

Seotlong Agricultural and Hotel School

The future with our hands



The Seotlong Agricultural and Hotel school was founded in 1992 with the intention of providing specialised agricultural and hotel education to the youth in the area. Unfortunately the school struggled to make its mark for many years until the appointment of their current principal Mr Gerhard Maynard in 2010. Maynard has introduced the basic farming principals coupled with business training back into system thus the learners are exposed to all the key elements of successful farming. Situated in QwaQwa in the Free State this school is providing a vital service to the hotel and agricultural sector and more importantly valuable skills based education to this seemingly resource deficient region.

Currently the school operates 7 different businesses from their premises which service the school's hostel, the neighbouring QwaQwa community, the local Spar and Pick n Pay. Types of businesses currently in operation include: accommodation, through their hotel section, eggs , chickens, vegetables, milk, beef and sheep. The Saville Foundation (TSF) have partnered with Seotlong in order to assist the school with improving their learner business participation (in line with the Paraguay model) as well as introducing alternative and greener farming methods beginning with the introduction of permaculture techniques for their vegetable production business. TSF have also developed a good relationship with the Free State Education Department, setting this partnership up for lasting success.