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Since the Colombo Medical School was opened in 1870 by the then Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, thousands have graduated from this esteemed institution, serving in all parts of the world.

The need to form an Alumni Association of the graduates was discussed at many forums and the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association (CoMSAA) was established on the 1st of July 2011 with Professor A.H. Sheriffdeen being elected as the Founder President.

In September 2021, the CoMSAA committee in Sri Lanka made a request to several of its alumni living in Australia to explore the possibility of forming an association here. A working party of 12, representing all states and territories in Australia, was formed and the initial groundwork was done.

A draft constitution was developed by the working party and on 21st January 2022, the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association of Australia (CoMSAA Australia) was incorporated as an Association in the state of South Australia.

On Sunday 6th March 2022, the Inaugural General Meeting of CoMSAA Australia was held via the Zoom platform, attended by 94 alumni from all over Australia with Prof Prasad Katulanda and Dr Anula Wijesundere joining from Sri Lanka. The constitution was adapted by those presented and a committee of 17 was elected with Dr Aruna Kodituwakku as the inaugural president. The first ever overseas alumni association of the Colombo Medical School was born.

During a short period of just more than six months, CoMSAA Australia has now developed in to an association with nearly 100 life members and tonight we are gathering for our first ever medical symposium and fellowship dinner with near 200 guests.

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I warmly welcome all of you...



Dr Aruna Kodituwakku
President
CoMSAA Australia

Tonight, it is with great pleasure that I warmly welcome all of you to the Inaugural CoMSAA Australia Medical Symposium 2022 & Fellowship Dinner.

I am pleased to announce that the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association of Australia (CoMSAA Australia) is the first overseas chapter of the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association in Sri Lanka. CoMSAA Australia was established in March 2022 as an incorporated association for the goal of bringing together its alumni living in Australia in the spirit of fellowship, academic excellence, and professional development. Furthermore it was established as means to encourage, foster and promote links and collaborations between the Colombo University's Faculty of Medicine and its alumni.

It is a privilege to hold this Medical Symposium, with a virtual satellite session addressing Australian Healthcare Models, linked to the Colombo Medical Congress 2022. I believe this Medical Symposium followed by the Fellowship Dinner will enhance current networking and foster co-operation amongst our fellow alumni.

We invite you to become a member of CoMSAA Australia and a part of enabling us to achieve our objectives. Your participation in future projects and events will be highly appreciated. For current members, we thank you for the efforts you have already demonstrated.

We express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the organising committee of the Colombo Medical Congress in Sri Lanka, for inviting and guiding us in delivering the satellite session.

I want to take this as an opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the inaugural committee of the CoMSAA Australia for their commitment and dedication.

I thank everyone who supported us in different ways and worked tirelessly to make this event a success.

My appreciation also goes to the sponsors and advertisers for their generous support.

Finally, a big thank you for attending the CoMSAA Australia Medical Symposium 2022.

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It is a great honour to send this message...



Dr. Anula Wijesundere
President of CoMSAA

It is indeed a great honour to send this message of felicitation on the occasion of the CoMSAA Australia medical symposium and fellowship dinner which will be held in conjunction with the Colombo Medical Congress (CMC) 2022. This year the congress is very special to us as it the first time that the CMC will be held in the new, state of the art, University of Colombo Faculty of Medicine Tower (UCFMT) built at a cost of Rs. 8 billion.

CoMSAA Australia is the very first overseas chapter of the Colombo Medical School Alumni Association to be formed in March 2022, twelve years after the establishment of CoMSAA in 2010. I appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm of the President CoMSAA Australia and office bearers in making this association a reality.

The Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo is undoubtedly the premier institute for medical education in Sri Lanka. It has provided the health manpower needs for the nation continuously for the past 152 years. The Faculty of Medicine has also provided the environment which actively promotes research excellence. As the current President of the Colombo Medical Alumni Association I am proud to state that many distinguished alumni of this hallowed institution have earned worldwide recognition through excellent research and innovations and serve in many nations, including Australia.

I wish the CoMSAA Australia medical symposium becomes a very successful learning experience

May you also share and enjoy nostalgic memories of the years gone by spent in your old medical school in Colombo, during the fellowship dinner.



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Vidya Jyothi Senior Professor Vajira H. W. Dissanayake
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I am delighted to send this message to the Inaugural CoMSAA Australia Medical Symposium and Fellowship Dinner. I am pleased to see the establishment of CoMSAA Australia with so many of my contemporaries in the Faculty in the 1990's taking the lead in forming it. I wish to congratulate all of you, led by my good friend Dr Aruna Kodituwakku, for your enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to come together as CoMSAA Australia not only to promote interaction between our alumni in Australia, but more importantly to network with and support your alma mater – the University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine (UCFM).

The current socioeconomic crisis in Sri Lanka is not a secret to you. Our public health system, if it is to overcome this crisis, has to face the following challenges: sustainable financing, appropriate use and development of human resources, appropriate use of health technologies, implementation of effective low cost interventions, and digitalisation. The UCFM is a microcosm of the challenges facing the country.

As we entered the third decade of this century, while celebrating our 150th anniversary, the UCFM was looking forward to a brighter future with the commissioning of its brand new facility – the UCFM Tower. The 17 storied building, with conference facilities including a 700 seater auditorium, academic departments, the largest medical library in the country, clinical and research centres, and a roof top entertainment area, is unlike any other in any University in Sri Lanka. It afforded unparallel opportunities for our faculty to leapfrog into the future. The socioeconomic crisis in the country resulted in setbacks to our progress. The commitment among the 175 academic staff members – the largest Faculty in any University in Sri Lanka – to bring about the transformational change that we wanted to bring about for our Faculty with the commissioning of the UCFM Tower however, remains steadfast. As we come out of this crisis we look forward to fulfilling our vision through networking and collaboration with those who would like to help us – especially our alumni.

In that context we are encouraged by the formation of CoMSAA Australia. We look forward to collaborating with CoMSAA Australia in all fronts including development of academic programmes, research, clinical services, and student support services. Together there is a lot that we can achieve. In that spirit I look forward to facilitating the forging of links between the Faculty and CoMSAA Australia.

In conclusion, I wish CoMSAA Australia all the very best. May you go from strength to strength.

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Dr Champika Jinendradasa
MBBS MS FRCS(Edin) FRACGP FACRRM
General Practitioner - Brisbane, Australia.

I graduated from University of Colombo in 1994 and entered surgical training in 1987. I trained in the Colombo group of hospitals and completed Master of Surgery in ENT Surgery in 2000. I further trained in the UK from 2001 to 2003 and was admitted as a Fellow of Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) in 2002. I worked as a Consultant ENT Surgeon in Sri Lanka from 2003 to 2007 and migrated to Australia in 200. I undertook General Practice training and obtained Fellowships from both Australian General Practice Colleges RACGP and ACRRM. I work as a GP in Brisbane and also involved in teaching Medical students and GP registrars.

ABSTRACT

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On a personal note, as a person who spent most of my life in Sri Lanka, I reflect on how the Family Ayurvedic Physician played almost the same role as a modern-day GP in Australia.

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She is a member of the South Australian branch of Royal Australia & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, South Australian representative of the Overseas Trained Psychiatrists Representative Committee and the E learning Group of the RANZCP. She was a member of the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo from 1993-2021 and was a Professor in Psychiatry from 2011 to 2021.

ABSTRACT

Community Mental Health Model in Australia

Australian mental health services developed from asylum-based care to community-based services following successive reforms starting in 1992. These changes were supported by effective medications to treat mental illness, recognition of patient rights, development of mental health legislation and integration of community mental health services with primary health care. These concepts have been incorporated in the latest Mental Health Policy in Sri Lanka. Australia provides these services with a workforce of 3769 psychiatrists, 24500 mental health nurses 31,000 psychologists and 2500 mental occupational therapists to provide services to a population of 25 million and spent 11.0 billion $ in 2019-2020.

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Dr Logan Kanagaratnam is a Senior Staff Specialist in Cardiology at Royal North Shore and Ryde Hospitals in Sydney. He also has admitting rights to North Shore Private Hospital, Macquarie University Hospital and Northern Beaches Hospital.

Logan graduated from University of Colombo in 1990. He did his cardiology training at Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and did electrophysiology training at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland Ohio USA.

In addition to clinical practice concentrating on heart rhythm disorders, he is passionate about teaching and mentoring and has been involved in clinical research. He is interested in Quality and safety in healthcare. He has functioned in the past as Chairman of Serious incidents review committee at Ryde Hospital.

ABSTRACT

Quality and Safety in Hospital Practice

Assurance of quality and safe delivery of health care is essential for the citizens of the country. Quality of care would involve delivering the right care to the patient at the right time, at the right place and at an appropriate cost to the health care system. Safety would require avoiding or reducing to an acceptable level the actual or potential harm from health care delivery.

Australia has multiple measures in place for safe and efficient delivery of health care in hospitals. This presentation will look at history of quality and safety and at the national and state level bodies which facilitate these activities. It will also look at steps taken at the hospitals including compliant measures for accreditation, incident reporting systems, morbidity and mortality meetings, sentinel event investigation etc.

Program Summary

6.00 - 6.30 pm
Canapes and drinks

Academic Symposium

6.05 pm
How to get the maximum from your pathologist
Dr Kusala Peiris
(Chairperson: Dr Charitha Perera)

6.30 pm
Virtual satellite session with Colombo Medical Congress 2022 "Healthcare Models in Australia"

GP the gatekeeper of the health system
Dr Champika Jinendradasa

Community mental health
Dr Varuni De Silva

Quality and safety in hospital practice
Dr Logan Kanagaratnam
(Chairpersons: Dr Kanishka Kamaladasa and Dr Udul Hewage)

Fellowship Dinner

7.50 pm
Guest dance performance

7.55 pm
Chief guest's speech
Dr Rajaratnam Natkunam

8.00 pm
Message from the premium sponsor
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8.10 pm
Medical students welfare program
Dr Manodhi Saranapala

8.15 pm
Dinner

9.30 pm
Music and dancing

11.45 pm
Close

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“Seetha Arane”
Dance performance



Dr Chandima Divithotawela
[MBBS (Hons), FRACP (Gen Med), FRACP (Resp),
Lung Transplant Fellowship (TPCH & Toronto),
Dip (Organ Transplantation)]
Lung Transplant, Pulmonary Vascular Disease & Thoracic Consultant,
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I am a thoracic medicine and lung transplant physician at The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane, Queensland.

I graduated from University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2005 with honours and distinctions. My work experience at the Clinical Medicine Unit & the Renal Unit at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, motivated me to peruse a career in transplant medicine. I migrated to Australia in 2009 and I obtained dual fellowships in General Medicine and Respiratory Medicine from the Royal Australian College of Physicians and completed a lung transplant fellowship training at TPCH. I underwent further fellowship training in lung transplant at Toronto General Hospital in Canada, one of the largest lung transplant centres in the world.

I have a special interest in clinical research and completing my master's degree in organ transplantation from the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom.

Besides my professional activities, I enjoy travelling and dancing.

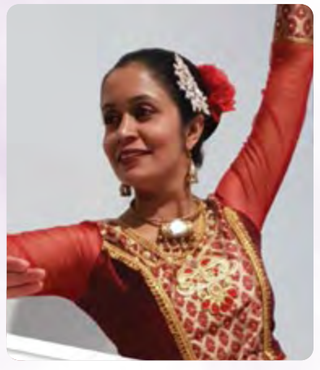
Item song
“Seetha Arane”
Aaradhana” film 1981
Artists: Milton Mallawarachchi & Malani Bulathsinghala
Lyrics: Kularathna Ariyawansa
Music: Dr Rohana Weerasinghe



Mr. Dinesh Epasinghe
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Dr Chandima Divithotawela
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Dr Kusala Peiris
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ABSTRACT

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Prof. Dinithi Fernando
Department of Physiology,
Faculty of Medicine,
University of Colombo

As Professor Carlo Fonseka says in the centenary volume of the Colombo Medical Faculty, "remembering history is subjective; one may remember it in people, another may remember it in events". Some will also remember it in places, in feelings, and in specific points in time. This account is a reminiscence of places, feelings and those special moments in a span of eight years at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

The second MBBS years are full of memories; happy, sad, scary, frustrated and jubilant. I remember entering the faculty for the first time in late 1987 through the main entrance, into a gloomy, dirty green terrazzo-floored foyer, a far cry from the welcoming, well-illuminated atrium of today. Deepening the gloom were a few "sinnas" (our immediate seniors, there were no 'aiyas' and ''akkis then, and after the rag season, we were on first name basis with everyone). Sinnas were eyeing us like vultures and hissing out choice words of 'welcome' at the petrified "junnas" (new entrants). With no parental access whatsoever to the Faculty, we were left to our own devices from the first day on, a blessing in disguise that helped us to become independent quickly. On the left side of the foyer, was the canteen, where the current student common room with its benign, modern ambiance now resides.

I remember stepping slowly towards a terrible odour with my body group members, forgetting for a moment, the raggers lurking in dark corners. As we shuffled reluctantly towards the dissecting room B at the very end of the anatomy block, a demonic yell greeted us, telling us that we donkeys were late for the class, and in the future, we will be thrown out if we were caught one minute late. The screaming voice belonged to Professor Panditharatne, who later became our beloved Prof Pandi, the deliverer of brilliant lectures in neuroanatomy. The foul stink of the formalin – drenched cadavers seeped into our clothes and crept beneath our epidermis. None of us wanted to touch them, let alone dissect them. When we got on the bus to go home, we found passengers sniffing around to see who has trodden on cat-scat; the smell was so bad. After wasting time for a few weeks, a body group-mate took control, donned a pair of gloves, ordered us to read the Manual of Cunningham to him and started dissecting meticulously. That dissector, Kanchana Singappuli is now a much sought after cardiothoracic surgeon in the Lady Ridgeway Hospital. Ragging went on but it was not as bad as I expected, on the contrary, amusing at times; especially when the desperate looking sinnas came looking for suitable partners from the "new ship".





Our first two years in the Faculty were marred by frequent political instability, violence in the North and the South, student unrest and university closures that prolonged our undergraduate status by three years. For those interested in reading our experiences in the "dark ages", there is an account by Piyusha Atapattu (Ratnayake then), Harsha Atapattu, Risintha Premaratne and Dinithi Fernando (Navaratna then) of the 87/88 batch, in 'Glimpses of time" a publication by Colombo Medical School Alumni Association (CoMSAA).

The third year was called the "carnival year" and it truly was. We learnt six subjects but only microbiology and parasitology were tested in the third MB part one examination. The other four subjects, pathology, pharmacology, forensic medicine and community medicine were taught at a leisurely pace, enabling us to grasp and consolidate the knowledge in them. During this breather of a year, the new lovers loved, players played and the drinkers drank; irrespective of their wins and losses in love and play, and everyone relaxed.

Fourth year, as per the predictions, was arduous. We got serious with studying the third MB part two subjects. Community medicine was the uncontested bane for the majority in the batch. But we had our KapJay™ (Kapila Jayaratne) whose meticulous notes on the subject was gaining increased popularity even among seniors and juniors. The credit of passing community medicine goes to KapJay's notes more than anything else. KapJay is now, obviously, a leading community physician.

Final year professorial appointments were challenging to say the least. Particularly tough were surgery, paediatrics and obstetrics because of the high standards of work expected from us. We put our heart and soul into our work without complaining. If I were to choose the best professorial appointment of all, it would be the surgery appointment. Professor A H Sheriffdeen was the greatest role model I saw during the professorials. He was strict on his staff and the students, but his patient care and the unit management was excellent. Hidden under the strict outward appearance was a fair, compassionate clinician. On our first ward-round with him, he told us to imagine that each patient was our father, mother, brother or sister and treat them as such. Professor Dayasiri Fernando, another beloved surgeon, introduced us to poetry and theatre during the ward-rounds. Brimming with his mischievous smile, he called Professor Gita Fernando "guitar" and Dr Sita Nanyakkara "sitar" and elaborated on



the characteristics of a perfect bowel motion. During the medicine professorial appointment, there was a nurses' strike. We were rostered into managing the patients on peritoneal dialysis. Our days and nights were spent on changing PD bottles; we could have written a thesis on it. The medicine department had a stellar array of lecturers. Professor Rezvi Sheriff, the master story-teller, held our rapturous attention during lectures. Professor Saroj Jayasinghe, boyish and never disgruntled, introduced his `models' for clinical diagnosis. He cleverly doodled on the blackboard, drawing stick men with smiley faces (us, students) entering a building (faculty) and leaving in a line of identical packages. It was only in retrospect that I realized how accurate and deep his perspective was. Dr Chandima de Mel, Dr Sita Nanyakkara, Dr Ariaranee Ariaratnam and young Dr Rushika Lanerolle completed the brilliant clinical medicine outfit. We were trained well in the obstetrics and gynaecology appointment, mostly by Dr. Haththotuwa, Dr Cyril Randeniya and Dr Hemantha Senanayke.





Professor Harsha Seneviratne too came occasionally. Paediatrics appointment was strenuous under Professor Sanath Lamabadusiriya. Professor Manouri Senanayake, Dr Shamya de Silva and Dr Udayanthi Mahamithawa taught us and trained us well.

In 1995, after eight years in the faculty, we finished our final MBBS and dispersed to go on our own ways. Well, almost. Four of us, Piyusha Atapattu, Madhuwanthi Dissanayake, Chamari Weeraratne and I decided to join the academia, to guide the medicos, alongside our great teachers. Thereby, we once again made the faculty our second home.

So here I am, at No 25, Kynsey Road, Colombo 08. Been there. Still there.





This was written by Kapila Jayaratne (87/88 entry) and was posted on the notice board in early 1990's.



The story of

The Colombo Medical school

starts 152 years ago. It has come a long way since.

This is the brief history of our alma mater

Dr Maliththa Muwanwella
Consultant Psychiatrist
Fiona Stanley Hospital,
Murdoch WA

The Colombo Medical school was opened in 1870 by Governor Sir Hercule Robinson in a building in the General Hospital Colombo, with three teachers and 25 students. The course was three years. Before this, the Ceylonese students were sent to Calcutta for medical studies, to the oldest medical school in South Asia – the Bengal Medical College. For nearly a century Colombo Medical School was the only medical school in the island, and it is the second oldest in South Asia.

In 1875, Mudaliyar Samson Rajapakse gifted the land on which the present Faculty is located. Other philanthropists donated buildings at this site. These buildings are no more. The Anatomy block, built in 1913, is currently the oldest building.

Dr. James Loos was its first principal. Dr. E.L. Koch was the second principal in whose memory the Koch memorial clock tower, which still stands, was built in 1881.

In 1880 the medical school was raised to the status of a college (renamed the Ceylon Medical College) and in 1884 the course was extended to 5 years. In 1887, the Diploma of Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery (LMS) granted by the College became registerable with the General Medical Council (GMC) of the United Kingdom.

The Ceylon Medical College and the Ceylon University College, which had been established in 1921, formed the nucleus of the University of Ceylon, which came into being in 1942. The status of the Ceylon Medical College was elevated to the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Ceylon and the diploma of LMS was replaced by the MBBS degree.

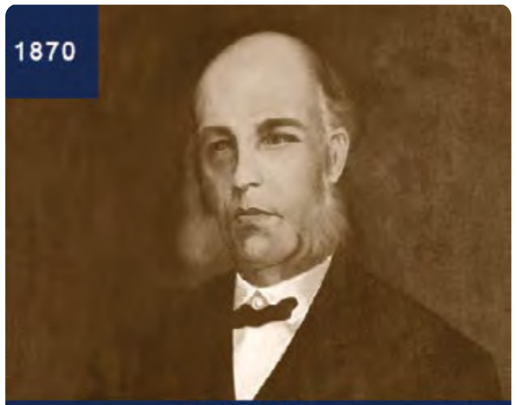
In 1942 the Faculty of Medicine had six Departments – Physiology, Anatomy, Pathology, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Surgery. Departments of Public Health (Community Medicine) and Forensic Medicine were added in 1949 and 1951 respectively. At present there are 17 departments. The Departments of Biochemistry and Pharmacology branched off from the Department of Physiology, Parasitology and Microbiology from the Department of Pathology, and Paediatrics and Psychological Medicine from the Department of Medicine. In 2016, the Departments of Medical Education and Medical Humanities were added.

In 1995 the MBBS curriculum was changed, and the present curriculum consists of 5 streams – Basic Sciences, Applied Sciences, Clinical Sciences, Behavioural Sciences, and Community Stream.

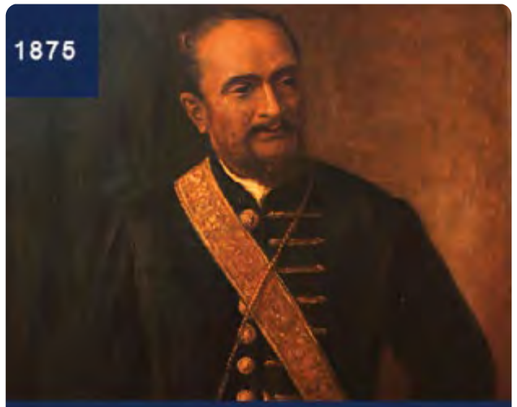
From 25 students in 1870, the student number increased to about 500 in the '60s and is around 1400 at present. The staff strength too has increased to approximately 140 permanent academic staff, and over 150 consultants as extended Faculty.



The Colombo Medical School was opened by the then Governor Sir Hercule Robinson in the premises of General Hospital.



Dr. James Loos was appointed as the first principal.



Mudaliyar Samson Rajapakse gifted the land on which the present Faculty is located.



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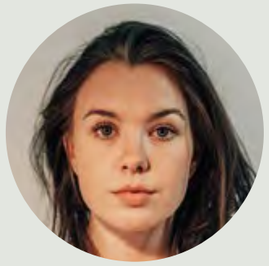
Through Brian and his company (Home Equities), I have been able to acquire 4 properties and to get my very complex loans across the line in a timely and efficient manner. In fact, I recommended Brian to my daughter and she is extremely satisfied with the service she received when she wanted to refinance her loan, putting her in a better financial position than before. I would strongly recommend Home Equities to anyone seeking financial services, on account of the positive customer experience I have and still benefiting from the company."



Narendra Singh

"I did not have any investment property before. I am in this country Australia for last 26 years and only had one house to live. I was so much in fear to get one investment property till I met Brian Taylor from Home Equities. He is sat down with me and my wife and explained the process how to get one investment property. At the end myself and my wife were so glad that we can afford to have one investment property just because Brian Taylor had so much experience in Finance. All the transaction went through so smoothly and I was able to get into the market at last. Now I have got two investment properties. Once again Thank You very much Brian Taylor for your ongoing support."

Jessie Anna



If I could give more than 5 stars I would. As a first home buyer I had a ton of questions and if they weren't already preemptively answered in the in-depth information provided for first home buyers then Donal was more than happy to discuss! We felt so taken care of and the whole process was smooth from start to finish.
It was a stress free experience because of the amazing team.
I honestly couldn't recommend Donal and the team enough!

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Medical Students Financial Assistance Scheme

Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo

Each year there are 30-35 students entering the Colombo Medical Faculty who have severe financial difficulties. Although some students receive the Mahapola Scholarship it is not adequate to cover their expenses, for accommodation, food, travel, books and other material needed for clinical appointments.

The Medical Students Financial Assistance Scheme at the Faculty of Medicine was established in 1990 to provide assistance for these students. At any given time, it provides financial assistance to approximately 150 students.

The committee identifies the students in need of financial assistance and provide a minimum of Rs 5000/- per month for a period of 5 years.

There are several options available to support students:

1. Deposit Rs one million or more in a bank fixed deposit and provide monthly payment of Rs 5000/- to student/students from the interest.
2. Deposit required funds in the Faculty of Medicine bank account to pay the students monthly for one year. At the end of each year the donor is expected to deposit the funds required for the following year.
3. Direct payment to student/students.
4. The donor may opt to send the payment directly to the student's bank account. The Financial Assistance Committee will identify the suitable students and introduce to the donor.
5. Deposit any amount possible to the common fund. The committee will provide the scholarships with the accumulated funds.

Payment Methods

Bank Details

Name	-	Peoples Bank
Branch	-	Town Hall
Account Name	-	Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
Account Number	-	167 1001 1317 0313
Swift Code	-	PSBKLKLX
Payment Description	-	Medical Students Financial Assistance Scheme

Cheques

Payable to	-	Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
Payment description	-	Medical Students Financial Assistance Scheme

Please email copy of payment confirmation to **msfas@med.cmb.ac.lk**

Cheques should be made out for account payee only and be posted with a covering letter to
Prof Athula Kaluarachchi
Chairperson
Medical Students Financial Assistance Scheme
Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
Faculty of Medicine,
25, Kynsey Road, Colombo 8, Sri Lanka.




















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(Opposite Pacific pines Tavern)
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15 Overs a Side | Soft Ball

CoMSAA Australia Team

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Nishantha Senanayake
Nishantha Wijesinghe
Dinesh Epitawela
Iruka Kumarage
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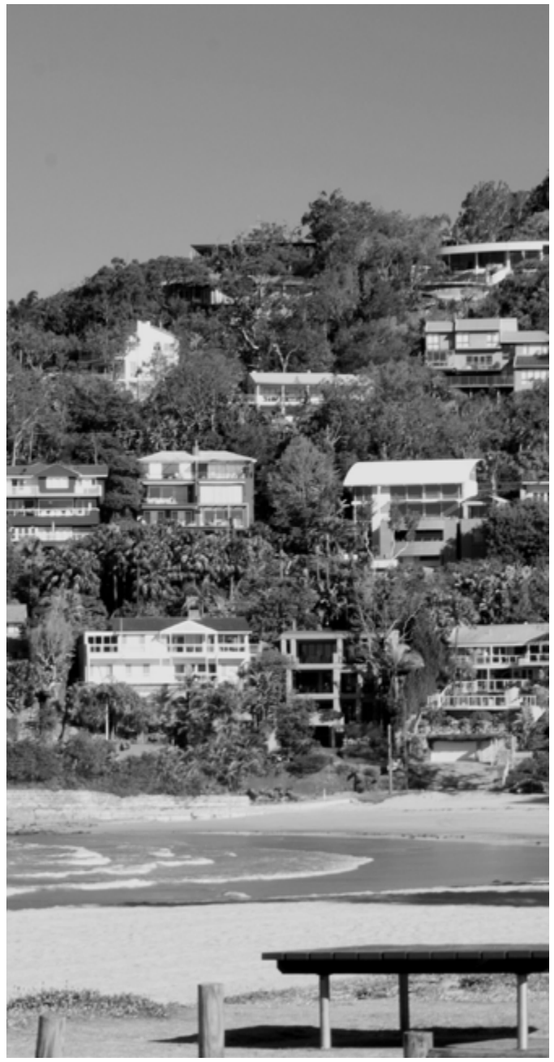
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Thank you
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