



MEDIA RELEASE

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Concordia High School receives a safety caravan

Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans, handed over a safety caravan to Concordia High School on Wednesday, 30 September. The safety caravan will be utilised as a tool to combat the increasing gang related violence in the school which has become a major concern.

Knysna Municipality, South African Police Services, Community Police Forum and the School's Governing Body have had several meetings, strategising ways to bring an end to gang related violence in the school. Ms Wolmarans said although safety and security in schools is not the municipality's mandate, stakeholders should all come together and make the children's safety a priority. "A conducive and safe environment in schools is important for the development of children to ensure that they reach academic excellence. We also need to establish a cooperative relationship with parents and community members as gangs are a community problem as well, we cannot operate in isolation in our efforts of creating a safe learning environment."

Ms Wolmarans thanked the Western Cape Provincial Government for their support. "The municipality submitted a request to the Provincial Government and they responded favorably by providing us with two safety caravans and we have already handed one over in Sedgefield. These caravans will be a great asset to the school and we ask learners and personnel to take good care of them. The safety caravan will not only be beneficial to Concordia High School but to the community as a whole", she concluded.

Caption:

Executive Mayor hands over the safety caravan key to Concordia High School Principal.

From left: Deputy Principal Rene Verhaelst, Ward 8 Councillor Ntombizanele Jantjies, School Principal George Gueorguiev, Knysna Executive Mayor, Georlene Wolmarans, School Administrative Clerk Siyabulela Tembani & Chairperson of School Governing Body Magdalena Moos.

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