

## Kingdom Christian College

**Kingdom Christian College** is a school based in the remote area of Matubatuba in KZN South Africa that holds nurturing and empowerment at the heart of their education philosophy.

Arising out of need to support academic and more specifically the non-academic learners attending the Kingdom Christian School (KCC) the principle, Solomon Thembe, seeks to add a **Skills Development Component (SDC)** to the high school curriculum at his school. The model draws on similar principles to the sustainable Paraguayan school model we actively admire and support, where learners are integrated into business and skills development while studying for their high school qualifications - but in an urban and or small town context where schools do not have access to agricultural land.



Drawing on the FET (Further Education Training) style of education usually available grade 10, 11 and 12 drop outs, they are working towards adding accredited vocational and technical training to the learner's standard subject options. The suggested vocational & technical subjects for the KCC model are: welding, computer literacy, driving, electronics and catering however these may change in response to specific market research for the area.

This SDC model also seeks to combine the following development goals:

- **Sustainability**, through business partnerships, school fees, SETA funding, government support and possible post matric training fees;
- **Personal wellbeing**, through interventions that combine the changing of thinking, attitudes, values and beliefs with environmental sustainability to generate a more comprehensive picture of our world today;
- **Empowerment and Competency**, through course material, skills training, business training and practical experience;
- **Authenticity**, through quality education and good facilitation that includes all role players and finally
- **Partnerships** with service providers, other NGO's, government, educators, learners, business and the community.

*Empowerment comes not from mere education, but from competence. Competence is skill-based, it indicates a level of practical ability in any field that goes beyond regurgitating the approved program of standardized education. Competence covers everything from being able to fix a car to being able to put together a sentence. And competence is empowering because skill transmutes learning into deeds." By Daniel Greenfield Saturday,*