



Mission Statement



*It is the mission of SWPS to **discover the prodigy within every individual.***

We aim to accomplish this by actively transforming every child into a giant through the fulfilment and implementation of our **Core Values.**

- **Empowerment**

We provide staff, parents and learners with an environment which nurtures social, academic and spiritual strength. Within our intense focus on the development of accountability, responsibility and respect in addition to the recognition and acceptance of individuality and diversity, we allow learners embrace their own perfection and brilliance.

- **Transparency and Integrity**

We encourage a mind-set of openness and integrity amongst all members of SWPS. We believe firmly in the value of transparency in the development of a sound character, maintaining relationships and obtaining authentic success. Ethical and respectful behaviour is expected of everyone and it is vital in the development of valuable members of society who have the ability to respond in compassionate ways towards others.

- **Excellence**

We actively teach and practise the following motto: Always do Extra. The ordinary can only be transformed into the extraordinary when we are committed and persistent, as Aristotle said: "We are what we repeatedly do . . . excellence ... is not an act, but a habit." Every individual has the potential to obtain excellence if they apply excellence to everything that they do. Therefore, a habit of excellence in all things is promoted in our learners.

- **Ubuntu**

The philosophy of Ubuntu involves the understanding that we are because of others. The act is defined by Archbishop Desmond Tutu as being approachable to and affirming of others, without feeling threatened by their talents or abilities, since we form part of a greater whole. Therefore collaboration and teamwork are vital Core Values, since our individual happiness and success lies in the happiness and success of our team.

- **Life-long Learning and Continuous Improvement (Innovation)**

We believe in the Kaizen Principle which involves the act of continuous positive improvement. This is an inclusive process that involves all members of SWPS. Perfection is unobtainable as a goal, but the striving for perfection involves the understanding that life-long learning and innovation are central to success of any kind. All things in life involve continuous change; therefore we apply the daily practice of interchangeable reflection and action in order to meet the challenges of changing demands and contexts.