

Shoprite groceries save matric study camp

Shoprite and the Lunchbox Fund joined forces to partner with hard-working teachers to save the matric study camp of Leonard Ntshuntshe Secondary School, a no-fees school near Emalahleni (Witbank).

“This camp isolates the learners from the distractions at home and in their community. In the four years we’ve been running the camp, it has proven not only successful but also necessary. However, this year we almost had to cancel as we had no funding to cover the food expenses. At the last minute Shoprite and its partner the Lunchbox Fund saved us with their food donations,” says acting school principal, Mr T.E. Nkosi.

At camp the learners’ day starts at 5am and includes four group study sessions, four eating or relaxing breaks and one self-study session. “It’s a long day for the children, which is why nutritious food is such a vital ingredient in the camp’s success - it ensures they stay sharp and focused,” adds Nkosi.

Following the inaugural camp in 2015, the school’s matric pass rate has increased to above 95% and this year they aim to achieve a 100% pass rate. “We always strive for excellence. Our community and other schools ask us how we do it, but it’s only through dedicated teachers and partnerships like the one with Shoprite. Thank you Shoprite!” concludes Nkosi.

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