



DON BOSCO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Nerul, Navi Mumbai

SEMINAR REPORT: SCHOOL CLUBS ANIMATORS MEET

Organized by: Fr. Leon Cruz at Don Bosco Provincial House, Matunga

Date: 26th July 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Resource Persons:

- Fr. Leon Cruz- Province Youth Ministry Delegate
- Fr. Flovi D'Souza- Principal of Don Bosco High School, Matunga
- Fr. Chris Ferreira- Vice Principal of Don Bosco, Baroda

Objective of the Seminar:

To highlight the **importance of school clubs** in promoting holistic student development. The seminar aimed to demonstrate how clubs contribute to skill-building, emotional well-being, academic enrichment, and community engagement. By offering students leadership opportunities, emotional support systems, academic reinforcement, and social connectivity, school clubs foster a nurturing and inclusive educational environment.

Topics Covered:

1. Skill Development

- **Leadership:** Clubs provide opportunities for students to take on roles like president or event coordinator, enhancing responsibility and organizational skills.
- **Teamwork:** Club activities teach students collaboration, communication, and achieving shared goals.
- **Communication:** Clubs encourage students in enhancing their communication and social skills
- **Problem -solving:** Students learn to identify challenges, brainstorm solutions and work together.
- **Creativity and Innovation:** Clubs provide a space for students to explore their creativity, develop innovations through various activities.
- **Time Management:** Balancing club activities with academics requires students to develop effective time management.

2. Social and Emotional Development

- **Sense of Belonging:** Clubs foster a sense of community and connection with peers who share common interests.
- **Friendship and Mentorship:** Clubs help students form supportive and meaningful friendships and mentorships within the club environment.
- **Self-Confidence:** Achieving goals and recognition in clubs boosts self-esteem.
- **Reduced Stress:** Clubs offer a balance between academics and fun, improving mental well-being.

3. Academic Support

- **Reinforced Learning:** Club activities complement classroom learning, especially in subjects like math, science, and the arts.
- **Exploration of Interests:** Students explore passions and talents outside the standard curriculum.
- **Career Exploration:** Clubs offer insights into various professions and future opportunities.

4. Community Engagement

- **Positive School Culture:** Clubs bring students together and build an inclusive environment fostering a sense of community.
- **Service Opportunities:** Many clubs promote student involvement in community service and make a positive social impact.

6. Salesian Youth Movement- Don Bosco Youth Services:

Don Bosco Youth Services offers various youth-led initiatives under the Salesian Youth Movement these include:

- **Journeying Towards Commitment** – A program guiding youth in their faith journey.
- **heART to heART** – Youth catechesis through creative expression.
- **Cafasso Squad** – Youth involved in prison ministry.
- **Miles for Christ** – Youth engaged in charitable works.
- **SYM Coders** – Youth who design and create online games.
- **Salesian Missionary Volunteers (SMV)** – Youth volunteering in mission houses across the province.

These programs encourage youth to grow spiritually, serve society, and use their talents meaningfully.

Conclusion for the seminar:

School clubs are vital for a well-rounded education. They offer students valuable life skills, encourage emotional and social development, promote community engagement, and support academic and personal growth. These enriching platforms help students thrive both in and outside the classroom.

Key takeaway and Action Points:

CLUB	Social Media
HOW OTHER SCHOOLS PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children are trained to responsibly handle these platforms for school.
HOW WE ALREADY PRACTICE IN OUR SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have updates on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube channel. Regular updates on school websites are done.• Students handle the DBN insider news platform. (uploaded quarterly)• In house magazine and editorial team.• Participated at the 'Intach FlimIt' workshop.• School news is read every Friday during school assembly.
SCOPE FOR STRENGTHENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involve students in content creation and digital responsibility workshops.

CLUB	Eco Club
HOW OTHER SCHOOLS PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero waste management. • Every class has been given two separate dry waste and wet waste dustbins. • E- waste is collected every month. • Every month plastic waste management is done. • Old age home visit is done. • Butterfly garden is created. Flowering plants are given to each class. • Paper bags are made and sold during open houses. • Eco friendly Ganesha is created. • Beach cleaning programs are held. • Batches and scarfs are given to best classes. • Each section adopts a place in the school and is responsible for clean-up of that space. • Ever Friday children stand with slogans related to environment outside schools.
HOW WE ALREADY PRACTICE IN OUR SCHOOL	<p>(Activities/Events for the month of April to June)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden project. • E-waste management. • Plastic collection in April in collaboration with Indian Centre for Plastic in the Environment; ICPE • Poster Making on “Save Trees” • Terrarium Making • Soil Testing • Plantation (Management, PTA & Students) • Green Pledge • Water Conservation Procession • Bottle Garden • Letter to Mother Earth • Blog Writing • Water Audit • Drip Irrigation Plan (in progress) • Leaf Mural + Friendship Message to Earth • Seed Bomb Making and Distribution
SCOPE FOR STRENGTHENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle wending machine can be installed. • Wet and dry waste bin. • Each section/class can be given a space in the school to clean. • E- waste can be collected regularly.

CLUB	Scout and Guide
HOW OTHER SCHOOLS PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skill training. Leadership quality encouraging programs are being held. • Laws given in scout being put in practice. • Training of first aid. • Fire drills. Overnight camps. Value of discipline being thought. • Scout and guide week being celebrated. • Scout exhibitions being held. Republic day parade. • Camps are being held.
HOW WE ALREADY PRACTICE IN OUR SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skill training is given.
SCOPE FOR STRENGTHENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of First Aid and Fire drills. • Scout and guide week being celebrated.

CLUB	Art
HOW OTHER SCHOOLS PRACTICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boards are being updated with students work. • Art wall is being created by students. (wall painting). • Each year Kala Mohotsav is being celebrated.
HOW WE ALREADY PRACTICE IN OUR SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boards are updated. • Elysian fest event. • CCA • Bosco cultural fest
SCOPE FOR STRENGTHENING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display students art work in the classroom/corridor. • Art exhibit. • Art workshops.

Conclusion:

The seminar was a refreshing and an insightful experience that highlighted the significant role school clubs play in fostering holistic student development. It emphasized how clubs nurture essential life skills, creativity, promote emotional well-being, and encourage a sense of belonging and responsibility among students. Our school strongly believes in the value of such platforms and is proud to be actively engaging students through various club initiatives. We remain committed to expanding and enriching these opportunities to ensure the all-round growth and success of every learner.

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