



Kaapmuiden holds a special place in TRAC's heart

With Kaapmuiden Primary School situated next to the N4 Toll Route, the institution holds a special symbolism for TRAC. For this reason, we have assisted the English-medium school from the early days of our concession.

One of the projects we helped with was the eradication of *Alternanthera Pungens* (aka Paper Thorns) from its sports fields. The pesky weeds took over the sports grounds which prevented the learners from participating in their much-loved sporting activities. TRAC contracted the Lowveld and Escarpment Fire Protection Association (LEFPA), which we have close ties with, to eradicate the thorns – a gesture which was gleefully welcomed by the school's pupils.

TRAC also played a pivotal role in boosting the school's pupil capacity by building a new Grade R block in 2016. The R2,5-million facility was financed by TRAC and commissioned by the Mpumalanga Department of Education. Standing separately from the main school building, it consists of a classroom, a kitchen, bathrooms and an educational playground with road safety elements. The classroom can be converted into two smaller classrooms or into a single classroom with an adjacent play area.

Apart from accommodating the Grade R's, the block will also come to serve another purpose - to eventually make it possible for the school to accommodate high school learners. This is crucial to the local, basic education structure as the Nkululeko Circuit has no English high school. This results in local high school learners being forced to attend school in Barberton or Mbombela (Nelspruit).

As with all TRAC's modern construction developments the new block is eco-friendly as it was designed and built to run off the grid. Besides consisting of four solar panels, it also uses Jojo tanks to collect rainwater for sewage purposes and is connected to a borehole for drinking water.

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