



RICHARD VARHA HIGH SCHOOL

ILIMA CAMPS

BACKGROUND

- Started in 2013, has been running for 6 years
- Instigated by poor performance in previous years and June and September examinations
- The aim was to remove learners from undesirable environments and influences at home where there would be influence of peer pressure, drugs, alcohol and other social and family related problems
- Learners would be isolated from the outside world for 7-8 weeks while taking part in a rigorous revision programmes.
- No cellphones, no visits from the outside except on Sundays where parents visit for an hour and bring back laundry.

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STRUCTURE

- Camp is run by a committee of 5 staff members: 1 camp co-ordinator and 4 monitors
- Committee monitors timetables are adhered to, arranges outside expert tutors, ensures meals are prepared properly and on time, ensures rules are followed, sick learners are transported to clinics/ doctors, arranges for motivational speakers and church services for learners
- There are 5 food handlers and 2 sleep-in matrons (one for boys and one for girls)
- Prefects are elected as monitors to monitor learners in dormitories and in classrooms

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- 2018 had 3 camps. One in June for syllabus coverage, One in September preparing for trials and the last one in October
- Ex-learners from previous years came from universities
- Introduced t-shirts to motivate learners with the words “ulala njani ungena Bachelor?”

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RULES

Boarding Rules

1. Boarding facilities are accessible only to learners during the week. Visitation will be allowed on a Sunday only. Only visitors accompanied by registered parents/ guardians will be permitted to visit.
2. No cellphones are allowed at the centre.
3. Vandalism of the centre facilities and properties will NOT be allowed. Vandalism is punishable by immediate expulsion from the centre and revision programme. There will be no compensation of funds as any balance will be forfeited.
4. Learners must be punctual and observe all protocol. No learners will remain in the hostel during tuition and study periods. Bunking of any lessons will not be tolerated. Observe all meal times. Only authorised meals will be allowed.
5. Learners will be responsible for their own property and should keep their rooms locked when they are not in.
6. The centre and its facilities are weapon, alcohol and drug free areas for the duration of this programme. Campus monitors, educators and teacher-assistants reserve the right to conduct searches at anytime, should there be violation/ suspicion, without prior warning. Offenders will be evicted immediately.
7. Any form of sexual harassment and/or bullying will be regarded as a serious offence.
8. School uniform must be worn at all times except during sporting activities and on weekends.
9. Noise or any conduct that is disturbing/ harmful to others is not acceptable.
10. Learners are expected to show respect, courtesy and manners to fellow learners, tutors and centre staff at all times.
11. No lights will be on after 23:30.
12. No boys are allowed in the girls' hostel and also no girls are allowed in the boys' hostel.
13. Be neat at all times. Bring the following with you;
 - Your church, school, working and sports clothes so as to wear accordingly.
 - Sleeping clothes
 - Bath towel, soap (bathing and washing), toothbrush, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant.
 - Bible (if you have it)
 - Textbooks for all your learning areas
 - Your ID document
 - Sports equipment, chess sets, playing cards, acceptable magazines and books.
14. Any emergencies and sicknesses must be reported immediately to the centre monitors and principal. Clinic cards and medical prescriptions must be brought to the centre. Report any special medical requirements to the principal on registration before commencing programme.
15. Permission to go home will only be given by the principal in consultation with the parents. This is however discouraged and those given such permission will go at their own expense.
16. There will be compulsory Sunday service and midweek prayer or motivational sessions.
17. Failure to carry out duties assigned to you will be regarded as an offence/ insubordination.
18. No refund will be given to any learner evicted from the centre and programme. Any learner caught out of the boundary fence without permission will be evicted immediately. Roll calls will be carried out from time to time.

Tuition Rules

1. Attendance in classes and afternoon classes is compulsory. Non-attendance of classes and study periods will be regarded as a lack of interest and the concerned learner will have to vacate the centre.
2. Learners must adhere to the timetable and must be punctual at all times.
3. No loitering during classes and afternoon studies. Permission to visit the restroom must be requested from the teacher or monitors in charge.
4. Hostels are out of bounds during classes and afternoon studies.
5. Study material issued should be carried at all times, including study guides.
6. Every learner MUST bring their own calculators, pens, rulers, pencils and drawing equipment.
7. Attendance register will be signed by the learner for every period attended. Failure to do so will be regarded as absenteeism.
8. Chatting and disturbing behaviour will not be tolerated.
9. No cellphones are allowed.
10. Tutors and teacher assistants are to be given the utmost respect in and out of classes.
11. Any interaction in class should be of benefit to all students and to the learning programme.
12. Tasks given should be finished on due dates.
13. Learners are allowed to bring any matters of concern to the attention of the monitors or the centre manager (principal).
14. Exercises, sport and manual chores will be part of the programme and all campers must participate as indicated.
15. **FAILURE TO ADHERE TO ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE EXPULSION. NO REFUNDS OR COMPENSATION OF FUNDS AS ANY BALANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY LEARNER EVICTED FROM CENTRE AND PROGRAMME.**

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE, RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I (surname/ initial) the parent/guardian of grant him/ her permission to attend the Ilima Study Camp and understand that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of my child at all times. I therefore will not hold the province, the school or the teachers in charge responsible for any injury incurred by my child.

Signed:

..... (learner) (date)
..... (parent/guardian) (date)
..... (Principal) (date)

EXAMPLE OF WEEKLY TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
07:40-08:00	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	08:00-09:00	Breakfast
08:00-10:00	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	Acc/ Tour/ EGD/ Agr	Phys Sc/ Eco / Hist/ Tech Sci	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	ENGLISH (A&C) Xhosa (B&D)	Life Sc/ Bus Stud/ EGD	09:00-10:00	Prepare for service
10:00-12:00	Phys Sc/ Tour/ Eco/ Tech Sci	Bus St/ Life Sc/ Mech/ Elec	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	Acc/ Elec/ Mech/ Hist/ Agr Sc	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	10:00-12:00	Church Service
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Hist/ Agr/ Acc/ Mech/ Elec	Phys Sc/ Eco/ Hist/ Tech Sc	Agric/ Tour/ Acc/ Hist/ Mech/ Elec	Life Sc/ Tour/ EGD/ Eco	Xhosa (A&C)/ Tour/ EGD	Phys Sc/ Tour/ Eco/ Tech Sci	13:00-15:00	Tuition
15:00-17:00	Life Sc/ Bus Stud/ EGD	Maths/ Math Lit/ Tech Maths	Life Sc/ Bus Stud/ EGD	Phys Sc/ Bus Studies/ Tech Sc	English (B&D)/ Agr/ Acc	Hist/ Agr/ Acc/ Mech/ Elec	15:00-16:00	Visiting
17:00-18:00	Free time/ Group study	Free time/ Group study	Free time/ Group study	Free time/ Group study	Free time/ Group study	Free time/ Group study	16:00-18:00	Tuition
18:00-19:00	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	18:00-19:00	Supper
19:00-21:00	Group study	Group study	Group study	Group study	Group study	Group study	19:00-21:00	Group study
21:00-22:00	Study	Study	Study	Study	Study	Study	21:00-22:00	Study

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PAST PERFORMANCE

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Number of Learners who wrote	129	125	139	187	98	123
Number who passed	117	108	108	149	88	117
Number of learners failed	12	16	31	38	10	6
Percentage Pass	90.7	87.2	77.7	79.7	89.8	95.1
Bachelors	38	26	47	51	41	80
Diplomas	57	59	52	59	39	33
Higher Certificates	22	24	9	39	8	4