

A BRIEF ABOUT SHIMLA PUBLIC SCHOOL



Shimla Public School is listed amongst the best boarding schools for **International Students** in Shimla, India. It is known to be an advanced place to educate children in a holistic environment. Children from a wide range of different cities, countries, cultures, beliefs and backgrounds, create a unique learning environment. The school also aims to provide a full and rounded education which helps to develop pupils morally, spiritually, socially and culturally, as well as intellectually. It was started at 1979 by Mrs. Harjit Pritpal Singh. After having worked in Bishop Cotton School for 13 years and heading the Junior Section there, she left in 1977 and got started with Shimla Public School and worked single handedly for many years. It was because of her long hours of work and extreme dedication that SPS came to be recognised amongst the top few schools of Shimla. There are approximately 800 children in the school and 46 Teachers.

The School is conveniently situated at about thirty minutes walk from the town centre at a height of 7100 feet above sea level. Standing on its own ground, it enjoys sunshine and ample amount of fresh air all day long. Its founder Principal, Mrs. Harjit Pritpal Singh had been deeply motivated to set up, in a rapidly expanding Shimla town, an institution, which has emerged as an exemplary school imparting quality education.

INSERT SCHOOL BUILDING

Shimla Public School was a Nursery School in the initial years. With each passing year, the reputation of the School became known to the people, the pressure from the parents increased and new classes were added. In 1986 the school got its Affiliation to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi. The first batch of I.C.S.E. was in the year 1990. **SPS became a Smart – Class School in 2010. We have introduced Smart Class in 7 classrooms, and hope to have each class as a ‘Smart Class’ in the near future. This has made learning a more interesting process for the children.** The children are taught with smart classes by our experienced faculties. Shimla Public School is continuously giving best and top results year after year.

The atmosphere of the school is International. The School fulfils a great need in catering for the children of distant lands. Children of parents working in the forces, central government or in different spheres of business, find a regular and unbroken education by joining the boarding house.



Management:

The School is essentially a universal concept encouraging staff of all castes and religions. The general management and control of the school is vested with the Board of Governors.



The School takes part in all Inter School Events. We are constrained with space but we make the best of what we have. We have a very dedicated and hard working academic staff. Mrs. Reena Singh is the Head of Academics. Proper care is taken to ensure that the copies are checked on time, regular tests are held and that homework is not too much. We call outside faculty to add to the performance of the senior students, especially in Maths and Science.

The School Motto, so carefully chosen by Mrs Harjit Pritpal Singh, embodies the essence of the Shimliate's Spirit: 'Lead Kindly Light' – Lead us through darkness and gloom towards the light of Truth and Goodness.



Houses: There are 4 Houses. Tagore, Patel, Gandhi & Nehru. All members of the Staff have been allotted Houses and there is one House Master/Mistress in charge for each House. Various Inter-House competitions are held throughout the year. Activities like Basketball, Athletics, Cross Country races, Dramatics, Indoor-Shooting, Badminton, Taekwondo, Karate, Yoga, **Trekking, Music and Dancing are carried out in the school.**

The school has standards from Nursery to X. As a co-educational institution, we strive to provide sound general education to students. Pupils are prepared for the ICSE (Indian Certificate for Secondary Education) examination recognized by all Universities as a qualifying examination for admission to class XI (of + 2 system).

Transport: HRTC Buses are arranged to drop & pick up children. We have a school car and driver which is available to us at any given time.

Organisation :

The staff is carefully appointed with regard to character and academic qualification. Faculty meetings are regularly held and a deep personal interest is taken in every child.

The number of students enrolled is restricted so as to enable each child to get personal supervision and attention. In addition, the School Captain and Prefects have many duties in the school and boarding house. There are many clubs and societies like **Eco Club, Green Brigade and Heritage Club**, each with its elected student officer. They are very committed to the cause of cleanliness and plantation of trees in our city. In this way, the students are trained in self-governance and responsibility.



The school is proud to have **NCC** and the children go for regular camps and exercises. On the 26th of January 2017, two of our students had been selected for the Republic Day parade held in New Delhi.

Our school also has a course on **Disaster Management** for all students and staff. Mock drills are carried out with the help of the Fire Department and the Home Guards. We are one of the first schools to have started this awareness program and later this was caught up by other schools too.



Curriculum and Examinations:

The School year is divided into three terms, beginning from the first week in March and ending early in December with a break of seven days holidays in June and October.

Pupils are admitted from age of four in Nursery and from age five in the Kindergarten. The medium of instruction throughout is English. Hindi is taught from Nursery and Sanskrit/Punjabi is taught for four years in the middle classes. Basic techniques of learning through handwork and activity are much used in the lower classes. Their performance is assessed from the class tests conducted after every chapter. Three terminal examinations are held in May, August and November. Internal assessments in each subject are held regularly for which separate marks are awarded. Promotion to the next class is decided on the average marks secured in the three examinations and the internal assessments.

For class VII to X, the final examination includes the entire syllabus.

We maintain "Progress Files" of all our students to record their overall achievements in various areas of the school curriculum. These comprehensive dossiers include personal and academic development of a scholar to help the teachers and school administrators to know the students thoroughly for developmental purposes.

Parent Teacher Association

As per the guidelines of the State Govt there is a Parent Teacher Association in the School. A body was formed of selected parents and Teachers to ensure the proper progress of the students.

Extra curricular Activities:



Immense stress is put on extracurricular activities. An annual Sports Day is held with competitions in all kinds of jumps and races. Games played include: Basket ball, Table-tennis, Badminton, Athletics and Shooting. Indoor games such as Carom and Chess are played. Physical Education is taught as a subject in the School and our children excel in Karate, Yoga and Taekwondo, Shooting and Roller-skating. School teams enter local competitions and matches. The staff takes a keen interest in the competitions and help with coaching under a trained and efficient PTI. Other activities include Inter-house Competitions in Dramatics, Elocution, Talent Hunt, Creative Writing, Recitation, Story Telling, Poster Making, English and Hindi Writing, Quizzes, Spelling, Debates and Declamations.



Class Picnics, School Treks & Tours: The school encourages picnics, treks and tours. Each class goes for picnics on assigned days during the year. The Children are taken on long tours to Goa, Kerela, Barot, Nainital, Manali, Rajasthan etc during the June and October Breaks.



Current Events: Current events are taught by means of News Boards, News Papers etc. Tests and Quizzes are also held in this subject. Great interest is taken in producing plays and concerts and an **Annual Variety Carnival** is held for which the pupils and staff work relentlessly.



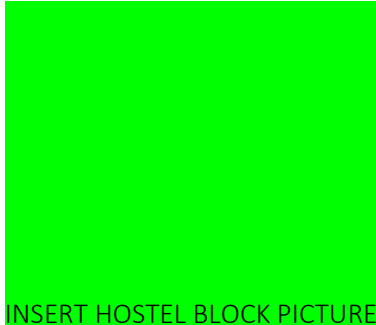
Spectrum: The School Magazine 'Spectrum' is published once a year under the leadership of an Editorial Committee headed by the Principal.

Library: The school library is stocked with interesting and up to date works of reference, fiction, periodicals and newspapers in English and Hindi. The regular borrowing of library books is encouraged for it enhances good taste and keenness in reading.

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HOSTEL & BOARDING HOUSE:

SPS also has a Hostel, which was started with the persuasion of one parent who left two of his children as he was unable to stay on in Shimla. He did not want his children to leave the School. There is accommodation for about 120 boarders in the school. Parents are strongly urged to send their children as boarders. We believe that community life offers great opportunities for developing qualities of discipline, tolerance and neighbourliness. Ease in English conversation is quickly attained and lasting habits of punctuality, respect; politeness, tidiness etc are inculcated. Ours is a residential school ensuring that students leave its portals as harmonious personalities with general ability for independent thinking and judgement, so as to develop leadership qualities to become effective instruments in building a healthier society and a stronger nation. The Hostel grew over the years and now more than 50% of the children are foreign nationals.



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In the Hostel we excel in personal care of the children. There are two wardens on the campus. The Director Mr.Pritinder Singh, his wife Mrs.Reena Singh along with their son Mr.Prithvi Singh live on the campus.



The hostel facilities are open to both boys and girls and they consider their accommodations as a 'home away from home.' Roomy dormitories and school play ground provides a healthy environment to give the children a kind of outlet for their juvenile energies. Students are under the direct supervision of matrons and wardens.



The school doctor visits the students regularly. A separate sick room equipped with medicines for common ailments is kept ready to accommodate the sick at any time. In case of a serious illness the student is referred, on the advice of the school doctor, to the Indira Gandhi Hospital, Shimla, and the parents/guardians of the ward are informed immediately. Medical records are maintained along with the records of the children's height and weight. Students requiring dental treatment are sent to the Dentist. Parents are requested to arrange a thorough dental examination of their children during vacations.

Indoor Shooting / Yoga : We can boast of a 10 meter indoor shooting range and shooting is taken up by all boarders, and optional for day scholars. Yoga, Taekwondo and Karate are done every morning by trained teachers.



Study Timings: The children here get more time to learn and study as their routines are quite regimented and controlled. We have a 2 to 3 hour prep classes from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. everyday where we bring in qualified and experienced teachers to help the children with their homework, clearing their doubts and getting them ready for any Class Tests OR Terminal Exams.

Mess:

Every effort is made to provide a well balanced and palatable diet. A well planned menu, providing variety and nourishment is approved by the Mess Committee reporting directly to the Director. Both vegetarian and non vegetarian diets are provided, in an airy and large dining room. Matron/Warden looks after the children's table manners and eating habits. A most modern kitchen with well trained cooks, ensure that children have good, clean and healthy food.



Solar Panels: In the year 2015, we installed **Solar Heating** for the entire hostel and the Mess. This has proved very beneficial for the school and the consumption of electricity has dropped considerably.



We encourage our children to grow positively, think independently & become responsible and confident. We pride ourselves in ensuring care and core values set alongside with our excellent teaching. This includes a well-versed education in an atmosphere with the space to motivate, inspire, encourage and support every child to turn out to be an amazing person, empowering them to discover their Intellectual, creative and Physical potential.

