Bulungula College

Independent School Grades 10-12

Xhora Mouth, Eastern Cape, South Africa





Ethos - Sakh' iinkhokheli zesizwe ngobuntu

Our Vision

To be a centre of excellence that fosters holistic, lifelong learning.

Our Mission

To achieve our vision by working creatively as a team and partnering with our community and other stakeholders while always remaining true to our values.

Our Values

- We treat everyone with warmth, respect and dignity.
- We approach challenges with grit and optimism.
- We treat people equally and fairly.



2022 Class Breakdown

• Grade 12: 36 learners

• Grade 11: 55 learners

• Grade 10: 60 learners

• 1:17 Teacher to Learner ratio

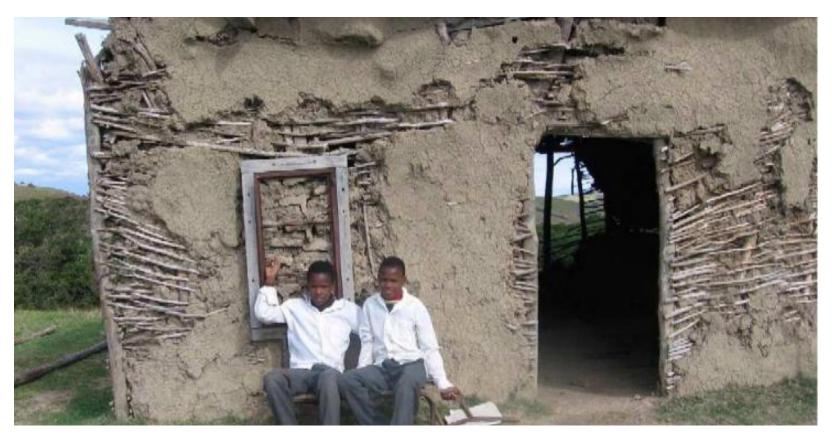




Bulungula Incubator How it evolved

Education is a central focus of the Bulungula Incubator (BI). The rehabilitation of No-Ofisi Primary School was the project that prompted the formal incorporation of the Bulungula Incubator in 2007. At that time the only educational facility available was a collapsed wattle and daub structure, where little teaching of any kind took place.

Steadily over-time, the BI developed our Education programme to provide quality education starting during infancy (ECD @Home), Early Childhood Development (ECD), Maths & English support at government schools (iiTablet Tshomiz), high school and Matric certificate (Bulungula College), and vocational education and training (Job Skills Entrepreneurship Programme at the BC).



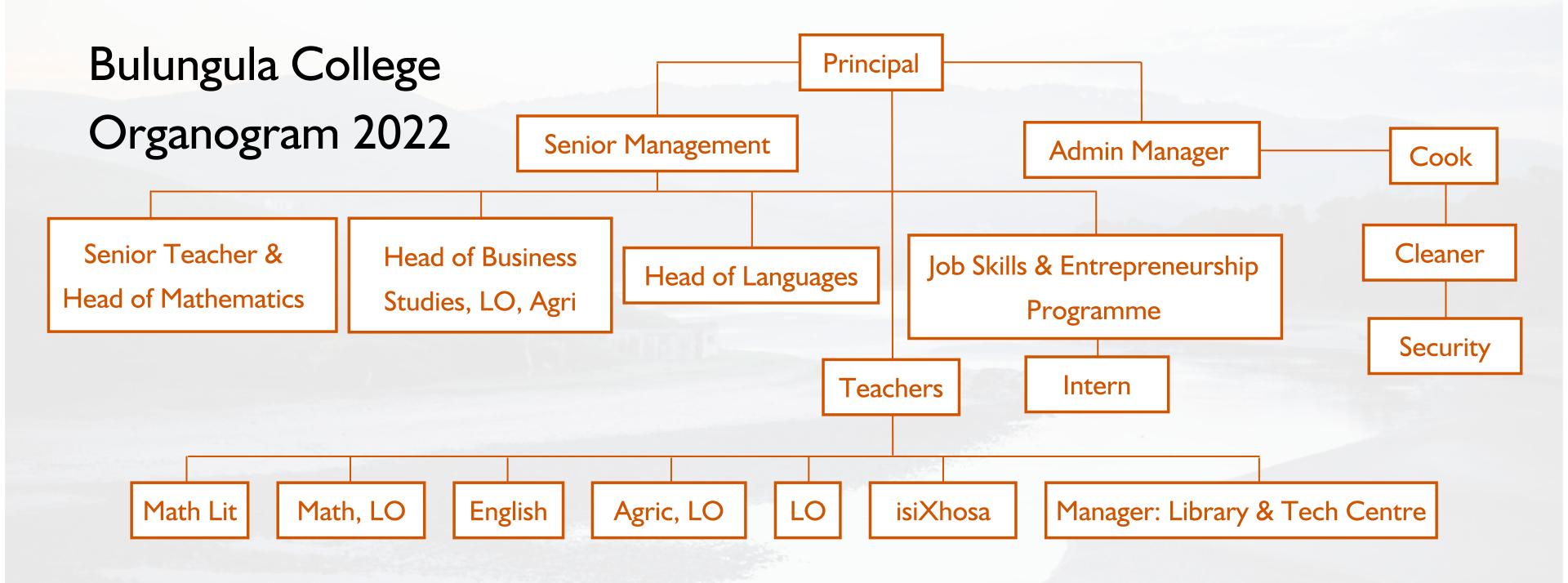
No-Ofisi Primary School prior to collapsing, 2007



Bulungula College grade 12 learner (first graduating class) receiving his Matric necktie, 2021.



In 2019, the Bulungula College opened its doors to grade 10 learners in the Xhora Mouth Administrative Area. Prior to opening, there was no high school in the area, and no functioning scholar transport to other high schools or colleges. The only option for learners who wanted to pursue a high school education was to leave their families, rent accommodation, and attend a high school far from our community. Not only was this an expensive form of education (that most in our community could not afford), but going away to a school in an unstructured environment proved to be difficult for learners, resulting in many dropping out. As a result, 95% of learners from our communities were unable to complete grade 12.



Principal, Mthandwa Sincuba; Senior Teacher & Head of Maths, Charles Mufundirwa; Head of Business Studies, LO, Agriculture, Peacemaker Homodza; Head of Languages, Lulama Mata; Job Skills Entrepreneurship Programme, Ntombiza Lingani; Intern, Sinovuyo Mpisekhaya; Math Lit, Fezile Bombo; Math, LO, Patricia Komichi; English, Yamkela Mafa; Agriculture, LO, Ngeniso Mbadla; LO, Saneliswe Mtshali; isiXhosa, Sobhoyise Onelile; Manager of Library and Tech Centre, Sinazo Ntambekwana; Admin Manager, Betty Ndikumbini; Cook, Nosipho Xwita; Cleaner, Nontle Mkhanya; Security, Dumalakhe Totoza, Ncedisa Hlahla, Michael Hakisha, Nodaya Makhosi, Nokheyisana Nopotane, Nolusindiso Nkatshu.



Bulungula College Principal, Mr. Mthandwa Sincuba

Date of Appointment: 01 January 2019

Achievements:

- Assisted in the establishment or expansion of Mida Schhol, Eastern Cape from Senior Primary to Senior Secondary School in 2004 and became its High school Deputy head from 2004 to 2006
- Mida School High school Principal from 2006 to 2010 (Top district Matric achiever, 2008)
- National Teaching Awards- Cluster Finalist "Excellence in Secondary School Leadership in 2009
- Achieved Matric performance above 80% between 2006 and 2009
- Produced provincial finalists in Maths and Science Olympiads
- Improved Maths and Science Matric results in two Public Schools (Dinizulu and JJ Njeza SSS between 2010 and 2015
- Produced above 70% Matric results in Physical Sciences at Khanyisa High School, Mthatha in 2016
- Managed the MathsBuddy programme in partnership with 3 Primary schools in Xhora Mouth, Elliotdale, Eastern Cape between 2017 and 2018
- Managed the Grade 9 bridging programme for Bulungula Incubator
- Assisted in establishing Bulungula College in 2019
- Publish an academic paper on learners' Attitudes towards Mobile Learning Technology Based Instruction in Mathematics
- Attended a number of academic conferences and Submitted a number of Abstracts to SAMSTE, WSU-UNIVEN and SASE
- Pursuing a Doctor of Education qualification
- Produced Bulungula College's 68% Matric pass rate in 2021 (the most matric passes in the history of the Xhora Mouth Administrative Area)

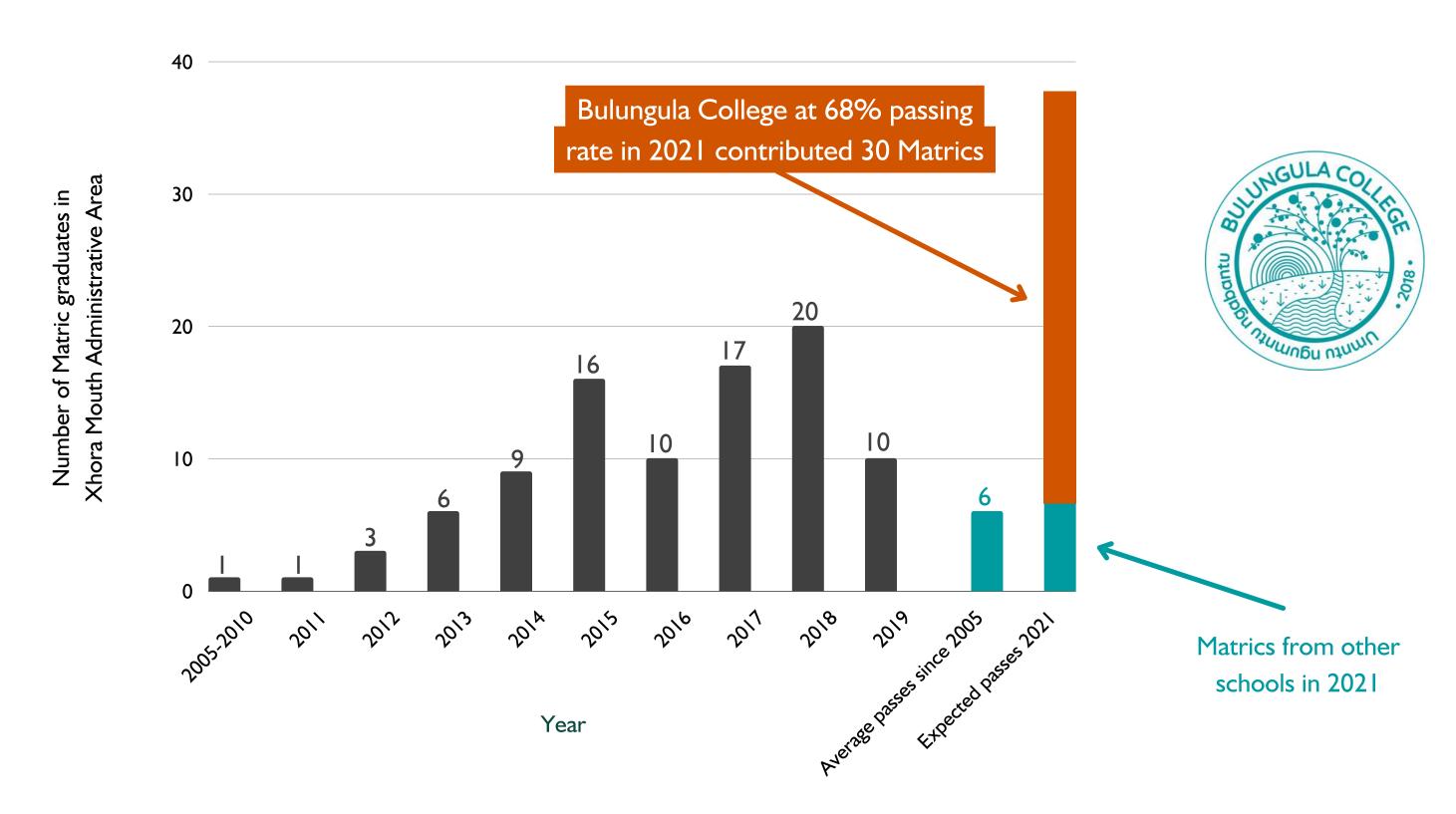
Bulungula College Achievements



- Expansion of infrastructure
- Development of Job Skills Entrepreneurship Programme (accredited vocational education and training)
- An approved site for opening during COVID lockdown due to our strict adherence to COVID protocol
- A voluntary COVID testing and vaccination site, including offering testing and vaccines to staff and eligible learners
- Provision of sexual and reproductive education and resources
- Mental and emotional support of learners
- Learners and Drivers license training provided to all JSEP and Grade 12 learners
- Affiliation with the Independent school Association of South Africa (ISASA)
- Opening of the Bulungula Tech Centre (computer lab)
- Matric camp for exam prep and readiness
- 68% Matric pass rate in 2021 (the most Matric passes in the history of the Xhora Mouth Administrative Area); Two passes through our Second Chance Matric Programme (improving pass rate from 64% to 68%)
- Successful completion of 'Phase One' of our school plan
- Strategic planning and 3 year plan

Matric Results 2021

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Challenges & Strategic Plan Going Forward

Now that we are no longer expanding grades, we are entering into 'phase two' of our school plan. To improve and strengthen our school, we came together as a teaching staff to discuss challenges and strategically plan for our next phase. During our workshop, facilitated by Mariette Visser from ISASA, we revamped our vision, mission, values, and ethos, and set forth an actionable plan to provide the best quality education to our learners that we can.







Strategic Action Plan 2022

Educated and well-cared for children will carry families out of poverty and contribute to a thriving South Africa in the future.



Bulungula College Strategic Planning Workshop with BC teaching staff, ISASA and the Bulungula Incubator Management, 2022.