

MELKBOSSTRAND



PRIVATE SCHOOL

History was made at Melkbosstrand Private School (MPS) in February 2021 with the launch of the subject Agricultural Management Practices. MPS is one of the few, if not the first, independent private school who is promoting Agriculture among the youth of South Africa for the future.

MPS is privileged to be partnering with Mr. Seymour Currie of Joyce's Angus Stud who will be acting as a mentor to our learners and sharing with them from his wealth of knowledge as a championship Angus breeder.

In addition MPS has also partnered with RFID Experts Africa, a subsidiary of BKB, who will be erecting a fully automated and electronic cattle handling facility on site where our learners will be exposed to the latest precision technology used in agricultural management practices. As part of the school's strategy to promote Agriculture amongst the youth the school would also like to involve the community and will, once the RFID cattle handling facility has been established, make the facility available to any other school in the vicinity who is prepared to offer Agriculture as a subject.

We, as a school, look forward to expanding our agriculture footprint and being part of the whole value chain involved with the agriculture industry and promoting this under our youth for the future.

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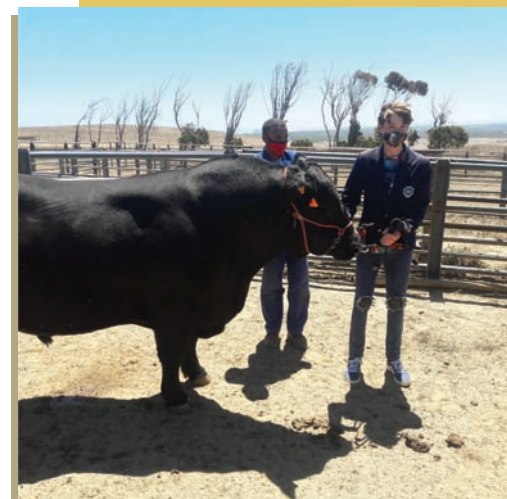
CEO



LEARNER COMMENTS: FARM VISIT on 9 Feb. MR. CURRIE

The experience of visiting the Blouberg farm of Mr. Currie was amazing and very interesting. We learned so much about Angus cattle and other things I never knew even existed. I finally see how important and fascinating cattle farming really is. Mr. Currie was a very good host and made the the lesson very interesting and humorous. His knowledge of the animals was unbelievable. It was also fun when we led the bull around the compound. The bull was very calm and understood our guidance. It was an amazing experience and I am looking forward to the next visit.

Ek en my klasmaats was Dinsdag 9 Februarie genooi om na oom Seymour Currie se Angus boerdery te gaan. Dit was `n groot ondervinding en was vet pret. Ons het baie nuwe goed geleer en het die voorreg gehad om een van sy top bulle om die ring te lei. Ons het dit regtig baie geniet en die ander kinders skoon jaloers gemaak. Ek wil net persoonlik baie dankie sê aan oom Seymour vir sy tyd en geduld met ons mal kinders. Ek hoop ons kan weer gaan want ons het nog baie om te leer.



Agricultural Management Practices is the study and application of production, economic and management principles that are used in the cultivation, transformation and marketing of food and other agricultural products. The subject is designed to provide learners with a sound practice orientated base that integrates theoretical and practical competencies.

THE FOLLOWING SKILLS ARE DEVELOPED IN THE LEARNERS:**Management Skills:**

the knowledge and skills required to plan, organise, guide, control and evaluate production factors to achieve sustainable production enterprises;

Entrepreneurial Skills:

the ability to manage risks and combine production factors creatively to produce superior goods and services;

Operational Skills:

involves the day-to-day management of crop and animal enterprises;

Marketing Skills:

those value-adding activities in the agricultural supply chain that deal with various agricultural production lines; and

Research Skills:

involves aspects of problem identification; setting objectives; data collection, analysis, evaluation; and report writing.

