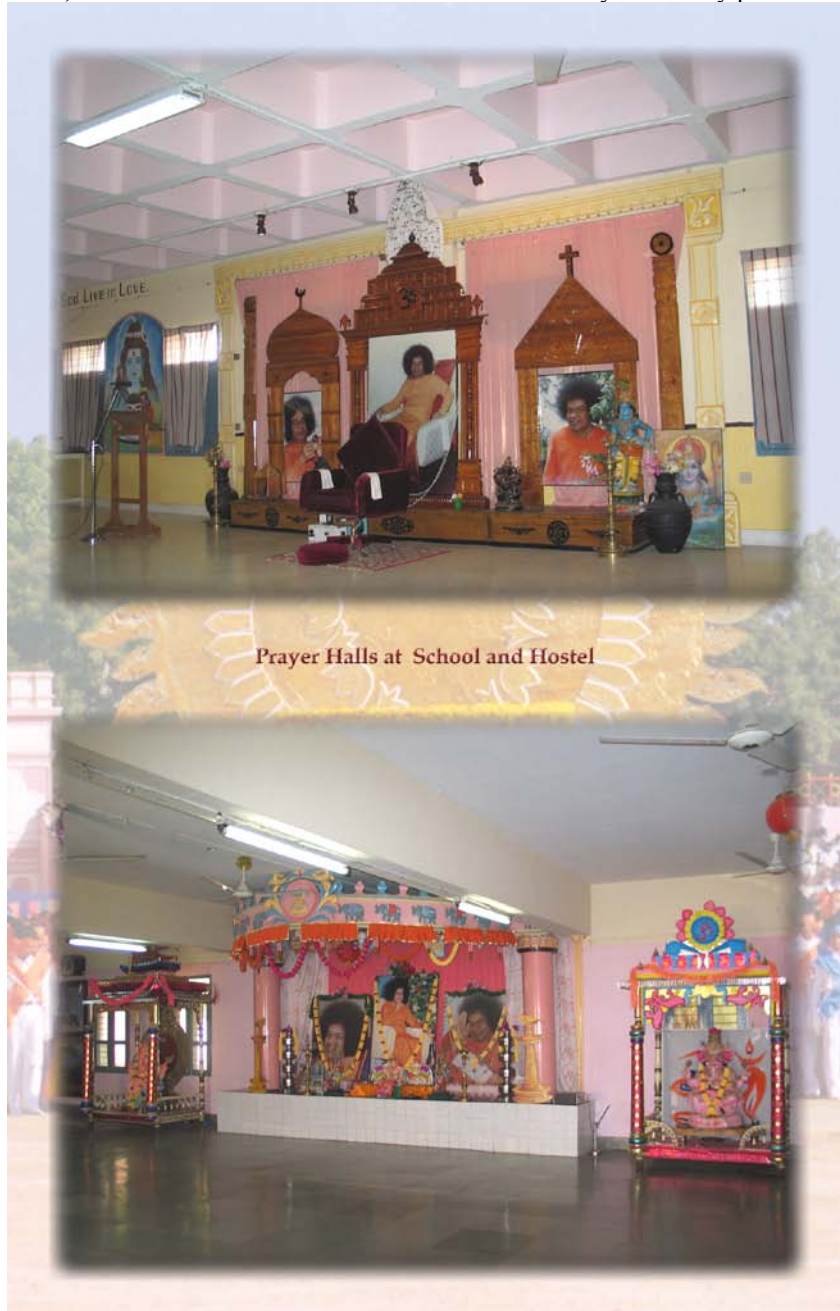
Prasanthi Nilayam' Railway Station:

Prasanthi Express(8464/8463):	Bhubaneswar - Bangalore
Rajdhani Express:	New Delhi - Bangalore
Karnataka Express(2828/2827):	New Delhi - Bangalore
Kachiguda Express(7604/7603):	Secunderabad - Bangalore
Udyan Express(6529/6530):	Mumbai - Bangalore
Kurla Express(1014/1013):	Mumbai - Coimbatore
Chennai Express(2692/2691):	Chennai - SSPN
Machlipatnam Express(7212/7211):	Bangalore - Machlipatnam
Yeshwantpur Vijayawada Passenger :	Yeshwantapur - Vijayawada

Prasanthi Nilayam may be reached directly by bus from several major towns of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

WHAT TO DO ON ARRIVAL AT PRASANTHI NILAYAM

- Candidates coming to Prasanthi Nilayam for taking the admission test will be provided accommodation in the Ashram. The Ashram is located closer to the Bus Stand.
- Accommodation will be provided also to parent(s) / guardian(s) accompanying the candidate.
- Parents / Guardians are strongly advised not to send their wards unaccompanied.
- On arrival, enter the Ashram premises and proceed to the Accommodation Office. Volunteers with blue scarves (Sevadal) will direct, in case help is needed.
- At the Accommodation Office, on the production of the Admission Test Entrance Card, accommodation will be given.
- Canteen facility is available in the Ashram itself.
- The written tests and the interviews for class I & XI (girls) will be conducted at the Primary school (building with elevation sculpture of child Krishna) and for class XI (boys) at the Higher Secondary School (building with elevation sculpture of Lord Dakshinamoorthy).
- In their own interest, candidates are advised to arrive in Prasanthi Nilayam the day prior to the written test.





Sri Sathya Sai Higher Secondary School - Girls Wing



Sri Sathya Sai Hostel for Higher Secondary School Boys