

Telkom Supports Learners in Tshwane West

Telkom Foundation is working with the Gauteng Department of Education in Ga-Rankuwa (Tshwane West) to showcase the power of teaching with learning technologies. Five schools were selected to participate in the project and will see renovations in all grade 8 classrooms, additional security linked to the Police services, curriculum-aligned multimedia rich content via ExtraMarks and various training opportunities from SchoolNet SA for appointed ICT Champions who will provide dedicated technical support, Change Leadership for ICT Integration for the schools' senior management teams and ICT skills and Integration professional development for teachers. This project will continue for a period of three years which aims to research and track the progress of each grade 8 learner until they reach grade 10. Thereafter the learners would fit into the Gauteng Department of Education's model which already supports Grade 11 and 12 learners.

As part of the programme Telkom hosted learner orientation for all grade 8 students from the participating schools:

- Ruabohlale Junior Secondary School
- Seageng Secondary School
- NM Tsuene Secondary School
- MH Baloyi Secondary School
- Winterveld High School



All students were bussed in to Telkom's Centre for Learning and provided with devices for the day so that they could experience what's to come at their respective schools. Two hundred learners participated in discussions with Engineers who showcased the need for improved results in STEM subjects, saw the power of changing technologies and explored the need to keep abreast of the changes to be productive citizens.

SchoolNet's Operations Manager, Ms Omashani Naidoo and Ms Mathapelo Sehume facilitated discussions on Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness highlighting the need for students to be wary against publishing their personal information, keeping their devices locked with strong passwords and to be aware of the many dangers to themselves via lurking predators, phishing or online scams; but most of all guard against being our worst enemy by posting information that will have a lifetime digital footprint.



Stay tuned to our future newsletters for progress reports on this project.

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