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Opening January 2022 September Newsletter

Hello and welcome to a busy September at the TPL site. We have seen rapid progress over the last months and it is so exciting walking around the grounds and seeing our vision become reality.

I thought it would be interesting to share a few photos of the construction so far, as well as some details about the area and what we can expect school life to be like.



Rudi Brewis, Headteacher

Site News

"We are very excited about this project. Our construction timelines are on track and in some areas ahead of schedule, and we're working hard to move even further ahead."
Nick Frangeskides, Director of Velos



Velos is a leading property development company well known for excellence and attention to detail.



The roof trusses are up, progress!

One of the most striking things about the site is the beautiful forest, with some magnificent trees under which we will build the playground.

The outlook down from the office block and classrooms, although not green and beautiful now, holds promise of a spectacular view across the surrounding country.



I frequently come across the spoor of small antelope, probably Sharpe's Grysbok or similar.



Learning from and in the natural world is important to us. Our architect Tom, from the firm Lorenz Mpehle, has listened closely to our values and designed the school to sit sympathetically in its natural surroundings.

Academic News

I have written before about the plan to combine classes at TPL while we have small year groups, moving to single stream classes later on. After some stimulating conversations with prospective parents who showed curiosity about how it works in 'real life', I thought it would be helpful for Mr Wikus Botha, Headteacher at Trident Prep Kalumbila, to explain how combined classes work at his school.



Class sizes: "Our combined classes are usually smaller than standard single grade classes. Imagine the wide range of ability in a primary class of 30 students; just as a teacher differentiates for ability in this class, so can they differentiate in a combined class."

Curriculum Continuity: "The Cambridge Primary Curriculum is broken into Key Stages. Key Stage One is Years 1 & 2. Key Stage Two is Years 3-6. The same topics are repeated through the same terms as students progress up the Key Stage, with the following years building on the foundations and extending concepts and skills. This curriculum design means that teachers are able to teach the same lesson with differentiated activities."

Inclusion: "We find that the social dynamic in mixed year groups is tolerant and accepting. This means that children are very accepting of students of differing abilities and backgrounds."

Progress: "Data from TPK shows that combined classes can drive progress, as the teacher spends two years with their groups, so knows each student well and understands where they need to get to by the end of the next year. This continuity allows for strong academic development."

I hope these images of combined classes at TPK will give you some idea of how learning might work at TPL in the beginning.



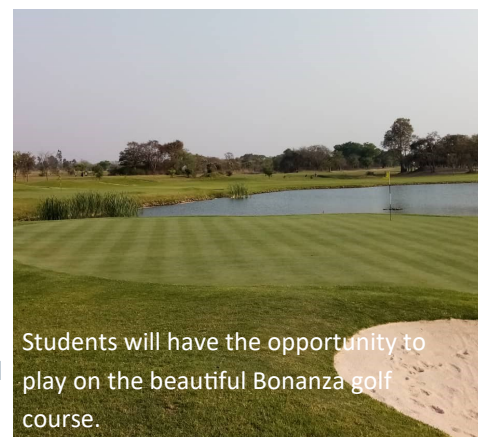
Co-Curricular Plans



Until the school has its own swimming pool, we will be able to make use of the five lane pool at the Protea Hotel.

We will focus on skills-driven sporting activities to build a strong foundation at the start of a TPL student's education. Then as time goes on we are planning to introduce soccer, athletics, hockey and cross-country to name just a few sports.

Every TPL student will take part in a rich co-curricular programme of clubs and events designed to build resilience and life skills as part of a holistic education.



Students will have the opportunity to play on the beautiful Bonanza golf course.

Admissions

We are accepting applications for students from Nursery to Year 4 in January, with discounts offered to our pioneer parents. Please direct enquiries to:

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