

HINDU EDUCATION & CULTURAL CENTRE - HEACC -

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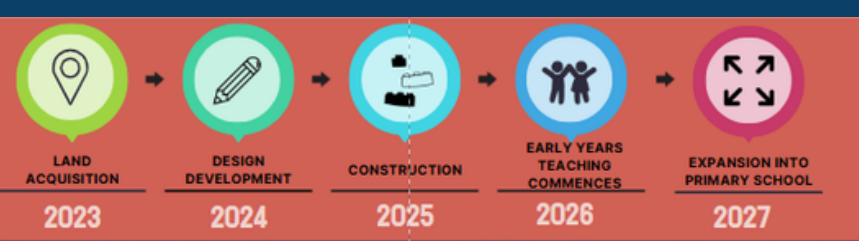
Mission

To provide holistic education that integrates Hindu values, culture, and traditions with a modern curriculum, sparking a love for learning and service to the community.

Vision

Inspiring individuals through academic excellence and self-development by cultivating an appreciation for Hindu dharma.

Timeline



Welcoming 2025

A Year of Promise and New Beginnings!

As we say goodbye to 2024, we reflect on an incredible journey. The past year has woven a tapestry of challenges, growth, resilience, and unforgettable moments. Together, we have navigated highs and lows, celebrated victories both big and small, and embraced opportunities that fostered learning, evolution, and a stronger community. For all this, we are profoundly grateful.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are filled with excitement and anticipation. A new year offers boundless possibilities, fresh adventures, and the opportunity to reach new heights. We are invigorated by what lies ahead and confident that, together, we can build on the solid foundation we've worked hard to establish.

This year, we commit to creating a future filled with hope, success, and meaningful experiences. We will continue to support one another, push the boundaries of our achievements, and make a lasting impact.

Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Your unwavering support, passion, and dedication make our collective journey extraordinary. Here's to a year of growth, inspiration, and endless possibilities.

Cheers to a bright, prosperous, and inspiring 2025!



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Highlights

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Meeting with "Avanti" Hindu Schools in United Kingdom

HEACC has applied for a Deductable Gifts Receipt (DGR) status

Political Engagement and Fund Raising activity is underway



HEACC Management Strategy and Direction Progress Report End 2024

Various Advisory Committees to work on different streams of activities were initiated in end Nov 2024 pursuant to the HEACC BoD and Strategy meeting held on 10 Nov 2024

The table below is the advisory committees and their respective leads and memberships using the nominations from the members as of now. While this will be reviewed by the board of directors in early 2025 and finalised, these advisory committees have begun their work autonomously (with bi-directional support from the “HEACC Principal Advisory Committee”).

If any more members are interested to contribute to these committees, they are welcome to join the committee/s of their choice by approaching the respective leads or the HEACC Principal Advisory Committee.

#	Advisory Committee Title	Advisory Committee (Stream) Lead and membership
1	HEACC Principal Advisory Committee	Lead: Rajeev Jairam Co-leads: HEACC Board Members: Leads of other specific Advisory Committees
2	Governance (incl membership conditions and approvals) and Risk Mgt	Lead: Ramyavarán Ramaswamy Co-leads: HEACC Board Members: Kasi Kolla; Raj Ramakrishna; Amit Vyas; Dr Anirudh Despande
3	Policies and Reporting	Lead: Padman Karamil Co-leads: HEACC Board Members: Erappa Iyanna
4	Political Engagement	Lead: Shivakumar Rajagopalan Members: Nihal Agar, Ramyavarán Ramaswamy, Rajeev Jairam, Padman Karamil, Pranav Aggarwal, Rahul Jethi, Sai Paravastu (HCA), Prakash Mehta (HCA), Surinder Jain (HCA), Vandana Sarathy

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5	Land, Buildings, Infra-structure	<p>Lead: Rahul Jethi Co-lead: Sampathkumar Srinivasan Members: Rahul Hirani; Suresh Khatav; Kasi Kolla; Amit Vyas, Satyaprakash, Dakshina Murthy, Saurabh Soni</p>
6	NESA; AIS engagement	<p>Lead: Pranav Aggarwal Co-leads: Directors of "The Sanatan School Australia Ltd". Members: Vani Arjunamani, Rajiv Rattan, Kasi Kolla, Vandana Sarathy, Lakshmi Srinivas, Annu Raju. Saurabh Soni, Members (Curriculum): Balu Moothedath; Alkesh Suthar</p>
7	Fundraising, Marketing and Communication - this is an overarching group which will involve several interrelated subgroups	<p>Lead: Bhaskar Ramachandra Co-leads: Makarand, Praveen Kallimath</p>
7i	Marketing and Fund raising (including grant applications)	<p>Lead: Bhaskar Ramachandra Members: Shirish; Kishore; Suresh Khatav; Amit Vyas; Dakshina Murthy, Annu Raju, Saurabh Soni, Naresh Kumar, Priyan Rajaram, Surlak Jo, Alkesh Suthar</p>
7ii	Newsletter (including web mails and fortnightly fliers)	<p>Lead: Jayakumar Sadananda Co-Lead: Divya Bhaskar currently assisting. Members: Rahul Hirani.</p>

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7iii	Technology and Website management	Lead: Rahul Hirani Co-Lead: Bhaskar Ramachandra Members: Nitish Joshi
7iv	Social media	Lead: Bhaskar Ramachandra Co-lead: Praveen Kallimath Members: Satyaprakash,
7v	Multimedia engagement and offerings	Lead: Makarand Bildikar, Members: Praveen Kallimath, Bhaskar
8	Legal, Treasury, and Compliances	Lead: Padman Karamil Co-Lead (Finance): Birju Bhatt Members (Finance): Lakshmi Alvandi, Viral Jhaveri, Naresh Kumar, Kashish Kakkar Co-Lead (Legal & Compliances): Erappa Iyanna Members(Legal & Compliances): Mandeep Kapoor
9	Advocacy and Community relations	Lead: Dr Anirudh Despande Members: Mandeep Kapoor, Pallavi Singh
10	Early Childhood Learning	Lead: (from NESAC committee) Members: Shailaja Chaturvedi, Shreedharan, Aravindan and Sreevidya Raghuram, Saurabh Soni



Political Engagement

HEACC along with HCA and Better Balanced futures is continuing to lobby both the state and federal governments. There have been several meetings on a weekly basis, and we have made our submissions. Through a number of well researched documents, we have highlighted the community need and made the case to establish the Hindu School in Sydney and why seed fundings for the building is essential to get us started on our first school. Key people being away this holiday period has slowed our progress, but we are now resuming our efforts. Watch this space and reach out if you have time to be involved in this incessant karya.

On this Shubh Deepavali Lakshmi Pooja day, Sai ji (Current President of HCA) who is also one of our co-founders along with Rajeev ji and Padman ji represented HEACC at the Western Sydney Faith and Education seminar. Surinderji was not able to make it. Hindu faith members had for the first time an opportunity to represent our community in this forum. We were with the big leagues of religious based education entities which included – Catholic, Islamic, Jewish and other Christians faiths. Sai ji was provided with an opportunity to present and given the time frame he did an excellent job highlighting the need for a Hindu school. The other faith groups are very well established in this field and are way ahead of us.

Education Minister Jason Claire, Hon Dave Sharma (liberal member) and Hon Andrew Charlton were also present and supportive of our initiative. We hope there will be many more opportunities like this forum and it will benefit if more of our members from Heacc are able to attend.

Minister Claire in his address emphasized that Hindu religion is the fastest growing religion in Australia with now about a million Hindus who are significantly education focused and his government has a plan and is keen to help get the first Hindu school off the ground as this is the only missing faith based school.

In the last two weeks we have made huge efforts to bring this initiative to forefront with the current governments in state and federal and the opposition. We want this initiative to be supported by both major parties in the country.

However, while the advocacy is ongoing, please note that we have not received any \$\$ commitment from either the current government or the opposition till date. Hence, the fund raising initiatives and activities need to scale up and continue as we push ahead with other aspects as time is limited.

Further Read - <https://www.theaustralian.com.au/education/hindu-kids-should-not-be-deprived-of-faithbased-schools-in-australia/news-story/1f17a94ef64ce9584a4577a22752f23e>

Deductible Gifts Receipt (DGR) Status

HEACC has applied for a Deductible Gifts Receipt (DGR) status and it is expected to be received in the current fiscal year.



Meeting with “Avanti” Hindu School in United Kingdom

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The purpose of the meeting was to exchange views and perspectives of HEACC and Avanti School in relation to the contributions they can, to inculcate the importance and value of Sanathana Dharma in our future generations.

The uniqueness of Avanti Schools has made them to be parents'/communities' top choice in UK. Shri Nitesh ji stated that the high-quality delivery of the programs, continuous quality improvement, strong governance etc contributed to this achievement and this experience can be shared with HEACC. Currently Avanti is exploring operating similar “Hindu Schools” in other countries having commonalities ie., US, NZ, Australia and Canada.

Shri Nitesh Ji has verbally offered assistance, saying that Avanti would be happy to support HEACC. For example, Avanti can help HEACC by collaborating for running HEACC managed schools, especially if HEACC wants to open schools across Australia but not resource ready yet. Or if HEACC prefers, Avanti would share with HEACC their governance model, including policies, procedures, quality assurance, compliances, curriculum etc.

Meeting with Sri Mukund Chitale

Sri Mukund Chitale - a leading Chartered Accountant and a past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India - practising at Mumbai and a Sangh Swayamsevak visited Sydney recently. Mukund Ji was the backbone of establishing the Keshav shrushti project, which spans over 200 acres near Navi Mumbai. Among several initiatives, it has the Ram Ratna Vidya Mandir which has incorporated Hindu values with the mainstream CBSE syllabus in Bharath.

HEACC team comprising A/Prof Rajeev Jairam Ji, Padmanabhan Karamil Ji , Ramyavaran Ramaswamy Ji, Manjunath Venkatesh ji, Jayakumar Sadananda Ji, Nitish Joshi Ji , Annu Raju Ji, Alkesh Suthar Ji, Smt Padmaja Ji Bildikar Ji and Makarand Bildikar Ji met Mukund Chitale Ji to discuss and share his experiences in establishing the Hindu school. Mukund Ji lauded the efforts put in by the HEACC team and shared his happiness about the fact that the first Hindu school is being planned in Australia-Sydney and promised to assist HEACC as and when required. He shared his thoughts and experiences and key precautions that one must be aware of whilst handling such unique projects. This was a most informative evening which provided us with much food for thought. HEACC team thanked Dr Anirudh Deshpande Ji and Dr Sneha Deshpande Ji for having hosted the meet at their home.



Fund Raising Activities

HCA Deepawali Food Stall

We are thrilled to announce that HEACC proudly partnered with the organisers of the HCA Deepawali Festival, held at Blacktown Showgrounds on 19 and 20 October 2024. Under the guidance of Nirav Trivedi Ji from Veggie Express, our dedicated HEACC Fund raising volunteers took charge of the food stall, preparing delicious food. The proceeds from this initiative were generously contributed to HEACC.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible enthusiasm of our volunteers and the overwhelming support from the community. It was also a fantastic opportunity to share our vision, mission, and details about our School project with a wider audience.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and supported this event. Your contributions are helping us make a meaningful impact!



Madhura Margam- Natyokthi's Annual Concert

We are delighted to share that Ma Pallavi Ji proudly associated with HEACC for the annual dance concert held on 29 November 2024 at Pioneer Theatre, Castle Hill. Under the expert guidance of Rajashekar Ji from RR Biryani, HEACC Fund Raising team organized a catering arrangement that served snacks and dinner to around 400 attendees.

The event was a huge success, with proceeds from the food stall, ticket sales, and sponsorships generously contributed to HEACC. This support helps us further our School project, and we are deeply grateful for Ma Pallavi Ji's association and contribution.

As we conclude this edition of our newsletter, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone for their ongoing dedication and support. While the year has presented its challenges, our collective resilience and enthusiasm keep us moving forward. Let's continue to build on this momentum in the months ahead, staying focused and determined. We're excited for the upcoming events, achievements, and milestones we'll reach together. Until next time, stay safe, stay inspired, and keep shining!





Contribution Channels

1. One time contribution

This is through HEACC website (<https://www.heacc.org.au/contribute>) or direct deposit into HEACC bank account. Please refer to multiple categories on the website for details.

2. Recurring contributions

\$700 per month for 3 years granting "Patron" membership

\$300 per month for 3 years granting "Ambassador" membership

\$100 per month for 3 years granting "Associate" status

Monthly direct debits or direct deposits into HEACC bank account for 3 years

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