

## KC HIGH, CHENNAI

### ARCHITECT'S CONCEPT NOTE

When we first visited the KC High campuses in Chennai, we experienced an extraordinary level of joyous energy that permeated not just the interior spaces but the outdoor play zones as well. Every nook and corner was overflowing with a youthful enthusiasm and energy.

It was our intent to design the new KC High Campus as a vessel of expression for this joyous energy. Providing spaces conducive for Joyful Learning, Collaborative Experiences and the Freedom to be Oneself were the cornerstones of this school's design.

This led to the 'bee-hive' concept of classrooms that translated into the hexagonal classrooms packed together in an organic fashion. A set of three (as there are three sections) cluster around a common space—a space for collaboration and teamwork.

Within the beehive, courtyards of various profiles and sizes are found that are used for various functions as per the age group. In fact, the entire school is focused around one large courtyard, the 360-degree amphitheater—the Kund.

Indoor sports and other activity spaces are on the upper levels with the Arts having access to outdoor terraces as well. The junior sections have an independent access with separate play areas appropriate for the tender-aged learners. This junior school is organized around a central skylight-covered atrium.

Faculty spaces are scattered across the plan so that they can be facilitators of learning as well as mentors.

Each space has a unique character from the double-height reception to the spacious cafeteria to the sprawling library and to the vast indoor sports arena. This variety of experiences is what creates memories!

It is these joyous memories that we wish the students carry with them long after they have graduated!

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