



ST JOSEPH'S

ARCHBISHOP THABO MAKGOBA  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Vuleka St Joseph's  
Archbishop  
Thabo Makgoba School  
for Boys  
Prospectus  
2018

*An independent,  
non-profit, Anglican  
Diocesan school providing  
an excellent holistic and  
affordable education for  
all boys*



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## Our Mission

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## Spiritual Statement

As an Anglican school we encourage participation in Christian fellowship instilling values, providing a sense of emotional well-being and a sense of belonging.

## Our Vision

Vuleka St Joseph's, rooted in its Christian identity and Anglican ethos will:

- ✓ Grow boys into young men of honour, faith and justice, contributing to South African society and the future of the country.
- ✓ Teach a model of masculinity, which is not defined by materialism, physical strength or domination of women, but rather by courage, compassion, defence of the weak, integrity, reason and the power of intellect.
- ✓ Offer a curriculum designed to develop the unlimited potential of each boy.
- ✓ Foster a teaching methodology grounded in current neuropsychological research and practice.
- ✓ Enable meaningful participation in an extramural program which plays its part in the holistic development of each boy.
- ✓ Make use of its historical and environmental context to enrich the learning experience of each boy.



## Academic

Vuleka St Joseph's has a vision of excellence and offers a holistic curriculum, in line with the national CAPS curriculum, which allows each pupil to develop his academic, social, emotional, physical, spiritual and intellectual well-being. Teachers are carefully selected for their empathy and their ability to relate to boys and to develop good relationships so that learning can flourish.

## Our Values

Drawing on the life of St Joseph, the values for which the school stands are humility, compassion, faith and trust in God, respecting and honouring self, family, school and society and celebrating the dignity of work.

# Sports and Cultural Activities

Vuleka St Joseph's supports learning through the arts, such as music and visual arts. These programmes allow pupils to shine in these areas of the curriculum. Cultural activities include chess, art and Choir.

Our sports program is compulsory and makes up part of the school day. Sporting activities offered include mini soccer, mini cricket and athletics. Our school houses pay homage to Christian leaders who have shaped our heritage. The three houses are Luthuli, Tutu and Huddleston.

## Our History

Vuleka is a low fee, non-profit school with a proud history in education. It is a church-based project, started in 1989, in response to the crisis in education after the Soweto student protests. Twenty seven years later, Vuleka educates a thousand pupils, from Grade 000 to Grade 12 in schools registered with the Gauteng Department of Education. It has two pre-primary schools, three other primary schools, a centre for assisted learning and a high school. All are co-educational. For some time though, Vuleka has seen the need for a school for boys and we are delighted to have the opportunity to develop one at St Joseph's.

In 2014, Vuleka moved its Central Office from the church of St Martin's-in-the-Veld in the Rosebank parish to the St Joseph's Diocesan Centre in Sophiatown. It is a historic site, built as a children's home in the early 1920s and designed by the architect FLH Fleming. It was one of the very few sites not bulldozed when the apartheid government cleared the vibrant multiracial community of Sophiatown to rebuild it as Triomf. It is steeped in the history of the people and the city of Johannesburg and that of Sophiatown. Its history is linked to that of the Anglican Church and the CR Fathers, especially Trevor Huddleston, and the Sisters of St Margaret. As Bishop Brian noted: the story of St Joseph's takes us "into the lives of so many people from all walks of life who responded to the challenge of the gospel and the need of the poor and gave generously of their time, talents and possessions to make the world a better, kinder, Christ-centred place".

The history though goes back much further, for St Joseph's borders directly onto the Melville Koppies, a Nature Reserve and a Johannesburg City Heritage Site. It is the last conserved remnant of Johannesburg's ridges as they were before the discovery of gold in 1886. Its geology goes back three billion years. Stone tools show that Early Stone Age man camped here as long as 500 000 years ago. There is a Late Stone Age living floor. Within the last 1 000 years Iron Age immigrants arrived, and remains of their kraal walls can be found on the northern slopes. In 1963 an iron-smelting furnace was excavated and can be seen today. The vegetation of the Koppies is entirely indigenous and is a remarkable example of the richness of Highveld grasses, flowers, and trees so close to a city centre. These ridges have looked like this for hundreds of years. We are all privileged to be able to work and study in this setting.



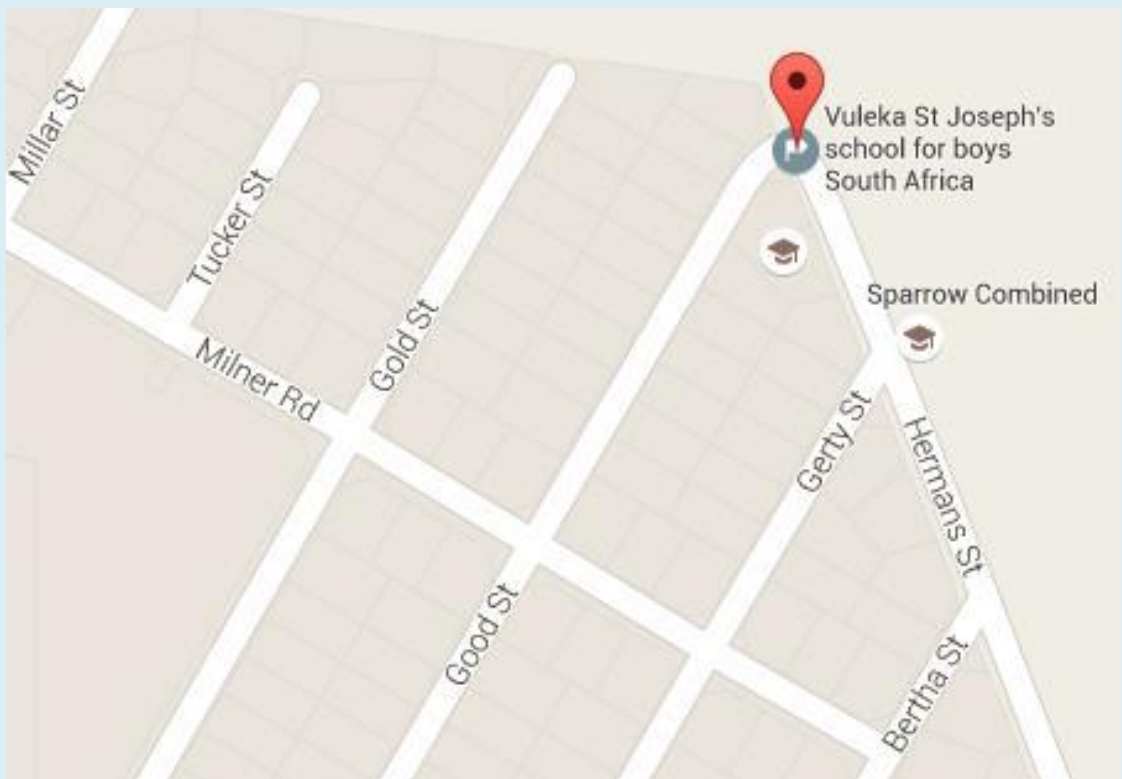
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### Vuleka Boys School Uniform

- BOYS: - Black lace-up shoes, long grey socks, grey shorts or long trousers, light blue long or short sleeved shirt, Vuleka golf shirt/T-shirt, grey jersey, grey tracksuit for winter, Vuleka hat, Navy school blazer (not compulsory).
- SPORTS: - Navy blue shorts, Vuleka T-shirt, white takkies, white socks, Vuleka tracksuit and Vuleka hat. For swimming: black school costume and navy or black cap.

Vuleka school badges and swimming caps are available from the school. They are on sale at parent meetings or can be bought through the teachers or the school office.

R25 for school badges

A navy blue blazer can be bought if desired, but **this is not compulsory**.

The uniform can be bought in most clothing stores. Children are expected to come to school properly dressed in clean uniforms every day. Please mark all clothing with the child's name. Tracksuits, golf shirts and hats are available from Hermers of Rosebank, 177 Oxford Road, The Zone @ Rosebank (1<sup>st</sup> floor phase 2 behind the cinema). Contact Mohammed on 011 788 5241/2.



# Vuleka Schools and Contact Details

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## Early Learning Centres: Gr 000, 00, 0

Vuleka St Francis: Cnr Tyrone Avenue & Roscommon Road, Parkview

Tel: 011 486 1367

Vuleka St John's: Cnr Benmore & Pam Roads, Benmore

Tel: 011 883 6793

## Vuleka Assisted Learning Centre: Junior & Intermediate Supported Learning

Randburg Methodist Church:

Tel: 011 326 4334

Cnr Bram Fischer Drive & Grove Road, Randburg

Tel: 011 886 0086

## Primary Schools Gr 0 - 7

Vuleka St. Martin's: (Gr 0 – 3) 43 Cradock Avenue , Dunkeld

Tel: 011 447 2117

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Vuleka St. Michael's: 1123 Cornelius Street, Weltevreden Park

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Vuleka St. Mark's: Cnr Witkoppen & Hyperion Roads, North Riding

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Vuleka St Joseph's – The Archbishop Makgoba School for Boys:

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