



→ Provincial Winner

Kader Asmal Lifetime Achievement Award

Name: Derek Swart
School: Paarl Boys' High School, Paarl
District: Cape Winelands

Mr Swart's dedication, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence have profoundly impacted not only Paarl Boys' High School but also the broader educational community.

Mr Swart has been at the helm of Paarl Boys' High School for over two decades, leading with a clear vision and a steadfast commitment to academic excellence. His leadership style is characterised by inclusivity, integrity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. Under his guidance, the school has consistently achieved outstanding academic results, maintaining a reputation as one of the top-performing schools in the country.

He is a forward-thinking educator who has embraced and implemented innovative teaching practices to enhance the learning experience. He has been instrumental in integrating technology into the curriculum,

ensuring that students are well-prepared for the challenges of the modern world. His commitment to continuous improvement and professional development for both staff and students has created a dynamic and progressive learning environment.

Beyond academic achievement, Mr Swart is deeply committed to the holistic development of his students. He has championed numerous initiatives that promote physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. His emphasis on character education, sportsmanship, and community service has instilled strong values in his students, preparing them to be responsible and compassionate citizens. This is evident in the accolades that his school receives in the rugby fraternity, with the 66th captain of the South African national team, Salmaan Moerat, being one of his former students.

Mr Swart's influence extends beyond

the school gates. He is an active participant in the local community, fostering strong partnerships with parents, local businesses, and educational organisations. His efforts have strengthened the bond between the school and the community, creating a supportive network that benefits students and their families. His ability to rally community support for school projects and initiatives is a testament to his exceptional leadership and interpersonal skills.

A dedicated mentor, Mr Swart has nurtured the growth of countless educators over the years. His commitment to professional development and capacity-building has empowered many educators to reach their full potential. His mentorship has inspired a new generation of educators who are now making significant contributions to the field of education.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr Swart has received numerous accolades and awards in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education. His unwavering dedication and exceptional achievements have set a benchmark for excellence in educational leadership.

Mr Derek Swart exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educational leader. His visionary leadership, commitment to holistic student development, and dedication to community engagement make him a deserving candidate for the Kader Asmal Lifetime Achievement Award. His contributions have left an indelible mark on Paarl Boys' High School and the broader educational landscape, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations.