



→ Provincial Winner

Excellence in Secondary School Teaching

Name: Robyn Van De Rhede

School: Apex High School

District: Metropole East Education District

Ms Van de Rheede is a passionate, creative and innovative Dramatic Arts teacher in the Further Education and Training phase at Apex High School in Eerste River.

Ms Van de Rheede believes in maintaining good values in education. She is involved in numerous community projects and endeavours to link the curriculum to those outreach projects. She believes in empowering both the learners and teachers through mentorship and coaching. She constantly strives to improve her own practices through continuous professional development.

She is a team player and shares her work with colleagues. She believes in quality teaching and learning and is always well-prepared and coming up with new ideas. She is open to communication and knows her subject very well. She also believes in life-long learning and challenges learners to improve their critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills.

She encourages her learners to embrace the arts, because Dramatic Arts generates and sculpts a holistic individual. She encourages learners to overcome their fear of public speaking through motivation and affirmation.

Ms Van de Rheede uses Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in her teaching daily and frequently uses ICT applications to determine learners' strengths and weaknesses. She also uses ICT to address challenges experienced by learners and to provide feedback to all stakeholders.

Ms Van de Rheede has the unique ability to link the curriculum outcomes with real world situations in the community. In this endeavour she exposes her learners to role models in the entertainment industries that they can relate to.