

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

"True education is not limited to inculcating knowledge but tries to help each person to be in harmony with all existence". Tagore.

School is not only a place in which to prepare for a career or a profession; it must also allow for the development of the entire personality and link it to life, both individually and within society as a whole.

It is from this perspective that, while attaching great importance to academic subjects, imagination, sports and artistic activities are also valued as well as learning about relationships.

To this end we feel it is important to encourage the students to develop an understanding of themselves and thus to learn to reflect as much on the basis of an awareness of their own behavior as by the personal integration of knowledge. A critical approach therefore, seems to us essential in a world of profound change and we seek to develop this through learning to decipher the media and through scientific questioning.

By assisting the students to discover, understand and express themselves and to have self-confidence, we aim to help them to find their place within, and positively connect to, their social environment, the life and culture of their epoch, with nature and with the universe.

"Le Verseau" wishes to stress the importance of making contact at a profoundly human level. Through its humanistic educational approach the school from the start has sought to be both international and open to other cultures: students and teachers speaking different languages, coming from diverse cultures and philosophies live and work side by side in a cheerful, friendly and open atmosphere that encourages dialogue.

The student's attention is drawn to the respect due to all human beings at every opportunity during lessons and at all other moments in the day to day running of the school. They are educated to have an awareness of the importance of the world, the environment and a love of life. Our wish is that this takes place with an open spirit and those taking part feel not only interested or involved, but committed and responsible.

"On our spaceship Earth, there are no passengers, we are all crew members." Marshall Mac Luhan.