

# Choosing to be Salt & Light

The motto of the ACS schools is “The Best is Yet to Be”. Introduced by the late Mr T W Hinch who was Principal of ACS from 1929 to 1947, the motto was incorporated into the school crest in 1959 and has become a cherished and well recognised part of our school identity and ethos.

Our school motto is future oriented and optimistic. It expresses the belief that the future is one that can be better than the present. It is a reminder that we should never settle and feel we have arrived. Rather, we should always aspire to improve and move things forward.

Ensuring that the future is one where the best is yet to be does not depend on just hopes, wishes or good intentions. It depends on *people* and *what they do* with their talents, their potential and their lives to determine a better future for themselves and others.

The 2015 theme verse for ACS (Independent) is taken from Matthew 5: 13 – 16: *You are the **salt** of the earth and the **light** of the world.* In these verses, we take inspiration from Jesus’ challenge to his followers that they should be like salt and light whose effect is to preserve, protect and illuminate. When we decide to act like salt and light, we make a conscious decision – to preserve and enhance what is good, to protect what is eternal and enduring and to cast light in order to provide clarity, direction and discernment. In using our gifts in these ways, we are setting the stage for a better future, which is the realisation of our school motto.

As a school family, we are grateful for the blessing of an ACS education that equips and prepares our students for an uncertain future. And throughout 2015, let us pray that God will give us the wisdom and insight to understand how each of us can positively influence the future and the courage and discipline to make it happen.

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