

Beacon of Tamil Education and Values

Bandarawela Tamil Central College is one of the schools in Bandarawela that has over 100 years of service to the education of children, and stands as one of the most "Successful Tamil School" in the Bandarawela Education Zone. The pillar behind this success is its present principal V. Karunaharan, who won the "Prathiba Pranam" President's award as the Best Tamil Principal of 1 AB schools in the Bandarawela Education Zone. His enthusiastic participation in all activities, aimed at projecting the image of the college as one of the leading institutions in Bandarawela, reflects great credit upon him and made him what he is today.

In 1908, Christian Brothers started the School as a multi denominational school. In 1928, Rev. Maris Stella took over the school and named it St. Joseph's College. In 1936, Rev. Sister Mary Caidon, changed it to St. Mary's Mixed School. In 1974 it became Bandarawela Tamil Maha Vidyalaya (BTMV). In 1993, during the tenure of the former principal T. Jebadurai, BTMV became Tamil Central College.

"Let us accept the Educational Reforms of Sri Lanka and achieve the levels of competencies in accordance with the challenges of Globalisation by producing Intellectual Citizens", is the Vision of the school.

Today there are more than 1,500 students of both genders, receiving high quality education both in the Tamil and English medi-



Principal V. Karunaharan with his Prathiba Pranam President award

um. Tamil Central College, Bandarawela, maintains an excellent record in Grade 5 Scholarship Examinations, with two students, Divya Praveena and K. Karishna placed 1st and 2nd in the Badulla District, in 2010. This year, 11 students got through the examination, with one of them placed 4th in the district.

The school has maintained an excellent record in the GCE (OL) and (AL) examinations, producing many undergraduates from the Badulla District for local universities annually, while others entered Indian universities. Consequently, Bandarawela Tamil Central College has become the most outstanding Tamil school, not only in the Uva province, but also in Sri Lanka. In 2007, Miss Amali Ibbaham obtained the best results among Tamil students in the GCE (OL), which was a remarkable academic feat.

Students of Tamil Central College have won many All Island medals in Tamil and

English Day competitions. This was the result of the formation of several organisations such as the Science, Tamil Language and English Language Societies rendering a great services.

Religious activities play a major role in their co-curricular activities. The Thai Pongal celebration, Sinhala-Hindu New year celebration, Saraswathi Pooja, and other celebrations depict the keenness and enthusiasm students display in the pride they take in their culture.

However, the school buildings require proper maintenance. The road leading to the school is badly damaged, and needs urgent repairs. The authorities concerned should take prompt action. Tamil Central College is a "Lamp lit on the top of a hill", for every Tamil child to benefit from its rays of the light, to progress in studies, sports and co-curricular activities, for the betterment of their future.

-Sujitha Miranda, Bandarawela



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Cultural Dancing Group who won the All Island Medal



Student who passed the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination 2011



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Nai Adi wannama Western Dancing group who won the All Island Dancing competition



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Dharmapala Navodya Maha Vidyalaya, Bandarawela, is one of the premier schools in Bandarawela, with a history of 110 years. This school, established in 1896 as a Christian Methodist school by a Methodist priest, achieved excellence both in the academic and non academic fields. The pioneer of these achievements is the present principal K.M. Dissanayake, who won the "Prathiba Pranam" President's award as the best Principal in 1 AB School in Bandarawela Zonal Education. Maintaining top quality education as well as a high standard of discipline, the resultant achievements in the academic and non academic fields brought him this success.

The school was started with three students. In 1961, the school was taken over by the government and named Dharmapala Maha Vidyalaya. A former principal of the school, A.M.C. Amarakoon, gradually developed the school.

In 2002, under the supervision and leadership of the present principal, Mr. Dissanayake, B/Dharmapala



Principal K.M. Dissanayake with the Prathiba Pranam President award

Maha Vidyalaya has benefited immensely becoming the most popular school in the Uva Province. He was able to obtain aid under the "Navodya" project, from the Ministry of Education, to develop the school. Then, in 2008, the school was renamed "B/Dharmapala Navodya Maha Vidyalaya".

"Create a well Educated, Grateful, Sensitive and Eco Friendly community to the Nation..." is the vision of the school.

Today there are nearly 150 academic staff providing high quality services to more than 2,750 students who have been able to achieve some of the highest results in all the past public examinations.

Now the school has been selected as one of the 1,000 schools to be upgraded as a Secondary school in the future.

During the past few years, the school has developed rapidly in Education as well as Sports.

Student Tumalkith Ivindu Siriwardena received 190 marks in the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination conducted in August, 2011, and was placed 6th at the National level and 2nd in the Badulla district, while 51 students

brought credit to the school by getting through the exam with excellent marks.

Each year, the school improved academically by producing good results at the GCE (OL) and (AL) exams. The number of university entrants increased yearly, with others entering foreign universities, while the rest have procured jobs in the private and government sectors.

The "Nai adi wannama" eastern dancing troop was placed 3rd in the All Island competition in 2010.

The Cadet platoon is the best example of discipline, and a symbol of pride to the school. They won 4th place in the 6th Battalion Assessment Camp in 2008, and were 1st in the Province at the "Herman Loos", at the National Cadet Corp Training Centre in Rantembe.

For the benefit of the school, several organisations have been formed and are conducting very useful programmes. Of these organizations, the Buddhist Society has made the largest contribution to the affairs of the school. The Buddhist Society's primary objective is to develop a code of ethics for the children to create a peaceful society. In addition to the Buddhist Society, Sinhala & English Language, Science and Mathematics Societies also render yeoman service. The Societies function as a platform for children aspiring to be leaders within their communities.

The greatest success of B/Dharmapala Navodya Maha Vidyalaya is the rapid growth of the school in such a short span of 50 years. It is the single minded commitment of the Administration of the school, teachers, students and their parents working together to achieve a common goal.

-Sujitha Miranda, Bandarawela



Orchestra Group who won the All Island 3rd place



Students who passed the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination 2011

