



# Sri Jayawardenepura Maha Vidyalaya

**CMS Sri Jayawardenepura College** is a government school in Kotte, Sri Lanka.

## History

It was formerly known as **Christian College** until 1964 when the administration of the school was taken over by the government. The school traces its roots to 1822 when the Cotta Institute was established as a seminary for young Ceylonese of which the first principal was Rev. Samuel Lambrick.

The third principal of the academy was Rev Joseph Marsh, who later became the first Head Master of Colombo Academy present Royal College Colombo in 1835.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> From 1855 to 1934 it was known as the Church Mission Society (CMS) Boys' School at Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte. The CMS Boys' School was a training institute for young Ceylonese, inclined to teach the gospel. The last principal of C.M.S. Christian College [1959-1963] was Samuel Louis Alexander Ratnayake. Himself an old boy of Christian College, he added new buildings and organised many colorful activities, such as drama festivals, sports, and carnivals in addition to prize givings and sports meets. The school community was a mix of different ethnic groups and religions.

## Battle of Kotte

The annual Big Match played between Sri Jayawardenepura Maha Vidyalaya and St. Thomas' College, Kotte is called *Battle of Kotte*.

## Notable teachers

- Joseph Marsh - founding headmaster of Colombo Academy

### CMS Sri Jayawardenepura College



#### Location



Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte  
Sri Lanka

#### Information

<b>Former names</b>	Cotta Institute (1822-1855) CMS Boys' School (1855-1934) Christian College (1934-1964)
<b>Type</b>	<u>Public</u>
<b>Motto</b>	<u>Latin</u> : <i>Perseverando Vincimus</i>
<b>Established</b>	1822
<b>Principal</b>	Mr. Gamini Hettiarachchi
<b>Color(s)</b>	Maroon and silver

## Principals List

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Mr. Gamini Hettiarachchi

## Notable alumni

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- [Anagarika Dharmapala](#)
- [John de Silva](#)
- [Ananda Samarakoon](#)
- [P.D. Premasiri](#) - professor specialising in buddhist ethics and philosophy at the [University of Peradeniya](#)
- Mr. Amila Salgado
- Mr. Ruwan Lakshita
- [Janith Chaturanga Singhe](#) CEO -Founder and Chairman of [ITX Digital Services / CO - Rathnayaka Group](#)
- [Kavishka Rathnayaka](#)
- Shanaka Kariyawasam
- Sathish Dileepa Bandara

## SJC Union Media Unit

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The Media Unit of the College Union was launched in the year 2021.

Start members Amila Salgado Ruwan Lakshita Janith Chaturanga Singhe Alumni

Media Unit (2021) center head is Mr. Amila Salgado

Mr. [Janith Chaturanga Singhe](#) is acting as the head of Media Unit

Web - <https://sjcunion.lk/>

## School Media Unit

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Head of Media Unit - Assistant Principal Janaka Prasanna Matarage

Social media and Information Technology support - [Janith Chaturanga Singhe](#)

### References

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Web	<a href="https://sjcmedia.edu.lk/">https://sjcmedia.edu.lk/</a>

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