



## **BOARDING FACILITIES AT JAIN INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

The boarding is one of the most distinct feature of a residential school, which is a home away from home for children, where children make friends for life and take back memories of time which they spent together, which last for a life time, of a period which can never come back and remains nostalgic.

Reflecting JIRS's depiction of Indian culture and heritage. On the same, all the dorms are named after the rivers of India like Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswathi, Netravali, and so on.

For efficient management and control, the dorms are divided in 3 blocks. Girls block, senior boys block and junior boys block. The girls block is housed in a newly constructed 5 storied building called Suvidhi, which house the students of different grades in different floors. The girls' dorm is almost 300 meters away from the boys' dorms and adjacent to the staff family quarters & school medical centre.

The newly constructed boarding are of an ultra-luxury standard, having spacious air conditioned rooms, two rest rooms attached for each room, with an open balcony. All the rooms are well furnished with latest interiors on European norms with 3 children in a room and no single or two in a room, which is not advisable. There is a separate TV room, a parent's lounge and a recreational room with indoor games for their leisure activities.

The junior boys from grade 4-10 have a separate block with 4 floors, housing children of the same age and grades separately. Likewise the senior children are also housed separately in the senior block having 8 dorms .Every 8 rooms there is dorm parent quarters in the same floor. Of these there is a separate area for are for grade 11 and for grade 12. Further they are segregated into separate areas for commerce and science, CBSE and international curriculum students because of different timing schedules.

Each room is shared by 3 students having two attached wash rooms, individual wardrobes and study tables. All the dorms have 24 hours hot water supply through the solar heaters. There are CCTV's fixed for safety monitoring and security gates at all entrance and exits with manned security guards 24x7.

Every dorm of 32 children is taken care by the dorm parent, who is provided a family accommodation in the dorm itself to ensure proper parental care, discipline control, strict checking on students as well as observing their studies, mentoring and counseling. For all the girls' dorm, there are lady dorm parents and for junior boys we have lady dorm parents as children and dorm parent share an emotional bonding in absence of the mother. For senior boys, there are wardens.

All the dorm parents are well qualified, senior family people, having many years of experience in other residential school before joining JIRS and have successfully parented many batches of children. Some of the dorm parents themselves are retired from the armed forces and are very



experienced, mature and good at managing children with strictness and affection because of their age.

The dorm parents have regular workshops by the CEO, PRO, COO JIRS and also get certified training 24 weeks courses from professionals and psychologists coming from companies like Teacher training foundation and experts like Dr. Shailaja shastri from IACT of the JGI group, where they are informed about the new ways of managing children and different methods for counseling by child counselors and clinical psychologists.

The dorm parents don the role of a foster parent taking care of children from waking them up, seeing that they go to sports, classes and various activities in time, check on their laundry, cleanliness of the dorm, giving study reports, counseling feedback to the management, as well as coordinating with parents for information on their children time to time. Children are escorted wherever they go by the dorm parent, who are responsible for their safety in lieu of which attendance is taken 4 times a day in the dorm.

Dorm parent also take the children to the school doctor for any health issues and encourage children to eat well in the dining hall during all the meals. The dorm meeting is held every week, which students discuss with the dorm parent all their problems and dorm parent interacts with them freely in quality circle time (QCT) guiding them in do's and don'ts and assuring them that he will try to address their problems.

There are also dorm nights when students have a gala evening providing a break from their daily hectic routine and showcase their talents. At the end all the students and the staff join in an open floor and shake a leg which de stresses children and bridges any gaps between students and staff and students themselves. The dorms also compete with each other in school parade march past, sports and are judged for the best dorm award at the end of the year during the annual day function, based on many criteria.