



# THEMBELIHLE SCHOOL

QUALITY HOLISTIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION





**OUR MISSION:** Thembelihle School brings hope to our community through service to disadvantaged children and families. We provide a holistic and multicultural education rooted in Christian values for children of all backgrounds. We ensure a safe environment to learn and grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. We remove barriers to education and equip learners for life through an education that fosters innovation and excellence, this is achieved through our STEAM approach to education. We Partner with families in caring for the needs of the whole child beyond the classroom. Working as a community, we will give each individual child the tools they need to take their next steps and achieve success in every phase of life. Our collective impact will shape the future of our children and South Africa.



## OUR VALUES

**Integrity • Partnership • Fairness • Discipline • Diversity • Excellence • Courage • Responsibility • Impact**

We will endeavor to teach, mentor and consistently use these values in caring for the children placed in our care.

## STEAM Academics

We focus on STEAM Education, the core subjects:

- Science
- Technology
- English
- Creative Arts
- Mathematics

This teaches our children CORE critical thinking skills

## Emotional Wellness

is supported through our partnership with Angels' Care Centre with access to a school nurse, as well as a social worker at any time. Life Skills are also a major focus of the curriculum.

## Spiritual Wellness

is Access to a school chaplain, who focuses on spiritual development, counselling and mentoring.

## Physical Wellness

Sport: Cricket, Swimming, Netball, Athletics, Hockey & Soccer

## Nutrition

Creating a school environment where hunger does not exist, allowing the children to develop, learn and thrive. This is done through the provision of a hot daily meal and snack.

## Extracurricular Activities

Allowing our children to thrive and learn new skills.

- Chess
- Art & Music
- Eco Club & Sustainable Schools
- Choir
- Marimba & Djembe Drum Club
- Science Club
- School Outings



# IMPACT REPORT

**77%** of our children face food scarcity needs.  
**62% LIVE IN WOMEN OR CHILD HEADED HOUSEHOLDS.**

**80%** of our children receive sponsorship of their school fees, providing them a holistic academic education, extramural activities and daily nutrition.  
Our organisational partnership with Angels Care Centre ensures healthcare and psychosocial support is always available.

## Alumni Success

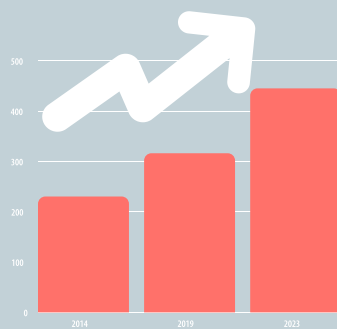
**90%** of our past pupil's complete high school compared to approximately 68% nationally.

**TERTIARY STUDENTS STUDYING MEDICINE, ENGINEERING, AUDITING, MARKETING, ADMINISTRATION AND TEACHING.**

## Enrolment

**93,5%**

Purchase of additional property and addition of a class per grade since 2018 will double enrolment by 2024. Angels' Care's ECD, our feeder school, ensures all children are prepared to start formal school in Grade 1.



**166 842**  
Meals served annually.

**8x** MORE people employed since 1993. Our total number of employees has increased from 4 to 32.

## Estimated High School Enrollment

**11%** in independent schools, including St Anne's, Durban Girls College, Treverton, and Grace College.

**37%** in high fee, well resourced local Government Schools.

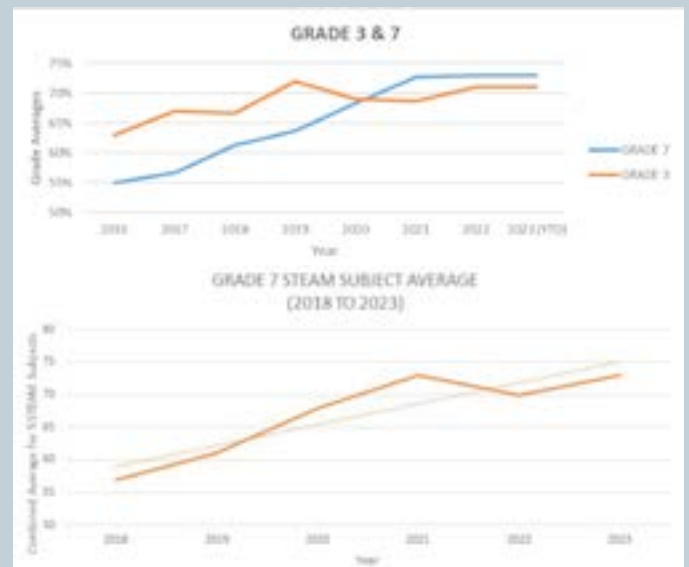
**52%** in low, or no, fee Government Schools.

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## STEAM & Academic Improvement

Our integrated approach to teaching of key STEAM subjects encourages pupils to think logically, laterally, critically and creatively. This approach to teaching and learning has successfully and continually improved academic progress since its inception. Data from 2016 - 2023 shows a steady increase in the academic results.



## CRICKET, NETBALL, SOCCER, HOCKEY, ATHLETICS & SWIMMING.

\*Girls Netball has an 87%-win record, and represented the Howick Circuit in the district netball championships in 2022 and 2023. Two players were selected for the district team in both years.



\*Our Cricket teams have achieved a 75 %-win ratio against Howick Prep School for the past two years.

\*The Cross-Country Team of 3 athletes made the Howick Circuit.\*The Cross-Country Team of 3 athletes made the Howick Circuit.





# STORIES OF HOPE

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## Independent High School Success: St Anne’s Diocesan College & Treverton College

**Khanya Shelembe** - Currently in grade 10 at St Anne’s. One of her major achievements has been receiving **83%** in the junior IsiZulu Olympiad, placing herself in the top 10 in the Country. She also plays for the senior basketball team.

**Lwandisa Mkize** - Currently in Grade 9 at St Anne’s. “Lwandisa has wholeheartedly embraced the opportunities that have come her way and she has settled into school life with ease. It has been amazing to witness her growing independence and maturity. She has achieved outstanding academic results and has been an integral member of her netball team”

**Luyanda Shelembe** - Treverton College. Currently in grade 8. “Luyanda engages fully in activities at school, soaking up all the experiences and building wonderful memories for himself. He navigates social settings with ease”. “His room is always neat, which reflects his excellent character and disciplined approach. I appreciate his positivity and unwavering smile when I engage with him”.



## Qualified & Working

**Sinethemba Nzimande**

She is a pure reflection that hard work and access to quality education can begin to break the cycle of poverty in one’s family. Her schooling started at Merit School in a shack in Shiyabazali. She then moved to Thembelihle School obtaining her primary education before moving to Mnconjwana High School. She received 9 distinctions at Durban University of Technology in her Diploma in Internal Auditing (NQF 6). She was recently employed at Angels’ Care to assist with finances and bookkeeping. She is the epitome of “treat people the way you would like them to treat you.”

## Tertiary Education

**Lebotsa Letjeloane** - currently studying 4th year medicine at Wits University, after achieving 6 distinctions from Asibemunya High School in Mphohmeni Township.

**Langelihle Ndlovu** - Currently studying Civil Engineering at UKZN.

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## Local High school

**Lepolesa Mohlakoana** - Thembelihle class of 2019.

“Being a learner at Thembelihle School has made me capable of many things.”

Lepolesa’s story is one riddled with both the harsh reality of many children living in poverty as well as HOPE and blessings. He started his schooling career in the Angels Care bridging class in 2013. Once he had caught up the years lost, he attended Thembelihle from 2016 - 2019. In 2020 he moved to Njoloba Secondary, a big no fee paying Government School in Howick, where he is doing exceptionally well. He has been at the top of his class as well as in leadership positions. Currently in Grade 11 (2023), he states that he does not struggle with his subjects due to his foundation from Thembelihle School. He would like to invent new things when he graduates, that will help sustain and make the world we live in a better place.



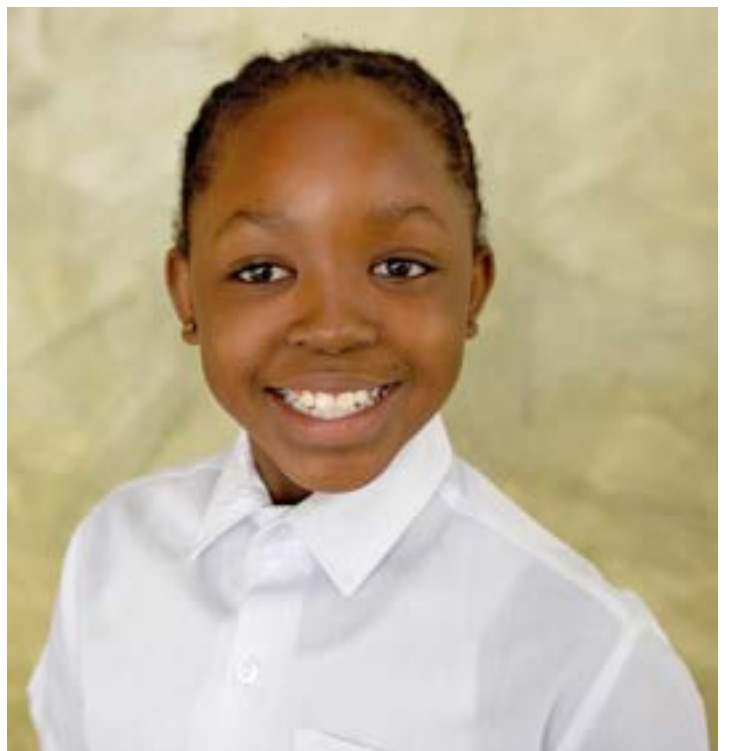
## Thembelihle Staff Success



**Nomfanelo Mnikathi** - graduated from Thembelihle School in 2007, and Silver Heights Secondary in 2012, where she obtained her matric. After completing matric she received a B-tech degree at Durban University of Technology in Management Science: Public Relations and Communication. She is now EMPLOYED at Thembelihle as the Sponsorship Administrator and assistant. She is one of our most valued employees. She currently has her youngest brother and her son learning at Thembelihle and her daughter is at Angels’ Care pre-school. A true reflection of a family that has been transformed by access to quality education and dedication to reach one’s dreams and goals.

**CURRENT STUDENT: Bukhosibakhe Mkhethi**

Bukhosi’s story is quite phenomenal. He was found locked in a shack by the Angels’ Care team as his mother did not know how to care for a child with cerebral palsy. Through Angels’ Care he joined the bridging class, got access to all the healthcare and physiotherapy he needed and is now in grade 7 at Thembelihle and is now a transport prefect.



**CURRENT STUDENT: Buhle Coka**

Buhle is currently in grade 7 at Thembelihle. Buhle has played netball at a National level for two consecutive years. She is also consistently in the top 3 of her grade.

