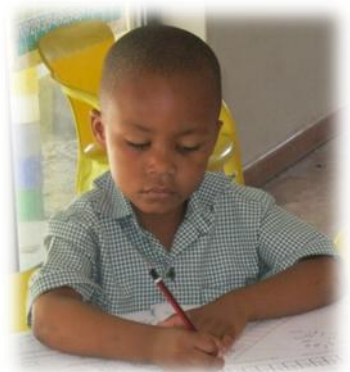


OKAVANGO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Primary Prospectus 2013/2014

Launching Leaders”



Philosophy, History and School Background

Okavango International School opened in 2003 with the mission *“to inspire, build and launch people through faith, integrity, relationships and excellence that will purify, transform and ignite individuals to impact their world.”* It strives to develop young men and women of strong character and positive values – who also strive at all times to maximize their academic potential and obtain solid exam results. The gospel of Christ is the school’s inspiration.

‘Launching Leaders’ is the motto of the school. It is the belief that inspired Christian based leadership – whether it be in the church, politics, the public service, education, community groups or indeed the family – has a major impact on the community, nation and world at large. The training of students in leadership, with the inculcation of strong values, and their launching and sending forth, will impact wherever they work or whichever structure or organization, however large, however humble they aspire to lead.

The school offers an academic programme right the way from pre-primary through to Standard Seven. Standard Seven’s write the PSLE exams at the end of the year.

The student body is a truly international mix with 65% Batswana, and the other 35% drawn from African, European, Asian countries and the USA. The teaching staff is mixed.

The school is owned by the Love Botswana Outreach Mission established by Pastors Jerry and Jana Lackey. It was Pastor Jerry’s mother, Pat Lackey, who started the forerunner school of Okavango International School – Ngamiland Christian Academy – in the early 1990’s. The Mission runs the Village Church where boarders and many of the day students and their families form part of the large congregation.

The various mission departments impact the lives of the students. Interns from around the world come to the school on a regular basis and these work with the students in a variety of different capacities, developing the students’ world view.

A Life Centre was recently built by the Mission which among other things include a 1000-seat auditorium, cinema, gymnasium, library, meeting and recreational rooms. All facilities are now at the disposal of the OIS students.

The school is also blessed with access to a delightful environmental resource in the form of Royal Tree Lodge. This is a Game Lodge of international standard, ideally situated not far from Maun and was donated to the mission so proceeds from it can be used to support its many activities. The facility is open to the school for environmental teaching, as well as a retreat or workshop centre.



School Structure

The school is managed by a Board of Governors, of which some members are elected from the parents.

The parent association is the Parent Body, which has an executive drawn from and elected by the body of parents.

The school also has a secondary section from Form 1 to Form 5, where the students write the IGCSE.

Christian Ethos

The school has a strong Christian ethos, though it is not exclusively for Christian students. Students of all faiths, and of none, are welcome.

The school is not interested in just talking Christian. It tries to operate in a way that bears testimony to its beliefs. This needs to be seen in the way the students interact with each other, the interaction with teachers and other adults as well as the whole tone and ethos of the school, the respect for truth, the teaching of manners and the encouragement of 'botho.'

Primary School

The primary school offers Standard One up to Standard Seven and students in Standard Seven write the national Primary School Leaving Examination. Students also do Physical Education, Sports, Swimming, Computer Awareness, and French.

Pre-Primary School

The pre-primary school is housed in its own purpose-built block. Children may be admitted into the Pre-primary school from the age of three, provided that they are completely potty-trained.

School Transport

The school owns two buses and a safari-style truck along with smaller vehicles. Day students who wish to be brought to school in one of the buses may purchase a termly bus ticket (P765 for daily return trips for primary children).

There are bus timetables which are given out on payment of the bus fares, and indicate the route of the bus both in the mornings and afternoons.



School Uniform

Students need to have a school uniform and PE/Sports uniform (students must change into PE kit for PE and sports lessons)

Girls' School Uniform:

- Green/white check blouse, with a bottle green collar and the school logo on the pocket (short or long sleeved)
- Bottle green skirt with pleats or beige-khaki slacks (NB ladies cut - girls should not wear boys trousers)
- Plain bottle green jersey/pullover (short or long sleeved)
- Bottle green, plain socks (ankle or knee length)
- Black leather school shoes or school sandals
- Green tie (for wearing on specified days)
- Green bush hat with logo

Girls' PE/ Sports Uniform:

- Khaki school t-shirt
- Navy blue PE skorts or shorts with school logo, or navy blue drawstring shorts, as sold in clothing stores.
- Black swimming costume and cap.

Boys' School Uniform:

- Green/white check shirt with school logo on breast pocket
- Khaki long trousers or shorts (knee length)
- Plain bottle green jersey/pullover (short or long sleeved)
- Bottle green, plain socks (ankle length and knee length) (Plain black or grey are also permitted).
- Black leather school shoes
- Green tie (for wearing on specified days)
- Green bush hat with logo

Boys' PE/ Sports Uniform:

- Khaki school T-shirt
- PE shorts: navy blue with school logo or navy blue draw-string shorts as sold in clothing stores

The following items also form part of the school uniform as and may be bought if desired :-

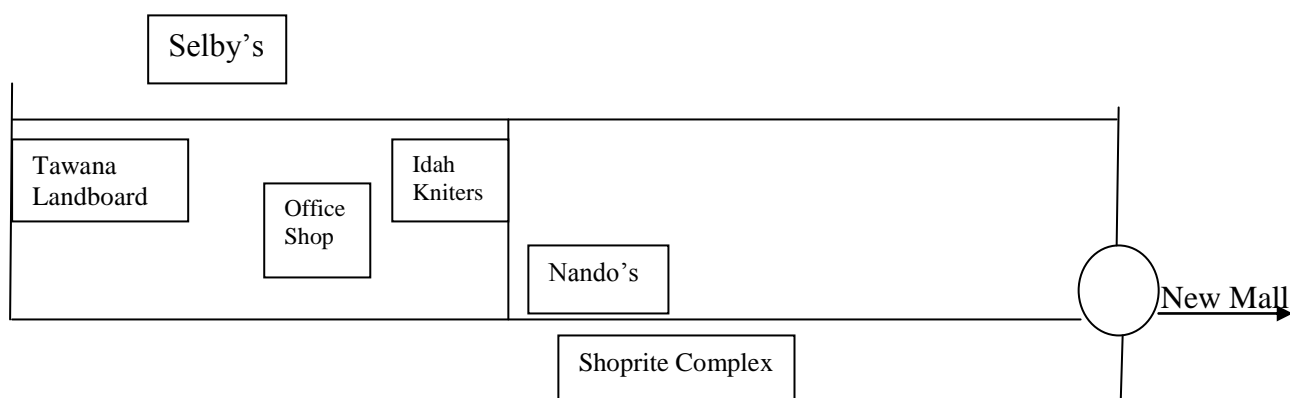
School Green Tracksuit: as worn as present

School Green Anorak/raincoat:

The school uniform is available from Selby's School Fashions. Phone Number: 6864945/72412338. Fax: 6865358. Directions: They are on the right hand side of the road if you travel from Tawana Landboard towards Sefalana.

The school PE/Sports uniform, tracksuit and raincoat are available from Idah Knitter. Phone: 771523076 or 72157725

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO BUY FROM THE OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS SO THAT THE CORRECT COLOURS/SHADES ARE OBTAINED.





Jewellery

Watches, and plain stud earrings for girls, one in the lobe of each ear. No other piercings please. No necklaces or chains apart from a medic alert bracelet. Hair and nails are to be neat at all times. No nail polish or make up. Shoulder length hair or braids are to be tied back with green or black ribbon. No decorative clips/hair bands. Tinted/dyed hair and elaborate hair styles are not suitable for school

Sports Development

At Okavango International School we strive to provide quality education and therefore both sport and cultural activities form an integral part of school life. The wide variety of sporting activities provided at the school during both the physical education lessons and afternoon activities provide ample opportunities for participation.

Our sports programme is mainly aimed at identifying the developing skill in every student as well as maximum participation, while ensuring that they understand the positive health and social benefits that are acquired from participation in physical activities.

We believe that all students have the ability to derive enjoyment, success and personal satisfaction from the challenge of sport and hence provide the facilities and dedicated coaching to make this possible for all of them.

Co-Curricular Programme

Okavango International offers a broad range of spots that students are able to choose from. It is our intention that all our students take an active part in these co-curricular activities as this enables them to reap the benefit of coaching offered by the school staff. We encourage competition and organize regular sporting fixtures against other schools.

Team Sports: Athletics, Hockey, Football, Netball, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming.

Cultural and Club Activities: Traditional Dancing, Drama & Theatre, Hip-hop & Dance, Music, Chess.



Officials:

Principal: Mr. David Tregilges

Head of Lower Primary Department:

Head of Upper Primary Department: Mrs Frances Shepherd-Palmer

Chair – Board of Governors: Dr. Jerry Lackey

Chair – Parent Body: Mrs. Bessie Mabambe



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