

Henry Baker College

Report of Student Attributes Facilitated by the Institution Regarding Ethical Values

Henry Baker College assures that it imparts ethical attributes to the student community. For this the Code of Conduct is displayed in the Website and is given in the Students' Handbook & Calendar. Every year in the induction programme for the newly admitted students, the Principal gives them an overview of the Code of Conduct to be followed in the campus. Through the various programmes conducted by the institution, especially under the auspices of the NSS Unit, Red Cross, Women's Cell and various departmental activities the relevance of ethics in everyday life is highlighted.

1. Ethical Attributes Facilitated through the Activities of the NSS

For the wholesome development of a student, there is a need of striking a balance between syllabus curriculum, books and co-curricular activities. Co-curricular activities are so organised that they highlight the social responsibility as citizens. Many of such programmes provide opportunity for the students to gain essential life skills. The NSS through its community development programmes inculcates a sense of responsibility for the weaker sections of the community. Blood Donation drives also help to augment social responsibility and service mentality. The flood relief activities too highlight the effect of value-added education.

2. Ethical Attributes Facilitated through the Activities of the Youth Red Cross

The Youth Red Cross Unit of the college organizes various programmes like regular visits to the Homes for the Aged and Destitute. Such visits create a dedication for the underprivileged sections of the society and foster a mentality to help the needy. The college Students' Union conducts a programme entitled "Padheyam" – collecting packed meals from the students and distributing it to orphanages and Homes for the Aged.

3. Ethical Attributes Facilitated through the Activities of Women's cell

Through various gender equity promotion programmes, the Women's Cell strives to create an atmosphere of perfect equality of gender. No one is discriminated in the campus on account of gender. Such programmes enhance the confidence of girl students and impart in them the attributes of equality and agency, and in the men a sense of impartiality and the parity of gender.

4. Ethical Attributes facilitated through Arts Festivals

During the college Arts Day celebrations, the institution also provides students from various backdrops an opportunity to display and share their cultural heritage through diverse art forms. Competitions are conducted for numerous art forms traditionally performed by members of various cultures and communities. Art forms like *Oppana*, *Duffmuttu* are associated with the Islamic culture and lore. Likewise, dance forms including *Thiruvathira*, *Bharatnatyam*, and *Kuchipudi* are associated with Hindu tradition and temple festivals. *Margamkali* is an art form customarily performed by Syrian Christians. But in the Arts Festival the cultural associations of these art forms and their links to particular religious communities vanish as students from all communities participate in them. Thus, the Arts Festival is a time when students from diverse cultures interact and familiarize with diverse cultures, forming natural links with traditions alien to them and absorb values of tolerance and harmony.