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AFRIKAANS FIRST ADDITIONAL

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AFRIKAANS FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

MORE THAN A SUBJECT

At Selborne College, Afrikaans is more than a subject; it develops intellectual discipline and cultural empathy. In a modern, connected South Africa, mastering multiple languages is a hallmark of a sophisticated leader. Afrikaans, with its unique structure and clarity, helps boys build precision in thought and confidence in expression.

Formation of Character and Excellence

Studying Afrikaans demands attention to detail and responsibility. It teaches humility and the ability to step outside one's comfort zone, connecting learners to diverse perspectives. This pursuit of bilingual excellence reflects Selborne's commitment to producing articulate, well-rounded young men.

Modern Relevance and Leadership

Language is power. Proficiency in Afrikaans equips learners with cultural agility and the confidence to lead in sectors ranging from law and engineering to agriculture and the arts. Selbornians develop active listening and strategic communication skills, preparing them to command respect in any professional or community setting.



THE SELBORNE APPROACH

Afrikaans at Selborne follows a structured five-year pipeline from foundational skills to fluent expression. Mastery comes through focused immersion and expert instruction.

Teaching Philosophy: Rotation Model

Senior classes rotate through specialists in:

- Poetry and Literature Analysis
- Drama and Narrative Study
- Grammar and Linguistic Structure
- Creative and Transactional Writing

This ensures every boy receives expert instruction in every aspect of the curriculum.

Support and Accountability

- Intervention Framework: Students below benchmark attend mandatory extra lessons.
- Missed Assessment Policy: Learners provide formal evidence for missed work, instilling responsibility and professional discipline.

Five-Year Pipeline

From Grade 8, analytical skills for the Final National Senior Certificate are introduced and reinforced. Regular assessments build exam readiness and cognitive agility.

Extension and Cultural Enrichment

Afrikaans comes alive beyond the classroom through contemporary music, film, and literature, giving learners real-world exposure and cultural confidence.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Excellence at Selborne comes from culture, effort, and discipline. The 2025 results reflect the success of the Rotation Model:

- Pass Rate: 100% of learners met the national standard
- Subject Mean: 58% across 103 students
- Top Tier Proficiency: 20% achieved Level 6 or 7
- Individual Honors: Distinctions were earned by Abdul-Qadir Marais 84%, Joel Veleekizhakethil Joseph 84%, Thaheer Jaram 83%, Blain Gregory 82%, Keane Lai Wing 82%

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Afrikaans Week: Annual events including Sökkie evenings, quizzes, and celebrations bring the language to life.

Leadership and Mentorship: Senior students mentor juniors, while the department guides aspiring educators through a student-teacher program, fostering leadership and continuity.





THE SELBORNE MAN

At Selborne College, we are not merely preparing boys to pass examinations, win fixtures, or collect accolades. We are forming young men.

A Selborne man is:

- **Intellectually Disciplined**
He thinks carefully. He questions respectfully. He pursues understanding rather than surface familiarity. He is not afraid of rigour.
- **Morally Grounded**
He understands responsibility. He acts with integrity when no one is watching. He knows that character is revealed in pressure.
- **Courageous in Effort**
He does not withdraw from difficulty. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, he learns to persist.
- **Articulate and Thoughtful**
He can express his ideas clearly. He listens as well as he speaks. He engages the world with curiosity rather than cynicism.
- **Committed to Brotherhood**
He understands that strength is built in community. He supports others. He leads by example.
- **Prepared for the Future**
He leaves Selborne adaptable, capable, and ready to contribute meaningfully to society. Every subject, every sport, every society exists to shape these qualities.

That is the Selborne standard.

