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**TEACH  
TRAIN  
EQUIP  
NEPAL**



**Kathmandu International Study Centre**

# Welcome to KISC

Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) is a diverse community made up of primary and secondary students from more than 20 countries and staff members from Nepal and overseas. The majority of our students come from mission families from different continents, who in turn, work hard to positively impact this beautiful country of Nepal. This diversity enriches our school community and inspires us to be united through the KISC values of love, justice, grace, community and excellence.

Before the establishment of KISC, many families serving in Nepal had to leave earlier than they wanted to for the sake of their children's education. KISC has changed that situation by providing an excellent, international Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 education to students. In the secondary school, students study the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) curriculum. Cambridge qualifications are accepted and valued by universities around the world. CAIE aligns curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment so that students are prepared for further education and life beyond. More importantly, our hope and prayer for our students is that they graduate with an understanding of who they are and how they can impact their world for the glory of God.

KISC's accreditation through the Middle Schools

Association (MSA) involves a rigorous review process every seven years and a commitment by the KISC community to a shared vision of continuous improvement.

KISC Education Quality Improvement Programme (EQUIP) is a teacher training programme implemented in over 20 Nepali schools. It helps raise the education standard across Nepal and aims for the holistic development of communities.

It is a privilege as director to be leading the KISC school and the teacher training programme. I value the contribution of families, staff, students and the wider community into helping us provide an excellent education for students both at KISC and in wider Nepal.

I would be extremely grateful if you choose to be involved in KISC through supporting us in prayer, volunteering or by donating towards some of our projects.

Faithfully,

*Judy Gerber*  
KISC Director



Since 1991, Human Development and Community Services (HDCS) has been involved in health, education and community development work throughout Nepal. As we work we share the love of God by serving poor people living in rural communities throughout the country.

Our health projects include three hospitals operated in Lamjung, Rukum and Chitwan districts, where we serve thousands of rural communities who have limited access to quality health facilities. We also have public health programmes in Lamjung and Rukum districts, and run health awareness and maternity and child health programmes in rural communities.

In our education work, Asha Bal Bikas Sewa serves children with disabilities at day care centres in Lalitpur and Chitwan districts. We also reach out to communities through our Community Based Rehabilitation Programme in Rukum. Through KISC we are able to inspire, encourage and develop a positive educational experience for children from all around the world.

We are grateful for our radio project, Afno FM. It is broadcast in Okhaldhunga, Dadeldhura and Rukum districts and has been influencing its listeners with programmes related to health, education, sanitation, agriculture and broad employment experiences.

We praise and thank God for His guidance. We are grateful for His wondrous works through our services in different areas of Nepal and we hope to testify to His almighty work in the future. We hope for the best through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He bless us all.

Faithfully,

*Kapil Sharma*  
Executive Director of HDCS



**NEPAL** is a small, landlocked country nestled between India and China. Nepal is a beautiful country and boasts large mountains and the highest peak in the world, Mount Everest. Despite being rich in natural resources, Nepal remains one of the least developed countries in the world. Its mountainous topography make development work difficult and costly. The country ranks 149 out of 189 on the United Nations' Human Development Index scale. The index measures a country's achievements in terms of health, income and education.



## **KISC**

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was borne out of the educational needs of the children of mission workers who came to provide humanitarian assistance to Nepal after the opening of the country's borders to foreigners in the early 1950s. Established by United Mission to Nepal (UMN) and International Nepal Fellowship (INF) in 1987, KISC has become a reputed international Christian school in Nepal. In 2007, the Nepali NGO, HDCS, was awarded the ownership of KISC by the Government of Nepal's Ministry of Education.

In 2007, another exciting thing happened at KISC. The school had a vision to help transform education across Nepal through practical teacher training. EQUIP was started to equip teachers with the tools and skills necessary to develop problem solving, creative thinking and good character in students. EQUIP also works with whole school communities to encourage a mindset that everyone has an important role to play towards improving education in Nepal.

God has richly blessed KISC for over 30 years and we want to share the blessing with others in Nepal.

## **KISC VISION STATEMENT:**

“To be living witnesses of Christ's love through excellent education”

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# Excellent Academics

**KISC** is a K-12 international school in Nepal accredited by the MSA. KISC mainly uses a British curriculum with international components. All our students receive an American High School Diploma on graduation. This allows students to easily transfer to their home countries and to other schools and universities around the world. At KISC, approximately 82% of the students are from mission families and the other 18% are students seeking an international education. KISC is a culturally diverse community with over 20 different nationalities represented by our 200+ students and staff. The class sizes are small - no larger than 22 students per class - to enhance learning and to encourage more personal student and staff relationships. There are around 40 full-time academic staff, 20 part-time teachers and teaching assistants, and 40 Nepali and foreign operations staff. KISC relies on volunteers to keep tuition fees as low as possible.



## Our Values:

### Community

समुदाय

### Love

प्रेम

### Grace

अनुग्रह

### Excellence

उत्कृष्टता

### Justice

न्याय

## KISC MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide excellent education, primarily for the Christian mission community and Nepali school communities, based on biblical values. Through KISC’s international K-12 school and EQUIP teacher training programme, students and staff will positively impact their world.”





## Excellent Values

At KISC we aim to live according to our values of **LOVE, GRACE, COMMUNITY, JUSTICE** and **EXCELLENCE**. We believe each student is an individual made in the image of God and our learning process focuses on understanding through a Biblical worldview. We aim to develop caring, critical, creative and collaborative thinkers who are deeply rooted and established in knowledge and wisdom. Students are encouraged and given opportunities to develop their God-given gifts and talents through as many aspects of KISC life as possible – through academics, arts, athletics and connecting with the wider community. Our hope is for our students to discover their identity and therefore their purpose in life.

We recognise that education is an active partnership between parents, students and staff. Through our mutual efforts, we want our students to develop the skills, attitudes and spirituality they need to successfully meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world and bring good to others.

“**KISC** not only makes me the best student I can be, but it also teaches me values for life; the lessons I’ve learned here are shaping me into a better person.”

Grade 9 student

“**KISC** has changed my perspective on the world. It provides me with countless opportunities to grow and imagine.”

Grade 10 student

“At **KISC** really important things happen every day; learning, growing and serving. And they are all done in the context of community and relationship and often accompanied by music, dance, laughter and fun. This is what I love about KISC.”

KISC staff member

“I love the way **KISC** celebrates life and community – from sports to dress-up days to picnics to trips and student-led events. Our children learn that life is richer for everyone when they join in.”

KISC parent

“**KISC** provides a familiar foundation for our children – life in Nepal can be unexpected and the rhythm and routines of the school year provide welcome stability.”

KISC parent



## Excellent Service

**KISC Education Quality Improvement Programme (EQUIP)** is a teacher training project of KISC established in 2007. EQUIP works with teachers in Nepali schools to equip them with the tools and skills necessary to develop problem solving and creative thinking as well as good character in students. EQUIP works with students, parents, school management committees and the community to encourage a mind-set that everyone has an important role towards improving education in Nepal.

EQUIP partners with both rural and urban Nepali schools that desire to rise above the many challenges of the current education system in Nepal.

EQUIP is committed to working with schools for at least five years, with EQUIP teacher trainers visiting each partner school at least four times a year. In some schools, EQUIP facilitates weekly or fortnightly teacher learning communities through which teachers share teaching techniques and philosophies.

Teacher trainers provide subject-specific training as well as training in classroom management, reading aloud, professional motivation, developing local teaching resources, ICT and more. The aim is to help teachers move away from the traditional rote learning and theoretical teaching and develop interactive and child-friendly learning and teaching environments.

In addition to the teacher training, EQUIP has a school support programme which includes sponsoring children and setting up classroom libraries, ICT labs and mini science labs in our partner schools. We currently partner with 22 schools in three different districts (Lamjung, Nuwakot and Lalitpur).

## Where We Work





## TRANSFORMING EDUCATION ACROSS NEPAL

EQUIP works with everyone within communities to improve education and bring about lasting change. Here is who we helped from 2014-2018:

**9,600** Students are receiving a better education now that their teachers are trained

**983** Students attended reproductive health workshops

**3,393** Parents trained in parent workshops

**493** Students enjoying new classroom libraries that EQUIP helped set up

**3,228** Teachers given EQUIP teacher training

**598** Students given scholarships that enable them to attend school

**129** People given leadership training in communities



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## Be Involved

We believe that excellent education is a key to changing mindsets and transforming lives in Nepal. If you would like to help us promote education in Nepal, please consider:

**PRAYING**  
**VOLUNTEERING**  
**GIVING**

For more information, please email [admin@kisc.edu.np](mailto:admin@kisc.edu.np)  
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