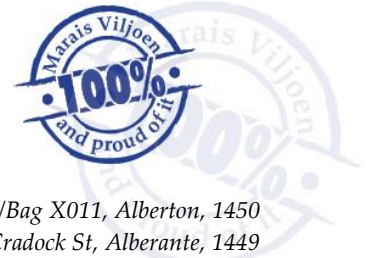




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False report regarding Marais Viljoen High School and Alberton Matric Project.

It is with great concern and disappointment that the news report on ENCA & KYKNET was viewed.

In the light of these untruths being repeated without any verification or checking of facts, the purpose of this statement is to present Marais Viljoen High School's (MVHS) position on the news report.

In the light of these false reports MVHS reserves all rights and is considering to report this matter to the Independent Broadcasting Commission (IBC.)

Firstly, the statement that Marais Viljoen was approached for comment is totally untrue. The Chairperson of the SGB and / or Principal of the school are the only authorized individuals to comment. Neither was approached at any stage making the statement devoid of any truth. It is standard practice and requirement of the Gauteng Department of Education that only the Chairperson of the School Governing Body, and or principal, and or duly appointed person is allowed to speak to the media.

Secondly the Alberton Matric Project (AMP) has the main aim to provide an opportunity to learners who dropped prematurely out of the system or who failed matric previously to obtain, on a part time basis, (so-called night school) the matric qualification.

What is extremely important to note is that there is ABSOLUTELY NO LINK between Marais Viljoen High School and the Alberton Matric Project.

Marais Viljoen High School provided as a token of goodwill, facilities and limited academic support. This was and is being done with the consent of the Gauteng Department of Education, (GDE) who have been involved in this project since its inception in 2012. Marais Viljoen High School saw this support purely as a social responsibility to the community, and learners from all walks of life and the various schools in the area.

The following facts need to be taken cognizance of:

1. AMP operates under its own management structure.
2. AMP operates with its own exam number (thus registered with GDE)
3. AMP paid an amount towards rent to use the facilities of MVHS.
4. AMP resorts directly under the authority of the GDE and has no reporting line to the school, SGB or Principal.
5. AMP was introduced and implemented by the GDE during 2012 and not by any initiative of MVHS.

Also note the MVHS received a 100% matric pass rate and all learners of MVHS received their results as prescribed by the GDE on time.

MVHS distances itself in all aspects from any activities or conduct of the AMP and do not take responsibility for the alleged late release of the AMP results.

Any reference to MVHS in this regard is incorrect and devoid of any truth or facts.


The SGB and Principal of MVHS demand that the erroneous report be retracted and rectified on all web based news pages (Afrikaans and English) as well as insert in the 19:00 eTV news tonight Monday 20 Feb where the correct facts are stated. The SGB also want to point out that any further comments or information has to come from the GDE or AMP.

These reports have done serious damage to the integrity, good name and standing of the learners, teachers and parents of Marais Viljoen High School in the community.

The school has served Alberton for more than 50 years, and does not deserve to be the victim of unsubstantiated slanderous reports on national TV and has the right to protect the good name of the school and all that are associated with the school.

As stated above the SGB and Principal reserve all rights regarding any other legal or civil remedial action.

Regards



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SGB Chairman