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STUDENT COUNCIL 2020



Left to Right: Kgomotso (Grade 7), Hannah (Grade 10), Jordyn-Lee (Grade 11), Nonala (Grade 11), Amahle (Grade 10), Khanya (Grade 9), and Am (Grade 8)

Congratulations girls! This is your opportunity to make a difference. Especially because Drakondale is such a new school, you will now have the opportunity to lay foundations today that will last forever.

An Interview With Mr Sibuku



Q: How has Drakondale been for you so far?

A: It has been quite hectic. There is a lot of work but I consider it a good challenge.

Q: Are you enjoying working here?

A: Yes, of course. The environment is very cosy and it is a quiet place. It helps me focus more. The staff have been very friendly towards me.

I have also been exposed to new things, like having to play a dual role as in Computer Studies and the Arts.

Q: How did you find out about the vacancy at Drakondale?

A: I saw an advertisement online. One of the teachers that was part of the online teacher's group encouraged me to come here. I was curious, so I went online and found out more about the school and was surprised to learn that all the subjects were taught, and not just those related to the Arts.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Diploma in Visual Arts 2010 (University of Namibia)

Bachelor of Arts in Motion Pictures 2014 (AFDA (the school of motion pictures and live performance) CT)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Art Gallery Assistant and Curator at the University of Namibia 208-209

Student assistant at the University of Namibia 209-2010

A+ Tuition and Learning centre School – Cape Town

ARTS & COMPUTER TEACHER 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA

AFDA (The school of motion pictures and live performance) CAPE TOWN



By Anele (Grade 9)

HOW ARE THE NEW STUDENTS FITTING IN AT DRAKONDALE?

EDITORIAL TEAM :Amahle (G10), Jessica (G10), Anele (G9), Jabulisile (G9), Khanya (G9), Molly (G8), Jade (G8) and Kgomotso (G7)

Fitting in at a new school is never easy, and Drakondale has quite a hectic schedule. This feeling of fast-paced energy can sometimes be taken as people being “unfriendly”.

Being a small school means that students can receive a lot of individual attention, but ... it also means there is nowhere to hide which can sometimes be perceived as being “too strict”.

Some of the new students on the editorial team gave us their take on their first days at Drakondale. The rest of the editorial team went out and asked the other new students to comment on how they feel about being here...



Jade (Grade 8) (Editorial Team)

When I was notified that I had been accepted into Drakondale, I was the happiest person alive. The day I arrived I was very nervous but excited to see my new dream school. As I walked in all the girls made me feel very welcome, including the teachers. I was shown around this beautiful school and was very impressed with the grounds, the facilities and everything it had to offer.

I was very concerned about making friends, but I have had no need to worry because by the end of the first day I had made plenty of new friends.

In my eyes, Drakondale is an amazing school and I cannot wait to see where it goes in the future.



Jabulisile (Grade 9) (Editorial Team)

Hi, I'm Jabulisile Maphumulo, more commonly known as Jabu. I'm new here at Drakondale and I'm really enjoying this school. It has made me open my eyes to new opportunities that I did not even think of. My academics are already improving because I feel that, for the first time, a teacher hasn't just taught me, but made me understand by explaining the work. I also feel a sense of independence because I am a termly boarder and do not see my family as often. Drakondale is an excellent place for me and I know that I will get more doors opened in the future.



Kgomotso (Grade 7) (Editorial Team)

My name is Kgomotso Ntilane and I am a new member of the Drakondale family. I started to enjoy the school the minute I arrived as everyone welcomed me with open arms and warm smiles. I did not feel nervous the minute I stepped inside those doors.

The first two days were a little bit quiet for me because I hadn't completely fitted in. My old school was Ashton International College in Benoni, Johannesburg. My old school was great but Drakondale is better because it focuses on the arts in the same way as the other subjects.

These other new students were interviewed by Amahle, Khanya, Molly & Jess.

Samkelo: “I’m enjoying Drakondale so far. Nobody is mean and we all treat each other like we are family. At my old school there was no choir and we had about 42 students in a class. I now have 9 in my class and I am really enjoying the smaller classes.”

Justin: “Drakondale is very nice. I’ve made lots of friends and the people here are friendly. I don’t miss my old school.”

Sisande: “I like it here at Drakondale and have been able to fit in. There is just a very tight schedule but this is what I signed up for. I love choir and I enjoy all the activities. We get individual attention in class which I really enjoy, and Drakondale also doesn’t show any racism - we ALL get reprimanded the same regardless of our race.”

Am: “I am enjoying Drakondale and fitting in fine. I was previously at Kloof School and it is nice being in a smaller school.”

Siniluhle: “Drakondale is ok, you just need to know your place. I am fitting in but a bit nervous about learning all the songs for choir. I went to Longmarket Girls School before, which I enjoyed, but it is more comfortable being in a smaller school.”

Qhawe: “Drakondale is fine but my previous school was far less strict. However, this is what I signed up for, and I am determined to find my feet.”

Lumka: “The people here are very friendly and my classmates have helped me handle the workload. The girls have done a great job at making campus feel like home. I look forward to a great year.”

Lillian: ““It all started out being extremely exciting. It took me a while to transition into boarding, but my amazing room-mate made it much easier.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We welcome the new Student Council of 2020, and wish them everything of the best for the year ahead. You were elected by your peers which already makes you leaders...

"If you are a leader, do everything you can to grow yourself and create the right environment for others to grow."

Just a reminder that some scholar's books are still outstanding and there are still students who have not yet brought their A4 printing paper requirements to the office.

FRIDAY: School closes at 13H30 - No Choir or Extra-mural.
Should boarders require lunch - A light meal is served at 13H35.



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THANKS

Massive thanks to Fiona Hay-Hoe and the LUCKY BEAN TRUST for their ongoing bursary support of one of our students.

BURSARIES CHANGE LIVES and are a wonderful way for companies to become involved in a very direct way in the life of the student they are helping. It is the one way that a donor can see the impact of the gift they are making.

Grateful thanks to WWW (What, Where, When - the official guide to Events, Shopping, Dining, Arts, Culture & Entertainment in KZN) for their ongoing support by means of advertising Drakondale School of the Arts. Publicity that is greatly needed.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

SCHOOL FEES

We are enforcing strict procedures for payments of fees in 2020.

School Fees are due on the 1st of every month IN ADVANCE .

Accounts are sent out on the 23rd of the preceding month. If payment is not received by the 5th of the following month, a reminder notice will be sent, giving you 7 days to comply. Thereafter, you will be sent a blacklisting notice from Accountability. Unless payment is received by the end of that month, the student will be asked to leave the school.

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POP GROUP TO ACCOMPANY BANDS

Below are the members of our newly formed 'pop group'. They will learn a wide variety of different *light music* genres, allowing them to accompany different artists at various music festivals and stage performances throughout the country. The group will be managed by Don & Wendy Clarke. Their FIRST performance will be at Splashy-Fen in March this year, accompanying Don Clarke & Richard Roberts (THE SONGTELLERS). They will be on the Legends Stage, singing alongside legends like Cindy Alto with *Clout*, and David Jenkins and Maqhingha with *Qadasi*. Rehearsals have started and Don says he is blown away by how talented this group of girls and boys are. "They are motivated, enthusiastic and extremely keen to use their own initiative at any given opportunity. I think there are MANY bands who would LOVE to be able to work with them in the future." Now we just need a name which incorporates what they are and what they will be doing.eg.

THE ACCOMPANISTS, THE SIDE-KICKS, THE DOO-WAH KIDS,
THE ESCAPE GOATS, THE BAND-AIDES

Let us know your thoughts...



Nkothula



Jessica



Anele



Sarah



Jabulisile



Qhawe



Molly



Lumka



Samkelo



Sisanda



Justin



S'pheshile