

The South African National School Moot Court

The Department of Basic Education, in partnership with the Department of Justice & Correctional Services and Foundation for Human Rights host the National schools Moot Court competition on an annual basis. The competition is also supported by independent law firms, non-government organisations, Universities and the Law Society of South Africa and South African legal Aid Board.

The National Schools Moot Court competition offers a dialogic and experiential platform for young people to experiment with the actual application of the country's supreme law. Most importantly, this Moot Court exercise is not only about the law but the founding values that undergird the country's Constitutional Law. All secondary school learners, grade 8 -11, are invited to enter as a team of two learners. They prepare an essay on a fictional Constitutional Court case, as both applicants and respondents to the case.

On 03-07 October 2017, the National School Moot Court Finals were held at University of Pretoria and Constitutional Court respectively. The Problem Statement on which they defended as Respondents and Applicants was based on Freedom of Expression and Cultural Rights. The competition was presided over by Constitutional judges. The process led to the selection of the best teams based on their performance during the National elimination Rounds. We take this opportunity to congratulate Vuyolwethu Ngobese, Philasande Mdletshe, Mashudu Mandaha; Adivhaho Mudanalwo, Qhayiya Mayinje; Kian Terwin, Sibulele Mbambi and Athenkosi Mthiya who did optionally well during the National School Moot Court Finals. The team will be representing South Africa during the 4th International School Moot Court competitions at The Hague, The Netherlands.

The South African Schools' Profile

1. Dundee High School (KZN Province)

2. Mphaphuli Secondary School (Limpopo Province)

The school is situated in Limpopo Province in the rural area called Thohoyandou .It has an enrolment of 1281 learners .The school offers both the Curriculum and the Curriculum enrichment Programmes. Some of the curriculum enrichment Programmes offers include chess, soccer, debate and National School Moot Court.

Although the school has limited resources, the school management, school governing body, learners, parents and community always work together to ensure that there is provision for quality education

3. Beacon Hurst High School (Eastern Cape Province)

Beaconhurst School is situated in Beacon Bay East London and has gone from strength to strength in all its prominent spheres. One of the keen and strong activities that Beacon Hurst values is the National School Moot Court. Moot Court was first introduced into the school in 2015. The pupils then came 9th in South Africa.

4. Holy Cross (Eastern Cape)