



**Meeting for interested parents
25 October 2014: 9:30am
Notes on Ken Krige's Address**

Why a new school?

1. Worldwide there are exciting new innovations in education.
 - a) Sugata Mitra's [hole-in-the-wall](#) experiments have shown the power of children to teach themselves and teach each other if they have access to appropriate technologies.
 - b) [Salman Khan](#), [Coursera](#) and many others demonstrate the effectiveness of video lessons, which allow the learner to control pace.
 - c) Learning Management Systems such as Moodle and Open edX are software platforms that immediately provide detailed assessments of work, allowing students to repeat exercises until they attain complete mastery.
2. Education in South Africa is not working.
 - a) The [latest report](#) of the World Economic Forum shows SA in top spot in the world on a number of corporate and banking criteria, but last out of 148 countries for our maths and science education.
 - b) According to the SA Department of Education's [Annual National Assessment](#) in 2013, only 3.4% of South Africans pass (50% or above) mathematics in Grade 9.
 - c) Teacher performance is poor. [In the press](#) earlier this year, 253 High School Maths teachers in KZN got an average of 57% on work they are supposed to be teaching.
3. The world is changing.
 - a) There is no doubt children are changing and need to be educated differently.
 - b) [Jobs are changing](#) and children need to be prepared differently.

What kind of school will Kitsong be?

1. Blended learning environment.
 - a) Varied activities.
 - b) Varied class sizes.
 - c) Every learner is a teacher.
2. Technology-rich learning environment.
 - a) Every learner will carry a tablet pc.
 - b) Wifi access to a school-based server will give learners immediate access to books, video lessons and online exercises and tests in every subject.
 - c) Lots of assessment with fast feedback and repetition.
3. Science and Technology subject focus.
4. Comprehensive broader curriculum.
 - a) Values and spirituality
 - b) Sport
 - c) Culture
 - d) Leadership
 - e) Environmental education
5. Accessible.
6. The [website](#) gives more detail.

How much will it cost?

1. Public Schools in Rustenburg cost in the region of R1300 per month.
2. School Fees for Kitsong will be R1200 per month.
3. [These fees](#) include tuition and, in 2015, will include a Lenovo tablet for learners starting in January.
4. Transport, uniform, books and stationery will be extra.

Where will it be?

1. Kitsong will be in the current RBI offices in Phokeng.
2. There is a [detailed map](#) on the website.

Who is it for?

1. Kitsong opens for Grade 8 in 2015.
2. Current Grade 7 learners may apply.
3. An [application form](#) is available on the website.