

## **Cadet College Petaro: Building Values, Building Lives**

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One cannot but acknowledge the foresightedness of the founders of this institution. Their and sincerity of purpose has created an educational institution which has produced thousands of young men who have served their country in various fields. This can only be attributable to the exquisite master planning to introduce not only the best curriculum for the students, but also to think and devise ways and means to build and develop the mind and body, with a particular emphasis on character building and appreciation of our great values, both culturally and socially.

The years between classes 8 to 12 are a very important time in a person's life. A person not only grows physically, but also mentally, spiritually and socially. Researchers believe that during these years, also commonly referred to as adolescence, play a crucial role in developing a future adult's identity. That identity stays with you for the rest of your life and determines what values and goals you will have in the future living life as an adult. It is very easy for a person to go astray if not given proper guidance and good role models. While attending Cadet College Petaro (CCP), I learned important values that helped develop my identity and gave me a guideline by which to live my life. I am sure I am not alone in the fact that the essential values learnt at CCP are a part of every Petarians identity. Having strong values not only helps a person understand and properly function in life, but also gives them peace of mind. Values are at the core of everything, whether it is a value that emphasizes on physical activity such as exercise, or the value of being an honest individual. When I look at the lives of most Petarians, I realize that they could not have reached the top of their fields without having a good set of values.

The primary objective of Cadet College Petaro is to provide a structured environment, to allow each cadet to succeed to his maximum potential, and to develop each cadet into a responsible and ethical citizen, values also known as excellence and ethics. Through excellence in instruction the teachers enabled students of all backgrounds to increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and achieve their personal, academic, and professional goals. The courses offered, in my judgment, were very carefully planned, and tailored to meet the future needs of the individuals. All of our teachers and instructors did a superb job of educating and building our personalities by their emphasis on character and values.

Our normal daily routine includes waking up early morning, physical fitness training, breakfast, assembly, classes, lunch, after lunch rest hour, sports, preparation time for self studies or home work and dinner.

Everything was planned in a way that facilitated young cadets in meeting all the expectations which aims at developing strong personality, leadership skills and the emotional growth. There was a perfect balance maintained in rewards and punishments in accordance with one's behavior – good or bad! This brought credit or discredit to one's achievements and accomplishments.

After completing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, one had many opportunities such as joining the armed forces, or pursuing a career in fields such as medicine or engineering. In my opinion, we leave to our teens the finest institution in Pakistan known as Petaro. After attending this college, we were fully prepared to go forward in the pursuit of our next phase of acquiring higher education, with complete confidence, conviction, and an insatiable desire to succeed. Most of us have been fortunate enough to succeed in life with flying colors due to the core values that we obtained from this institution.

Now, when we look back on the period of our stay at Petaro, we feel nothing but admiration, and thankfulness, first to Allah who gave us the opportunity to attend such a fantastic educational institution at the most critical age of our life; and then to all of our teachers and instructors who not only provided us with a solid educational foundation, but groomed and steered us to achieve success and we can't thank them enough.

A value is a belief, a mission, or a philosophy that is meaningful to a person. Every individual has a core set of personal values. Example of values can range from the basic value of honesty to more complex values such as self reliance or harmony of purpose.

When we examine the lives of Petarians, we often see how some core values guided them, propelling them to the top of their fields. The core values, when taken to heart and implemented in detail, great accomplishment and success are sure to follow.

Here are some of the core values I associate with Petaro:

**P:** Patriotism, Pride, Professionalism and Progress

**E:** Education, Excellence and Ethics  
**T:** Training, Trustworthiness and Truthfulness  
**A:** Accountability, Aims and Accomplishments  
**R:** Rules and Regulations, Respect and Responsibility  
**O:** Objective, Openness and Overall performance

**Petarian at Petaro:**

**P**erson working towards getting his **E**ducation and **T**raining, progressing to higher **A**ims that are achieved by following **R**ules and regulations, which will lead to improved **O**verall performance.

**Petarian after Petaro:**

A **P**rofessional with an **E**thical attitude who is **T**rustworthy and loyal, trying to **A**ccomplish respect by demonstrating **R**esponsibility, as well as contributing **O**bjectively to help Pakistan progress and prosper.

Since CCP prides itself on the excellent facilities and high level of advice and support that they offer to their students, their aim is to ensure the success of their students. I wish they can expand this institution into a well named University so that our next generation can enjoy the good quality higher education within our beloved country Pakistan.

As a Petarian, I feel honored to pen down my fond memories of the epic institution; and to let the readers know what the sterling institution, called Cadet College Petaro is all about in my views, on the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee. Our loyalty to the alma mater and our commitment to give back is the best way of thanking our College for the values we received here, for teachers whom we remember yet, for lasting friendships, and for entry into satisfying lives and careers.

Thank you Cadet College Petaro. God Bless you.