



St Patrick's College Jaffna is a leading non fee-levying private school providing education to children in Jaffna and the Northern part of the country. Established by the Irish missionaries in 1850, the school has been providing an exceptional quality of education to its clientele.

As a non-fee levying school it is supported by many benefactors. Among them are the past pupil associations of the school around the world. The UK Alumni Association is the oldest established in the 80's. Since inception the UK association had supported and continuing to support the school and its local community in many ways. In addition to the funding we provide to support the annual budget, we undertook some specific projects.

Projects

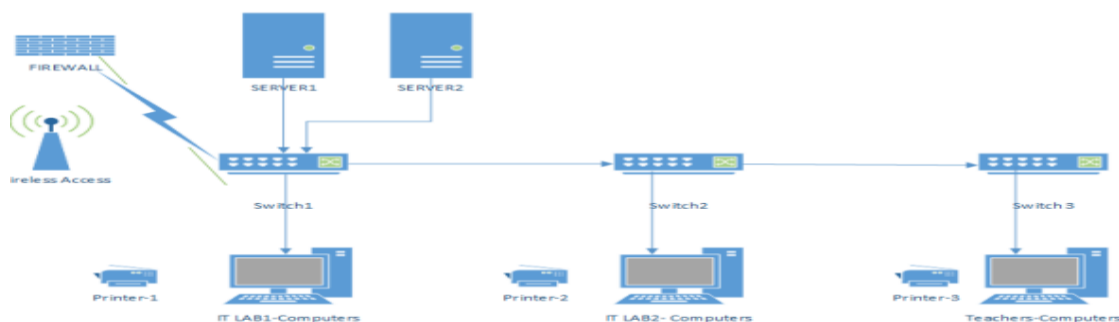
Enhancement of English Education Project.

English was the medium of education until the early 1960's. Suya Basha (Learning in one's mother tongue) education was introduced in the early 60s and English is now only taught as a second language. The authorities realized the value of English education, the advent of the internet and self-learning over the internet had given the schools an option for the bilingual medium of education. We introduced the bilingual stream in the 2000's. Though it has been a great success the uptake was not quite as expected. Based on the results of a survey conducted by the UK Alumni it came to light that even though many students would like to opt for English medium they lack in confidence to do so.

In order to mitigate the confidence gap our association has launched a project provide special English classes outside the curriculum from primary classes with the view of building confidence on the command of the language. Children will be taught to read, spell, write, learn grammar, and speak in English.

We have secured full funding for this project from Prof. Ramalingham Chitiramohan in memory of his late brother Capt. Ramalingham Chitranjan. Implementation is delayed due to the unavailability of required educational material during the pandemic. We hope to complete this project by March 2022.

IT Infrastructure Enhancement Project.



Thus far the IT infrastructure is predominantly stand-alone and undistributed. As a result, it is inefficient. We have identified the need for a school-wide IT network to improve efficiency and access. We have already shipped 4 x servers, network switches, Wi-Fi switches and receivers and required cabling.

As we go to press a Global fundraising appeal via Just Giving platform is getting ready to raise funds for this project. We hope to complete this project by Summer 2022.

Creating a Computer Pool at School Project

The school conducted online lessons and seminars for students during the lockdown. Students required smart media devices to follow these lessons. It was reported by our Rector that 30 % of the students couldn't follow lessons due to unavailability of devices. The parents couldn't afford them.

We have come forward to set up a device pool at school. Students will be able to borrow the devices from school in the future. We hope to contribute approximately 100-150 devices to the pool.

We included findings in the above-mentioned fundraising appeal.

Commercialization of School Assets Project


The school has an enviable physical infrastructure that is currently serving the needs of students who attend school. After school hours and school during holiday periods the assets lay idle. We are working with the school management to develop plans to achieve maximum use of the facilities by commercializing the available facilities. This project is in its infancy and we will inform you of the details in due course.

Current and On-going Projects

Annual Printing, Stationary, and Consumables Funding Project.

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Maintenance & Use of Photocopy Machine 2020

Terms	Cost of papers	Tonnors	Spare parts & Servicing	
1st Term January - April	98,400.00	59,754.00		
2nd Term May - August	41,000.00	30,177.00	25,200.00	
3rd Term September - December	109,200.00	60,500.00	6,300.00	
Total	248,600.00	150,431.00	31,500.00	430,531.00

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We the UK Alumni annually reimburse the school for all their printing-related costs.

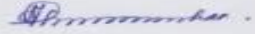
Christmas Bonus for Teachers.

In response to the increase in the cost of living and hyperinflation of 2021-22, we initiated a flat-rate Christmas Bonus payment for all our teachers and auxiliary staff in recognition of their hard work throughout the year. LKR 12,500 was paid in 2022 and LKR 5000 in 2023. We hope to continue this every year.

Teacher Overtime Payment Project.

Extra Class - 2020

Grade 5	693h x 150	103,950.00
Junior Secondary Section	205h x 150	30,750.00
Senior Secondary Section	482h x 150	72,300.00
Collegiate Section	87h x 150	13,050.00
Total		220,050.00


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In every school in the world, students can be categorized into well-performing, mediocre and underperforming. To support the mediocre and underperforming students we asked the school to provide extra lessons outside school hours. Teachers stay behind after hours for extra lessons. To compensate the teachers for their time we bear the cost on an ongoing basis.

Student Scholarship Scheme Project.




1st Batch of sponsored students

Under the current education system in Sri Lanka, all year 5 students sit for a National scholarship exam (Similar to 11+ exams in the UK) High scoring students can go to National schools where the education is completely free of charge. At St Patrick's the students have to pay a nominal fee for the use of school facilities. It was noticed that we are losing high calibre students we nurtured through primary school leaving the school either they couldn't afford the facilities fee or why pay if one can get it free. To arrest this brain drain we started this project last year to sponsor 10 top performing students every year. We undertook to pay their facilities fees for the rest of the schooling (7 years) .

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Grade 5 Students Passed Scholarship - 2020

No	Name	Marks
1.	R. Nithees	185
2.	T. Mithun	184
3.	M. Sharon	183
4.	A.J. Adistan	183
5.	T. Sayanthan	182
6.	S. Pavishan	178
7.	J.P. Jerushan	177
8.	M. Sagaan	175
9.	S. Relojan	175
10.	A. Vickmilan	174
11.	J. Jeson	173
12.	C. Ebinesh	173
13.	R. Sarujan	172
14.	T. Thanushiyan	171
15.	N. Danishan	170
16.	P. Nagushanth	169
17.	J. Judeseron	167
18.	R.T. Nethan Shane	166
19.	N. Niron	165
20.	B. Hastin	165
21.	R. Kabishan	164
22.	J. Piravinth	163
23.	J. Harrisman	162
24.	J.K.L. Jeseran	162
25.	S. Jarsikan	162

Out of 81 sat

Students above 160 marks (above cutout) – **30.9 %**
 Students above 100 marks – **97.5 %**
 Students above 70 marks – **100%**

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"FIDE ET LABORE"

2020 Scholarship top performers

Interactive Smart Boards Project



We shipped 17 Interactive Smart Boards to the school in 2022.

Iconic Technology Centre Project



We fundraised in one night to erect a 3-story Technology Centre at school.

Easter Bombing - Psychological Support Project

This is one of the community projects the Alumni Association funded not as a charity but as humanitarians. The funding went to provide counseling support to families affected by the bombing.



Patrician Perpetual Fund Project



Commercial Bank Deposit to go here

We have LKR 32,000,000 in five year fixed deposit at the Commercial Bank and National Development Bank in Sri Lanka earning on average 14% PA interest. Deposits mature in 2023/2024 and the terminal value of the deposits will be LKR 67,000,000. We intend to reinvest this sum and the distribute the interest to support the school budget.

Chapel Renovation Project

Renovation of the College Chapel - Sep 2014



Patricians living all over the world who attended the Global Reunion 2012 held in Jaffna decided to contribute funds towards the renovation of the College Chapel. The project was completed in September 2013.

The total cost is 2 million 2 hundred and 39 thousand 775 Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR 2,239,775). The SPC AA UK contributed 1 million 1 hundred and 4 thousand 255 Sri Lankan Rupees (SLR 1,104,255).

Final Costing and Completion of the Chapel Project - from Fr Rector dated 4 October 2013

My Dear Patricians,

Together with staff and students, I express our sincere gratitude to all Patricians for their generous assistance for the Renovation of the College Chapel. The total cost is 2 million 2 hundred and 39 thousand 775 Rupees (Rs 2,239,775). We thank all Patricians who have contributed for this project through their respective Alumni Branches and also individually.

Rev. Fr. M. Jero Selvanayagam

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Cyclone Nisha Reconstruction Project 2008



We fully funded the reconstruction cost of the cyclone damage to the school.

Patrician in Need Project

During the civil war, many parents of our students lost their livelihoods. Some of our students couldn't afford uniforms, shoes and many turned up to school without breakfast. We raised funds to feed those who couldn't afford breakfast or lunch. Paid for their uniforms and shoes.