



MEDIA STATEMENT

NC Pupils to represent province at DWS National Competition

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A total of 37 pupils participating in different categories of water and sanitation school projects will represent the Northern Cape at the Water and Sanitation National Adjudication competitions and Youth Indaba to be held in Gauteng from the 23-27 June 2019.

Among the pupils are three learners from Kimberley who won comprehensive bursaries from the Department of Water and Sanitation, namely Mr Taslin Marthinus and Ms Jurnaid Plaitjies from Floors High School, as well as Ms Zandile Dwane from the Northern Cape High School. They are the Provincial winners of the South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP) competition for “best invention” project.

Provincial winners of the Aqua Enduro school project are from the Kimberley Girls, Port Nolloth and Wrenchville High Schools and will represent the Northern Cape against 54 other learners from other South African provinces. Each province shortlists 6 finalists to compete at national competitions for bursaries. The department each year awards 20 bursaries.

In the Public Speaking category are learners from Dibotswa High School in the Joe Morolong Local Municipality (LM). The school project targets grades 10 & 11 learners who are doing pure mathematics and science and are expected to achieve 65% and above in their June results to qualify for a bursary. Three learners participate in this category which is in a debate format.

The Baswa le Meetse competition which was launched in 2003 targets learners at foundation phase and aims to recognize the role of young people in educating society about integrated water management, sanitation and health and hygiene. It uses art as a medium, particularly music, drama, poetry, praise and poster drawing.

All the mentioned school projects start at District level to Provincial and culminate at National level. The 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme (VfWSEP) is an initiative of the Department of Water and Sanitation in partnership with the Department of Basic Education. It is aimed at educating learners about water use efficiency, use of toilet facilities, protection of water resources, health and hygiene, and water safety.

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