

School fills a huge gap

TATENDA CHIRISERI

THE community of Kraaifontein will soon have a R64m state-of-the-art school, expected to be completed later this year.

The school will accommodate 1110 pupils from grades 8 to 12, as well as 38 teaching and support staff.

This 16-month project is set to provide a much-needed secondary school for Kraaifontein.

The education MEC, Debbie Schäfer and the MEC for the department of transport and public works, Donald Grant, visited the site of the new school yesterday.

The building of the school has incorporated some Water-Wise features, which include the installation of borehole facilities and a tank farm, water-wise sanitary fittings and a flow restrictor on the main line.

The new school will consist of 15 senior classrooms, 15 junior classrooms, a chemistry lab, biology lab, computer room, two multipurpose classrooms, multimedia centre, six senior management offices, a counselling room, two sick rooms, a secretary's office, a staff room with kitchen, hall with kitchen,

storeroom and ablution facilities and one caretaker's storeroom.

"This project included extensive construction work, which made use of conventional building materials and methods that remain the most economical, durable and low-maintenance system of building. The project also brought with it some noteworthy empowerment opportunities for the benefit of targeted enterprises and local labourers.

"A total of 2.85% of the construction value has been allocated to targeted subcontractors, while 1.74% has been dedicated to local labour to date.

"Of the contract value, 1.74% was used to source materials from targeted suppliers and manufacturers, while on-site training opportunities in bricklaying and plastering were provided," Grant said.

The department of education in this financial year has spent more than R1.2bn on building and refurbishing school infrastructure across the province.

Due to a large growth in population in the Kraaifontein area, it had experienced an increased number of pupils needing placement in schools.

provinces@thenewage.co.za