

Sponsor a Young Monk's Education

Thrangu Rinpoche's Loving Kindness

We are the young monks studying at Shree Mangal Dvip Branch School (SMDBS), in Namobuddha. There are more than 100 of us in this school. Our ages range from 9 to 18 years old. The majority of us come from the remote villages of Nepal where there are no schools. Owing to Venerable Thrangu Rinpoche's loving kindness that we have an opportunity to receive a holistic education, meanwhile preserving our Tibetan Buddhist traditions, history and cultures. It is Rinpoche's wish to establish this school for us to improve the traditional monastic education complemented by modern education which will benefit dharma activities.

Life as student monks in SMDBS

Our school comprises the school building, 3 blocks of dormitories and a shrine hall. Every day at 6 am, we start our day by chanting prayers in the shrine hall. In school we learn the 3 R (reading, writing & arithmetic) in Tibetan, Nepali and English languages. Afternoon activities include the practice of making tormas, playing dharma musical instruments, reading and memorising dharma texts. In the evening, our voices reverberate round the roof top of our dormitory as we practise debating.

All of our teachers are monks. They are also our facilitators, through them we learn:

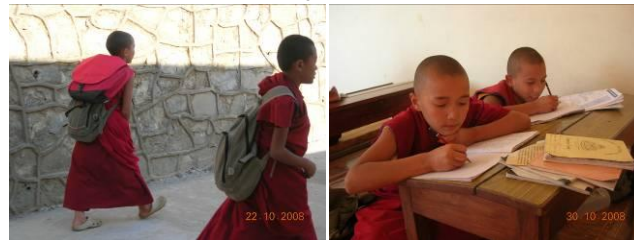
- the way of life of monks and the Sangha tradition,
- the rituals of conducting puja,
- the making of tormas, which requires special coaching to attain the necessary artistic skills, as the Vajrayana tradition stipulates tormas of different shapes, symmetries, colours and ingredients,
- to play the dharma musical instrument, which needs long hours of practise in perfecting the skill,
- Lama dance, which is an essential performance in a Long Life Puja.

The above are just some of the basic tenets of Vajrayana Buddhism which we study and practise. In addition, we receive a secular education. Besides the standard curriculum learnt in the classrooms, we also have lessons in computing, first aid, public speaking, drawing, and etc.

However some of our school facilities are in dire need of upgrading. For instance, some of our computers are still running on Windows 97. The photocopying machine needs upkeep and maintenance. New library materials such as library books and educational DVDs are necessary. Our sports equipment has to be replaced. We are also in need of dharma musical instruments used for practise. These are some of the facilities we wish to raise fund for.



Teachers and students with Thrangu Rinpoche



Going to school

Learning the 3 R



At play

Tea, bread and chanting



Practising Gyaral

In-house healthcare



Computer lessons

Publishing 'Kadin' school newsletter

Your Gift Matters

The school is funded by the Monastery. No subsidy is received from the Nepal government. We wish to repay Rinpoche's kindness by raising fund for our school. Your generous contributions will be used for the funding of the following:

- Computers, printers and photocopying machine
- Library materials including books and educational DVDs
- Ritual instruments/equipment for puja activities
- Shrine hall facilities such as statues, offering plates and bowls, text tables and cushions.
- Offerings which include butter lamps, incense, tormas and etc,
- Sports equipment plus indoor board games
- Shoes, socks and underwear
- School bags and rain coats
- Razors and blades for monthly shaving.

You may contribute in two ways, by:

1. Sponsoring a young monk's education at US\$ 575 per annum, or
2. Donate any amount to our school fund.



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Conducting puja



Using the ritual instruments



Making Torma



Chanting prayers



Greening our environment



Butter lamps offering



What is in the news?



We are going to a picnic!



Meal time



A corner of our room