



# KUSKA

SCHOOL





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# 01

## Who are we?

Kuska School is an initial and primary education school, recognized by the Ministry of Education of Peru, and sponsored by the non-profit educational association “Yachay Wasi”.



Our educational program is based in and developed within an intercultural context that respects the diversity of rhythms, experiences, and skills of each student, individual responsibility, the ability to work as a team and group solidarity. We accompany and nurture boys and girls in the development of their intellectual and physical skills as well as their individual emotional capacities so as that they will have the wisdom, compassion and leadership attributes necessary to create a society of collective peace and well-being.





## Where are we?

We are located in a rural area within the district of Ollantaytambo, surrounded by mountains, vegetation and domesticated animals.



Ollantaytambo, considered a Living Inca City, shows its cultural heritage at every turn, in its cobbled streets, ancient water and sewer channels, cultivated terraces and its magnificent archaeological fortress. Over the millenia of its existence a unique culture has been forged in the town which honors and respects age old customs and beliefs by recreating a variety of festivals at various times throughout the year, combining a rich tradition with the present.



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## Our history

We opened the Cultural House - Library that functioned as a space open to the general public, and where students came to do their homework with the support of our teachers. They also had the opportunity to participate in various artistic and educational workshops.

11/2009

Our enrollment grew to 45 girls and boys, including the group from PRONOEI (Non-School Early Education Program of the Ministry of Education) from the Maskabamba sector.

2012-2013

"Kuska" moves to specially prepared space within the garden and organic farm of the hotel El Albergue. Unable to secure a stable rental contract for the original space, "Yachay Wasi" garden was forced to move to a new location which reduced the enrollment. Additionally, the PRONOEI is also forced to move to another location.

2019

The educational project "Kuska" welcomes the "Yachay Wasi" garden to its campus on the organic farm of the Hotel El Albergue. As a result, our enrollement grows to 45 students and their families.

2008

We created the "Yachay-Wasi" Association and began the initiative to work within the Ollantaytambo community to provide complementary educational services to supplement the education provided by the state schools.

03/2011

The Early Stimulation Center - Garden "Yachay Wasi" was inaugurated, providing a comprehensive education for young girls and boys from the ages of 2 to 6 years old in the Ollantaytambo community.

2013

El jardín "Yachay Wasi" acoge en su local al proyecto educativo "Kuska" de educación primaria.

2014

A psychological support service for the students and their families was initiated.

2015-2016

30 children and their parents continue to be served with free psychological support and counseling.

2020

The educational projects "Yachay Wasi" and "Kuska" merge completely and the school changes its name and image to: "KUSKA SCHOOL".





## Educational proposal

At “Kuska School” we welcome children with love, affection and respect. We offer a healthy and safe environment that responds to the true needs of children, with activities that allow them to understand the world through their own experience of thinking, feeling and doing.

We promote and provide an environment in which each child develops his/her autonomy and independence; their critical thinking, choosing freely and creatively while cultivating an awareness of peace and harmony with the environment that surrounds us. Our educational proposal is based on principles of both Active and Waldorf Pedagogy.



- Personalized accompaniment.
- Teaching English and Quechua.
- Music classes throughout the school year.
- Development of life skills.
- Learning based on interdisciplinary projects.
- Scholar Orchard.
- Elective workshops.
- Family workshops.



# 05

## Our values



### ECOLOGY

The school believes, promotes and insures a harmonious coexistence with our environment.

Through the program “Tierra de Niños” of ANIA (Association for Children and their Environment) we promote the active participation of our students in the management and care of their natural environment, granting them a space where they are able to express their vision of a better world .

We actively participate in reforestation programs in our community, activities that aim to provide the younger generations an opportunity to grow up with an active empathy for life, to connect with nature and empower them to become agents of change for the sustainable development of our district.



# Our values



## RESPECT

The school respects diversity and incorporates both dignity and universal human rights to create an educational environment that fosters a balanced and respectful coexistence. At Kuska we are aware that we need a more empathetic and compassionate world.

By learning, studying and playing with people who are different from ourselves, we are profoundly enriched and gain a broader vision of the world in which we live. It is for this reason that the school promotes a culture of peaceful coexistence and is open to families of different cultures, social and economic conditions, creeds and origin.





# 05

## Our values



### PEACE

At Kuska we promote a culture of peace. We teach from and promote non-violence, seeking a pleasant environment, encouraging children to resolve their own conflicts through a weekly assembly where they search for consensus and group agreements.

Education for peace is a continuous educational process. It requires educating from and developing values such as justice, cooperation, solidarity and the development of personal autonomy while discouraging attitudes and values of discrimination, intolerance, racism or violence.



## Our values



### EQUITY

At Kuska we believe that a comprehensive and respectful education is a fundamental right and should not be the privilege of a few. It is for this reason, that, the school has created the “Kuska Scholarship Fund”, a fund that is supported by individuals and organizations. The fund makes available the educational opportunity that Kuska offers to families of different social and economic conditions, and creates an equal opportunity for boys and girls of the Sacred Valley.



# 06

## Our dream

As the school grows, we realize that it is important to have a permanent location that provides the basis for our long-term growth. This will give us stability and guarantee our work well into the future. Our dream, therefore, is to buy a property where we can build the ideal school, a more complete campus, with spacious classrooms, library, auditorium, play areas, workshops, gardens, school garden and more.

Our goal is to be able to provide a better infrastructure that can serve a greater number of children, creating healthy and loving spaces for them.



This is the land that awaits us, ready to house a beautiful new school.





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## Our allies

With the support and collaboration of companies and organizations we can change lives.

Thank you for the trust placed in the work that the entire Kuska team does every day.

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JOURNEYS  
People Planet Purpose

WORLD LEADERSHIP  
SCHOOL



# Ways to participate and support



## DONATIONS TO THE KUSKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Banco de Crédito del Perú

Beneficiary: Asociación Educativa Yachay Wasi Ollantaytambo

Account number in soles: N ° 285-2532454-0-29

SWIFT: BCPLPEPL

Address: Carretera Urubamba-Ollantaytambo, Cusco

Or through the “Global Giving” platform - project:

[EDUCACIÓN HOLÍSTICA PARA 50 NIÑOS](#)

[EN PERÚ RURAL](#)



## DONATION OF MATERIALS

- Art supplies
- Encyclopedias
- Printer
- Science Kits
- Laptops and Tablets
- Projector
- Balls
- Garden tools
- Photographic camera
- Furniture and shelves

\* It doesn't have to be new, we are used to recycling and reusing.

# Ways to participate and support



## BUY A BOOK FOR KIDS

Buy our book “Lurucha”, an illustrated story about a parrot and a child that takes place in the Andes of Peru, a great gift for the young children of the house!



## BE A VOLUNTEER

We accept volunteers to work as aides in English class, maintenance, administration, fundraising, marketing and web.

**Groups:** We host and organize group work days at the school.



## “PLANT A TREE” CAMPAIGN

Help us reforest the Sacred Valley! Kuska School joins the ecological project “Valle Sagrado Verde”. For each US \$ 1 you donate to the school, we will plant 1 native tree in our mountains. We already have already planted 925 trees!

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## Find us!

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Thank you!