



19 September 2022

Dear Parents

RE: RANDOM SEARCH AND VISIT BY THE SAPS

Referring to letter to parents dated 14 September 2022 regarding random search in the senior phase the SAPS under the leadership of Capt Nkosi, Capt Mthethwa and Sergeant Biyela with various members of the SAPS did a surprise visit to Zululand Remedial Centre. Sergeant Biyela explained the reason for the visit and ensured that all learners are well informed regarding the danger of illegal substances, weapons and being a bully, needed to be addressed. Sergeant Biyela assured all learners that the SAPS are there to support and protect the community and to ensure that all schools are a safe environment for all working at the school. Zululand Remedial Centre would like to thank Col Du Preez for initiating this important initiative taken to assist with the support of the SAPS. The school and it's SGB support and will keep encouraging all our learners to keep ZRC free of any criminal activities.

ZRC Safety policy states that this is a weapon free, drug free school with notice boards visible at the entrance of the school.

Parents are reminded regarding the following:

The South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 Sect 8(a): "*unless authorized by the principal for legitimate educational purposes, no person may bring a dangerous object or illegal drugs onto school premises or have such object or drug in his/her possession on school premises or during any school activity.*"

"*Subject to subsection (3), the principal or his or her delegate may, at random, search any group of learners, or the property of a group of learners, for any dangerous object or illegal drug, if a fair and reasonable suspicion has been established –*

(a) that a dangerous object or an illegal drug may be found on school premises or during a school activity; or

(b) that one or more learners on school premises or during a school activity are in possession of dangerous objects or illegal drugs.

3(a) A search contemplated in subsection (2) may only be conducted after taking into account all relevant factors, including –

- (i) The best interest of the learners in question or of any other learner at the school;*
- (ii) The safety and health of the learners in question or of any other learner at the school;*
- (iii) Reasonable evidence of illegal activity; and*
- (iv) All relevant evidence received.*

Zululand Remedial Centre would like to extend our gratitude to the SAPS regarding this outreach today.

Parents are once again informed that in future more random searches will be conducted to ensure the safety of all our learners and staff.

Your co-operation will be appreciated to ensure that your child do not bring anything to school that is not allowed.

Regards

PRINCIPAL