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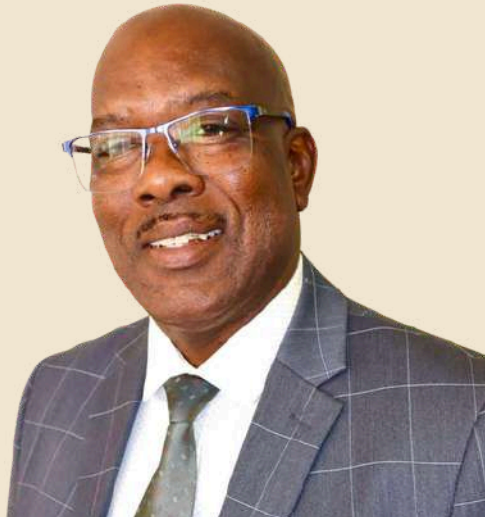
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From the Principal's office



By Dr R. S. Radile

Ingwe TVET College welcomes all students, staff, partners and stakeholders to the launch of its quarterly newsletter. This platform marks an important step in strengthening communication, sharing progress, and building a collective institutional identity. At the centre of our work is a clear and ambitious vision **"to be a world-class institution of learning, training and development"**. This vision is not a slogan, but a practical commitment that shapes how we plan, deliver, and evaluate our programmes and services.

The College continues to position itself as a student-centred institution where student performance and welfare form the convergence point of all operations. Academic support, student services, and administrative systems are being aligned to ensure that every student has a fair opportunity to succeed. The intention is to create an environment where students are not only enrolled, but are actively supported to complete their qualifications and transition into meaningful opportunities. As the sector transitions towards QCTO-accredited programmes, the College is undertaking a critical review of its Programme Qualification Mix (PQM). The objective is to introduce a wider range of responsive and relevant programme offerings that are aligned with industry demands and community needs. This shift is being supported by increased efforts to build strategic partnerships for student workplace placement and lecturer capacitation. These partnerships are essential in closing the gap between theory and practice, while also ensuring that lecturers remain current with industry developments.

In parallel, the College is investing in projects aimed at upgrading and improving teaching and learning infrastructure to meet acceptable standards. These developments are necessary to support modern delivery methods and enhance the overall learning experience.

The College also extends its congratulations to the newly elected SRC, led by Ms Kholeka Somgungqu from Siteto Campus. Management commits to working closely with the SRC to strengthen student voice, promote accountability, and drive initiatives that positively impact student life and success.

Wishing you a productive and prosperous 2026

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAMMES

The college has embarked on the phasing out on Report 191 and introduction of Occupational Programmes that marks an important step towards empowering students with practical skills and improving employment prospects in the country. It has recently attained QCTO Accreditation on the below qualifications and has introduced Occupational programmes aimed at equipping students with relevant practical skills needed in today's competitive job market.

Occupational programmes are designed to respond to the growing demand for skilled professionals in various industries while providing students with opportunity to build successful careers. The introduction of these Occupational qualifications is part of the institutional commitment to meeting the needs of the modern economy. Our institutional goal is to provide students with practical skills that will make them employable and enable them to contribute positively to the development of or communities.

Newly introduced programmes in Engineering Studies at the College are

- Automotive Motor Mechanic L4
- Bricklayer L4
- Electrician L4
- Welder L4

Currently the college envisages to offer a range of Business studies Occupational Qualifications included but not limited to: Bookkeeper, Supply Chain Practitioner L5, Retail Buyer L5, Community Development Practitioner, Early Childhood Development L4, Small Business Owner and many more spreading in all college campuses in preparation for 2027. Another exciting addition is the IT programmes like Internet of Things and general studies like Hairdresser qualifications.

Prospective students are encouraged to apply for these programmes during the upcoming registration period. The introduction of these new occupational programmes marks an important step in strengthening skills development and expanding educational opportunities for young

Facts about occupational programmes

- Hands on training
- Industry aligned
- Work intergrated learning





THE 2026 STUDENT PARLIAMENT: EMPOWERING THE FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP

By Olona Bunyenge

The College successfully convened a Student Parliament on 23-24 January 2026 in Kokstad.

The student parliament serves as an accountability platform through which the Central SRC reports to the student body. It deliberates on critical and emerging issues from campuses, ensuring consultation and transparency, particularly in preparation for SRC elections.

The student parliament ensures that students have a voice in matters that affect their academic and social environment, this concept is rooted in democratic principle, aiming to give students a voice in matters that affect their educational experience and environment.

The College student parliament meeting discussed key issues affecting students and also upcoming events, academic support, and campus facilities. The upcoming events include: GBV and Mental Health Awareness Campaign, Provincial athletics, Consultation meeting with IEB, TVET Cup, SRC Induction and Recognition of outgoing S.R.C

Some common issues affecting Ingwe TVET College students include:

- Funding challenges: Limited bursaries and financial aid
- Limited industry connections: Difficulty in finding work placements and internships
- Infrastructure issues: Inadequate facilities or equipment for studies
- Skills mismatch: Curriculum not aligning with industry needs
- Student support: Limited academic or personal support services

It was discussed that the potential resolution to these challenges is to increase partnerships with industry organisations for sponsorships and also advocate for more funding and assistance from the government. For limited industry connection, it was suggested that College must establish stronger industry partnership for in-service training, internship, job shadowing and mentorship programmes that will upskill students. The College should collaborate with industry to update curriculum and offer industry-specific workshops to solve the skill mismatch issue.

Student parliament contributes to the development of student policies by identifying gaps and referring such matters to College management for consideration and action.





Empowering Inclusion Through Innovation: College Welcomes Hearing Impaired Learners into Robotics Programme

By Xolani Mgwayi

In a significant step toward inclusive education and skills development, Ingwe TVET College has proudly enrolled 15 learners from Sive Special School into the Robotics programme. This milestone highlights the college's commitment to bridging educational gaps and ensuring that students with disabilities have equal access to opportunities in high-demand technological fields.

The introduction of deaf learners into the Robotics programme is more than just an academic achievement, it is a powerful statement about the future of education in South Africa.

By embracing diversity and fostering inclusion, the College is creating an environment where innovation thrives through different perspectives and abilities.

The College representatives expressed enthusiasm about the initiative, noting that the integration of deaf students into technical programmes demonstrates that disability is not a barrier to learning. Instead, it is an opportunity to rethink teaching methods and promote accessibility in ways that benefit all students.

This partnership also underscores the importance of collaboration between Special Schools and institutions of Higher Learning. This partnership is set to open doors for learners who might otherwise face limited career pathways, particularly in the Science, Technology, and Engineering field.

As Ingwe TVET College continues to champion inclusive education, this initiative serves as an inspiring example for other institutions.

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2026 ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND DISABILITY PLANNING WORKSHOP: BUILDING INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

By Amanda Rabe

Ingwe TVET College continues to position itself as a transformative institution in South Africa's Vocational Education and Training sector. As the 2026 academic year unfolds, the College's focus on academic support and disability planning reflects a broader commitment to inclusive education, student success and equitable access.

In February the Student Support Services unit convened a two-day session on Academic Support and Disability planning. The session aimed at strengthening inclusive education practices and enhancing student success through engaging presentations and interactive sessions.

The aim of the workshop was to

- Promote awareness of academic support strategies available for learners.
- Strengthen disability inclusion within the teaching and learning environment.
- Encourage collaboration between Academic and student support staff.

The workshop brought together Student Support Services Officers, Lecturers and Senior Management who committed to fostering an environment where all students including those living with disabilities can thrive.

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PHUMELELA MAWENI: A RISING STAR IN ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

By Funeka Babalwa Ntsalaze

Meet Phumelela Maweni, an Engineering and Related Design student at Ngqungqushe Campus of Ingwe TVET College, who recently earned a bronze medal at the National World Skills Competition.

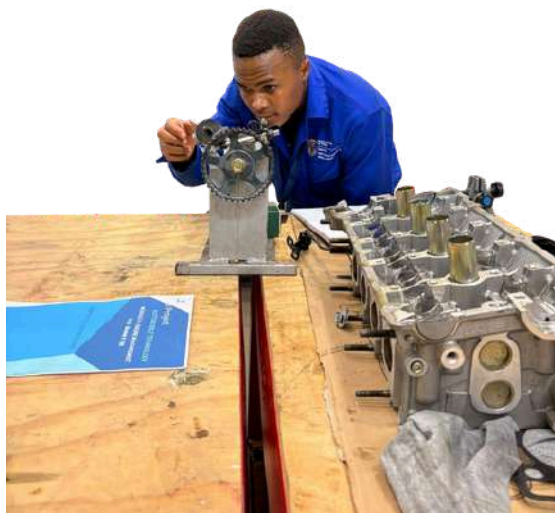
The WorldSkills South Africa National Competition is one of the most prestigious platforms for TVET students in South Africa which takes place bi-annually. It brings together top-performing students who emerged as winners at Provincial level to compete in various skills where winners will compete internationally. The 2026 competition was held in Durban, showcasing the country's brightest young talents in various skills.

Phumelela Maweni stood out among the competitors by securing a bronze medal in Automobile Technology, a demanding discipline that requires both theoretical understanding and hands-on expertise. This achievement highlights not only Maweni's technical competence but also dedication, discipline, and resilience.

Being part of the Engineering and Related Design programme at Ngqungqushe Campus, Maweni has been exposed to practical training that bridges the gap between classroom learning and industry requirements. The programme equips students with essential skills such as mechanical knowledge, diagnostics, and technical design, preparing them for careers in the automobile industry.

Competing at National level often requires commitment and dedication and comes with high-performance expectations. In preparation for the Competition he was mentored and coached by Mr Zuko Thole, a lecturer for Engineering and Related Design Level 2 - 4 at Ngqungqushe Campus. Representing the Province in the WorldSkills competitions is a milestone and Phumelela did not disappoint.

The achievement has brought pride not only to Maweni but also to Ingwe TVET College and the Eastern Cape Province.



SATVETSA EC TAKES A STAND IN FIGHTING GBV AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

By Hlumelo Othandwayo Manqina

SATVETSA Eastern Cape took a Proactive and commendable role in addressing two of South Africa's most pressing Social challenges, Gender Based Violence & Femicide and Mental Health.

On 05 - 07 March 2026, SATVETSA hosted an event at Ikhala TVET College - Sterkspruit Engineering Campus, addressing the province's rising Gender-Based Violence and Femicide, which has impacted students' mental health.

The event aimed to take a stand against violence towards students in the sector and create awareness about mental health ills that affect them.

The program included stakeholders such as DHET officials, Higher Health officials, a Registered Counsellor, all 8 EC College SRC's, Peer mentors, College Student Support Services Divisions, and Hon Cllr Phelokazi Bilikwa. Councillor Bilikwa is a community leader, gender-based violence (GBV) activist and newly appointed councillor for Chris Hani District Municipality. Keynote speakers included the Mayor of Walter Sisulu Municipality Cllr V. Davids, affirming her support for students and stance against the crisis. NPA representatives presented on the legal consequences of perpetrating such acts, reporting channels, and case handling.

All eight TVET Colleges in the Eastern Cape pledged support towards the Provincial structure on helping fight this pandemic, creating a safer environment for our students.

The event exceeded expectations, featuring a march to Sterkspruit Police Station, where a memorandum on student safety was handed in and accepted by the Station Commander. Future programs include an Anti-Drug and Gambling campaign, addressing substance abuse and NSFAS fund misuse amongst students .



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INTRODUCING THE 2026 SRC



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Ezile Mathambo
Treasurer General



Jerome Gowana
Education & Transformation Officer



Bonginkosi Nzimande
Sport, Arts & Culture Officer



Mfanelo Nokutshaya
Health & Welfare Officer



Dineo Temeki
Religious Officer



Yanga Mpangeva
Residence Officer

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS EXCEL IN INTERCAMPUS ATHLETICS

By Sabo Zifo

Ingwe TVET College is proud to have 14 Deaf students registered for Robotics and Programming at Maluti Campus in January 2026. Most of these learners are actively involved in sport.

The College hosted its intercampus athletics on the 7th of March 2026 in Matatiele.

The deaf students representing Maluti Campus showcased exceptional talent, resilience, and sportsmanship across multiple track and field events. Competing against some of the College's best athletes, they proved that determination and discipline can overcome any barrier.

Among the standout performances were impressive finishes in sprinting events, middle-distance races, and field disciplines such as long jump and shot put. Each athlete contributed to the team's overall success, demonstrating both individual excellence and collective strength.

- Interpreter Sabo: Sibonelo Phato - long jump
- Interpreter Sabo: Siphamandla Malumeza - long jump and 5000m
- Interpreter Sabo: Asezile Mbethe - 100m and 200m
- Interpreter Sabo: Mbulelo Sijinga - 100m and 200m
- Interpreter Sabo: Simvusile Nonduku - shot put

These winners will be representing the Eastern Cape Province in the Sakhiwo Zuma CoSACSA track and field events in Cape Town. As they prepare for the National competition, these students carry not only their College's pride but also the hopes of the Province.

Their story serves as a powerful reminder that success is not defined by limitations, but by perseverance, passion, and the courage to push beyond them. With their eyes firmly set on the National stage, these athletes are ready to once again prove that nothing can silence determination.

The main challenge at this moment is that there is only 1 Interpreter who has to juggle between all different events.

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Ingwe TVET COLLEGE LADIES FC: RISING STARS OF MATATIELE

By Katiso Sekhosana and Mlungisi Mkhize



Ingwe TVET College is proud to have its Ladies Soccer Team participating in the SAFA Alfred Nzo Regional League. It all started in 2023, and it has been an interesting and eventful journey. The Ingwe TVET College Ladies Soccer Team participated for the first time in the Matatiele Regional Stream and got 4th place in the finals. This was what motivated them to participate even in more local competitions.

Their big break came in 2024 when they dominated on and off the pitch which led them to winning the Mayoral Cup with a perfect record of 4 wins in 4 games.

2025 took them to even greater heights with the following highlights

- Won the Matatiele stream
- Topped the Mini Playoffs in Alfred Ndzo region (Mount Ayliff)
- Represented Alfred Ndzo in Provincial Playoffs
- Beat OR Tambo Region 1-0

2026 started with a blaze as they beat Diski Pros 7-0 in the Sasol league. They also played against Held Sapphire which ended in a 1-1 draw

Special thanks to the Coach Mr Katt Sekhosana, Team Manager Ms Nonyaniso Yaphi and Technical Manager Mr Mlu Mkhize.

The future is bright for Ingwe TVET College Ladies FC.

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COLLEGE ATHLETES EXCEL AT PROVINCIAL ATHLETICS COMPETITION, SET TO SHINE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION IN CAPE TOWN

By Babalwa Ntsalaze

Ingwe TVET College is celebrating the remarkable achievements of 32 of its outstanding athletes who recently excelled at the Provincial Athletics Competition, earning them a spot in the upcoming National Competition set to take place in Cape Town at the end of April.

The Provincial Athletics Competition hosted by Ingwe TVET College in Matatiele Stadium on the 2nd week of March. This competition showcased some of the finest athletic talents in the Province, with participants from the 8 TVET Colleges in the Eastern Cape competing in various track and field events. The 32 athletes from Ingwe TVET College demonstrated exceptional performance and determination, securing numerous medals and qualifying spots for the National Competition.

In preparation for the Nationals, the athletes will engage in rigorous training sessions, tailored coaching, and mental conditioning to ensure they are at the top of their game.

The Acting Principal of Ingwe TVET College, Dr. Radile, expressed immense pride in the athletes' achievements. "We are thrilled to see so many of our students qualify for the National Competition. As a college, we strive to provide our students with the necessary resources and guidance to help them succeed, both academically and in extra mural activities".

As these athletes prepare to head to Cape Town, there is an air of excitement and anticipation surrounding their potential successes.

Ingwe TVET College stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration, showcasing what dedication, hard work, and community support can achieve. As the athletes embark on this next chapter of their sporting journey, the college community and supporters will be cheering them on every step of the way. With their eyes set on victory, the future looks promising for these young athletes as they represent Ingwe TVET College on the national stage.

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FAREWELL FUNCTION IN HONOUR OF MS DANDALA

By Zimasa Mmango



Ingwe TVET College gathered on the 26th of March to bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. Dandala, a lecturer who has dedicated her life to shaping the minds of countless students since she joined the institution in 1995. Her journey of over three decades, has not only left an indelible mark at the College but has also profoundly influenced the lives of her students and colleagues.

Ms. Dandala began her tenure as an English Lecturer in 1995 at the former Mount Frere Technical College.

Colleagues admired her professionalism and work ethic. Ms. Dandala was always willing to lend a helping hand, collaborate on projects, and share her extensive knowledge and experience.

To honour her legacy, Ingwe TVET College organized a farewell celebration attended by current and former students, as well as staff. All came together to express their gratitude and appreciation for Ms. Dandala's unwavering dedication. The event was filled with heartfelt speeches and memories shared as people reflected on her remarkable journey.

Ms. Dandala's contributions have significantly shaped the learners of Ingwe TVET College, especially Mt Frere Campus.

As Ms. Dandala embarks on a new chapter of her life, she may be leaving her formal role as a lecturer, but her legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

In her closing remarks during the farewell event, Ms. Dandala expressed her deep appreciation for the experiences shared, the friendships forged, and the lessons learned throughout her career. "Teaching is not just a job; it's a calling," she said. "I have cherished every moment spent with my students and colleagues, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for each one of you."

The College family will always hold her in their hearts, and her passion for education will continue to resonate within the College.

We wish Ms. Dandala all the best in her retirement.

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FROM THE HR DESK

By **Ntombizovuyo Damoyi**

As we bid farewell to some of our cherished colleagues who are embarking on new adventures in retirement and at other institutions, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the years of dedication and commitment they have shown.

Resignations and Retirements

Ms T. Zikhali

Ms Zikhali joined the College as a Lecturer at Ngqungqushe Campus in 2018. Her last date of service as an employee of Ingwe TVET College was 28 February 2026.

Mr S. Mdunyelwa

Mr Mdunyelwa was appointed as a Chief Accountant at the Finance Department in 2016. His last date of service as an employee of Ingwe TVET College was 31 March 2026.

Ms N. V. Njenge

Ms Njenge joined the College in 2002 as a Lecturer at Siteto Technical College. She was appointed as a Senior Lecturer then later as an HOD at Siteto Campus. Her last date of service was 31 March 2026.

Ms N. Dandala

Ms Dandala joined the sector 31 years ago as a Lecturer at the former Mount Frere Technical College. Her last date of service was 31 March 2026.

New appointments

The College is thrilled to welcome newly appointed lecturers and support staff. We are excited to have them on board and are confident that their skills, talents, and passion for education will make a significant impact on our students and staff.

Mr A. Stokwe
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