

Philosophy

Our philosophy of education is to offer the highest quality international education to students of wide-ranging abilities and nationalities. We value cultural diversity and seek to provide a caring, innovative and stimulating environment, which realizes the full potential and celebrates the success of every student.

We believe the school will develop the child as a whole person, provide them with learning-to-learn skills and will prepare them to lead a successful life in an inter-cultural world. This School encourages the active involvement of parents and the wider community in the learning process.

We believe in developing students as high-level thinkers, with entrepreneurial and self-motivated research skills combined with the social skills needed to make them effective team players.

In pursuit of our philosophy we aim to:

- Provide high quality education, which enables all students to move onto the next phase in their education without disadvantage. (objectives 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,16)
- Develop students' understanding of, and respect for, other cultures and nationalities. (objectives 2,3,6,7,8,16)
- Provide an education and learning experience consistent with the values contained within the UN charter (objectives 2,3,6,7,8,16)
- Develop in students an academic maturity and love for learning that makes them lifelong learners and ideal university students. (objectives 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,14)
- Develop students' self-confidence and range of social skills and behaviour in order to obtain personal satisfaction and fulfillment in each stage of development. (objectives 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17)
- Develop students' initiative, the ability to apply themselves to a wide range of educational, social and physical activities. (objectives 9,11,12,17)
- Promote a code of behaviour, which respects the needs and rights of others. (objectives 14,15,16,17,20)
- Ensure that parents are informed and involved in their child's education. (objectives 18)
- Provide resources to enable staff to meet improvement targets. (objectives 1,13)
- Stand out as a beacon of educational excellence and act as a educational resource for Lesotho (objectives 1,2,3,5,19,20)

Objectives

The objectives of Machabeng are:

1. To keep abreast of current international educational thinking and to ensure that teaching and learning methodology have a sound theoretical base
2. To create a social and learning environment which is international in its outlook, non-racist and non-sexist and which does not promote any religious or political creed
3. An awareness of the educational needs of both the local and the international communities
4. An understanding of the vital importance of the natural environment and the need for its preservation for future generations
5. To provide the opportunity to gain internationally recognised certification at the completion of S5 (US grade 10), through the International General Certificate of Secondary Education, and of IB2, through the International Baccalaureate
6. To promote effective written and oral communication in English and, for Basotho students, also in Sesotho
7. To promote effective communication in a language other than the students' own
8. To develop skills of discernment, critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving
9. To develop analytical and social skills needed to cope effectively with the demands of life in general and each student chosen career in particular
10. To develop computation and scientific skills sufficient for life in a modern technological society
11. To promote physical well-being through a structured programme of activities
12. To provide a variety of recreational experiences.
13. To provide a stable, attractive and functional environment within which the learning process can take place
14. To show care and concern for the students' health and welfare and to develop in them an understanding of the prerequisites of a healthy existence and an awareness of the damage to the body caused, for example, by drugs, smoking, communicable diseases and unhealthy habits
15. To make students aware of the personal and social impact of HIV/AIDS and help them develop responsible attitudes and behaviour towards it
16. To develop skills of discernment sufficient to enable him or her to recognise bias, prejudice and propaganda.
17. To support and counsel students in order that they may achieve vocations most suited to their interest and abilities

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18. To maintain a two-way communication between school and home

19. to serve as a reference point for the Lesotho Secondary and High School systems in order to enrich the standard of education in other schools within the country

20. To act as an ambassador for and to promote Lesotho at regional and International events

In order to meet the objectives, international standards are monitored by a well-qualified staff and through continuous self-evaluation, enhanced by accreditation requirements, ensuring a perpetual process of feedback.