



Mar Qardakh International School is a private, Catholic coeducational day school.

## **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to empower students for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by providing them with a holistic, international education encompassing academic, social, spiritual and personal development, and an awareness of the world around them.

## **Philosophy**

Mar Qardakh School offers a competitive education grounded in the following principles:

- **Academic excellence:** Mar Qardakh School implements a challenging college preparatory curriculum, designed to meet the developmental needs of each age group. The curriculum engages students, utilizing a variety of teaching methods to effectively help different types of learners, and using the latest information technology and resources to support and further its interactive educational goals.
- **Ethical and moral values:** Mar Qardakh School strives to help its students develop values, such as honesty, sincerity, respect, appreciation, friendship and generosity.
- **Love of learning:** Mar Qardakh School provides its students with inquiry based learning opportunities, fostering the desire to constantly deepen in the quest for learning, with the goal of helping the students become lifelong learners who are able to learn inside and outside the classroom.
- **International Mindedness:** Mar Qardakh School offers an international education. It teaches the students about their own history and identity, and about the reality of the world around them. It teaches them to observe, value and dialogue with different cultures and world views, in order to learn from them and share with them. The Mar Qardakh student body, faculty and staff is comprised of multiple nationalities, thus enriching the school community, and providing daily opportunities for interchange and dialogue.
- **Responsibility:** Mar Qardakh School expects all students to develop personal and communal responsibility in their studies, community service projects, social relationships, and other dealings.
- **Well Roundedness:** Students are expected to participate in extracurricular activities to strengthen their character and social values, as well as to experientially enrich their education. To this end, Mar Qardakh School provides a physical education program, as well as a variety of after school activities, and community service projects.
- **A Learning Community:** Everyone at Mar Qardakh School is part of a learning community. Parents, students, teachers and staff all form part of this community, and mutually help and support each other by fulfilling their respective roles in the school. All constituents are expected to learn from each other and continue their own personal development. Mar Qardakh School also fosters interchange with the greater community, involving members of the community in school events, and helping the community through its service projects.