

DRIEKOPPIES COMBINED SCHOOL RECEIVES 100 FULL SET UNIFORMS

Malelane; Vikinduku Engineering and Projects, a Midrand based company, presented a donation of 100 full set uniforms to the value of R36 000 to the principal of Driekoppies Combined School. ‘If you’ve never gone to school without shoes, you will never understand what these hundred uniforms that come with a hundred pairs of shoes,’ said David Mabuza, the Mpumalanga Premier.

Driekoppies Combined School was established in 1953 and has seen its metric results go up to 93.13% ever since it got a 100% English pass rate in 2009. The Principal, Andrew Ngwenya believes that their rate of success is due ‘to the hard work they put into what they do, from the teachers to the students.’ The school has very little infrastructure and houses both primary and secondary classes with the school opening its doors from 6am till 8pm during the week. Some of the classes are taken during the weekends. The uniforms donated by Vikinduku Engineering and Projects will go to a hundred students who are either orphans or

those whose parents can’t afford uniforms. ‘At Vikinduku Engineering, we believe that social responsibility is an integral part of doing business. To this extent, we believe that ploughing back to the communities within which we live and do business is essential. This is because VEP believes in the very old but true adage that ‘charity begins at home,’ explained Sam Ngwane, VEP’s Business Development Manager. Vikinduku Engineering and Projects (Home of Green IQ) CSR Background.

We view socio-economic development as one of many steps towards realising our strategic intent. We take initiatives that contribute towards educating students to ensure that they acquire knowledge through on-the-job training and also sponsor deserving learners who we hope will realise their dreams. VEP therefore has set aside a discretionary fund through which it undertakes initiatives that are aligned with its values of engendering self-respect and dignity. The focus of VEP is thus two-fold:

EDUCATION
VEP will earmark schools in the rural areas where it will contribute towards and distribute school uniforms, books, etc. according to the needs of the school.

ARTS, CULTURE, SPORTS AND RECREATION
VEP will seek partnerships with other organisations in supporting initiatives that seek to promote excellence in the various sporting codes and other areas and identify opportunities for investment.

DECISION MAKING
VEP undertakes to carry out this task through its business development initiatives. These include:
•Identifying deserving and worthy causes to sponsor
•Assessment and approval of identified projects for potential funding
•Mobilising the necessary resources to realise the objectives of these initiatives
•Measuring the impact of these initiatives with a view to assessing future involvement and related extent of such involvement



I- r Sam Ngwane (Exec Technical Manager at VEP), David Mabuza (Mpumalanga Premier), Mpumalanga Mayor presenting unifrom to one student

NEW MISS MPUMLANGA FORMALLY INTRODUCED TO THE PREMIER

Mpumalanga Premier David Mabuza has applaudedthe newly crowned Miss Mpumalanga Lungile Lubambo saying she should leave a lasting legacy for the province after her term. Ms Lubambo who hails from Mhluzi in Middelburg was formally introduced to the Premier yesterday afternoon (Sunday, 15 April 2012) at his state house in Nelspruit. In his relaxed mood, the Premier did not waste time, but to give an excited Ms Lubambo a fatherly talk advising her of how she should live her life as the face of Mpumalanga province.

After Ms Lubambohad told the Premier that during her term as Miss Mpumalanga, she wanted to help girl-children to live decent lives and to encourage those who were being abused to speak out, Mr Mabuza recommended that at least she should establish a foundation under her name in order to achieve her goals. He said, she had a good idea, however she would need to be assisted financially and a foundation would come handy for the donors to back her. “The foundation would be a

lasting legacy even long after you had left the modeling world, it would still work and change the lives of other women for the better. “Through the foundation, you could be able to conduct seminars and address real issues affecting women. It is something you could leave behind and will continue on its own to change the lives of the people,” said the Premier. Mr Mabuza did not run short of coaching her to be a good example since many people were now looking up to her as a role model. “If you become a bad role model, many people will go down with you and it will be difficult for us to convince them otherwise. “Stay put, do not go around and expose yourself, otherwise you will become vulnerable. Continue respecting your family, your siblings and the rest of the community. Do not live a lie, make use of this opportunity to the maximum, so that at the end of it all, you do not have any regrets,” said the Premier. The Premier complimented her for the choice of her theme during her term to work with girl



SETTING TARGETS: The Premier of Mpumalanga Mr. David Mabuza challenged the news Miss Mpumalanga to leave behind a lasting legacy.

children. He explained that children and women were not liberated yet as some were forced into marriage at an early age, while some girl-learners concentrated on giving birth in order to access government's social grants. He added that she should interact	with some “stereotype” traditionalists and should convince them that children should go to school and be educated instead of being forced into marriage. “You must utilize this space to change the society and not add to our problems. The world will	forever respect you, even your foundation will always have a good support,” Mabuza said. The Premier jokingly said he knew she would win because she displayed confident and that it was not the first time for her to win, in 2010 she was crowned Miss Sundowns.
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