

**Recollection of my days at the Duke of Gloucester School.**  
**1954 to 1957**

Reflecting on the school days at the Duke, my recollection centers on the nurturing we got from our teachers. They had faith in the “raw material” they were dealing with and molded us in a strict but a sure way towards succeeding in later life.

Other than the academic values, I greatly benefited from my years at Duke in becoming a better person by involving in the school’s extra-curricular activities such as sports, debating, Scouting, poetry, drama etc. These challenges became valuable experiences in preparing to become self-confident in later life.

I also recall two important mile stone at the Duke – when I was appointed Head Prefect of the school and when I was nominated by the school to be one of the boys to attend the Out Ward Bound Training school, for the adventure to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Suresh Khanna and I successfully completed the course and scaled the summit.

I learnt that the summit in life is attainable if you stay focused on your goal.

The only sad part of the great days at the Duke was that we all lost touch with each other for all these 50 years. Hopefully this new effort will keep us connected at least through the cyber space. Thank you Suniti for threading the rope of friendship with all of us.

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