



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI

activity report for academic year 2012-13

FAREWELL DINNER - CLASS X – (BATCH 2012-13)

ACTIVITY	: Farewell Dinner
DATE	: 16th February 2013
DAY	: Saturday
VENUE	: Stilt area of Building 3
CLASS / CLASSES INVOLVED	: Class X
TEACHERS IN CHARGE	: Mrs. S. Kurien Mrs. M. Dhamdhere

A BRIEF REPORT

“Don't be dismayed by good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.” - [Richard Bach](#)

Finally the day had come for The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Undri, to bid farewell to Class X. The stilt area of Building 3 wore a festive look with a fantastic backdrop prepared by the Art department. It represented a ship on its onward journey. It was an occasion of mixed feelings for the students: there was sorrow of leaving the four walls of the protection provided by the school, the dread of being out all alone in the free wide world, and at the same time the happiness and excitement of facing the challenges and getting the opportunity to spread their wings.

The farewell started with the opening prayer conducted by Mr. Frank Freese, the CEO and Hon. Secretary of the Bishop's Schools. Immediately, thereafter, Mr. H. Soggee, our Headmaster warmly welcomed our CEO & Hon. Secretary, Mrs.V.Freese, the other guests, staff and students of Class X. After the welcome speech, the Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains returned the House Flags in a solemn ceremony.

Two huge screens displayed the photograph and a brief synopsis of the students as they walked down the aisle to receive souvenirs from the CEO. Proud smiles lit the faces of parents and staff as they witnessed the wonderfully attired young ladies and gentlemen receive their mementoes. Subsequently, Akash Nagarkar, the Head Boy gave a moving speech bidding adieu to everyone and expressing his thanks to the captain of the ship, its officers and its crew. Mr. D. Chugani, one of the parents, extolled the virtues of our school and gave some excellent advice to the children. This was followed by a moving 'trip down memory lane' scripted by Kaustuv Saikia and Insiya Kachwalla. The two students, their voices shaking with emotion, recalled their journey from the first day in school, to the present time of their standing in front of the audience saying au revoir.

The CEO's Valedictory Address enthralled the spectators as he informed them about his own school days and of course, gave them his blessings and valuable advice. Finally, the Head Girl, Darlene Mascarenhas presented the vote of thanks.

The function went off smoothly without any glitches. The finale was a combined choir of the students and staff who sang "Higher Ground" – an inspirational song. With the formal programme being over, the students started clicking photographs with their beloved teachers and friends and it was quite some time before they could be enticed to the mouth watering, sumptuous supper waiting for them.

"Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you until we meet again!"

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Voyagers on the Sea of Life



Handing over of the Flags – Final count down