

# Schoonspruit Secondary, a Focus School for the Arts

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Schoonspruit Secondary is one of ten general mainstream schools in the Western Cape that was transformed into a Focus School of the Arts in 2005. Situated in Malmesbury; SchoonSpruit is the only focus school for the arts in the West Coast Education District.

In 2016/2017 the Focus School project ended and as such, no additional funding was received, apart from the specified quintile to sustain the specific needs of the Creative Arts subjects. Funding is extremely valuable to both the teachers and learners in their pursuit to execute the Creative Arts curriculum at the school.



The Subject Advisor at the West Coast Education District, Mr. Deon Burger approached Omni HR Consulting (Pty) Ltd to secure a sponsorship for the school. The sponsorship would surround all the needs expressed by the teachers within the Dance, Design, Visual Arts, Drama and Music departments. The request was received in the form of a “priority list” to enable functionality and teaching of the subjects and a “wish list” which noted items that would equip the students with the tools to effectively operate within their area of talent. The request was presented to Megan Hultzer, the Corporate Social Responsibility Manager at Omni HR Consulting (Pty) Ltd for evaluation. Hultzer says, “at Omni, one of our core philosophies is to make a difference in the communities we serve. Schoonspruit, represents a community in which Omni was able to make an impactful difference. Students have shown commitment to apply themselves irrespective of the circumstances which surround them.” A flagship social theme for Omni HR Consulting (Pty) Ltd this year is to focus on initiatives impacting vulnerable women and children. Omni HR Consulting was able to support Schoonspruit with most of their supplies and requirements to effectively implement the curriculum.

A Visual Arts celebration was hosted on the 3rd August at the school to showcase Grade R-9 learners’ artwork. A variety of themes would be integrated into either 2-D or 3-D art pieces, such as: I am a South African artist too, Mirror Mirror, High Five, My Contribution, Behind the Mask, Water, #Iam. A total of twelve selected learners, from schools in the West Coast Education District including Schoonspruit, will take part in the Provincial Visual Arts exhibition, held in September at the P.J. Olivier Art Centre in Stellenbosch.

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