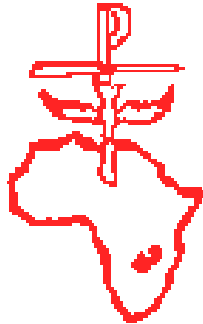


***Studying at  
MAKENI ECUMENICAL CENTRE***



***Laying a solid foundation for the future!***



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## **1 Background**

Makeni Ecumenical Centre is a non-profit-making, Christian serving institution registered with the Ministry of Education. The school's mission is to provide affordable, quality education and skills training to our pupils with the primary aim of empowering them to lead decent lives and contribute positively to overall national development.

The school works hand in hand with the government, the church, Parent Teachers' Association, the Friends of Makeni and other well wishers. The environment is very conducive for learning due to a blending of indoor and outdoor activities tailored to suit the needs of pupils at various levels of learning.



Established in 1971 as a preschool with only 30 children and 2 teachers, the school has graduated to a total enrolment of 300 pupils and 18 teachers, still allowing a supportive environment. This expansion is as a result of the hard work of a very committed, well qualified team of administrative and teaching staff and well disciplined pupils.

Makeni Ecumenical Centre School is an examination centre for Grade 7, Grade 9 and will soon be for Grade 12 Examinations. A review of examination

results for the past few years reveal a marked increase in the number of pupils passing with flying colours! No wonder many parents prefer to send their children to Makeni Ecumenical Centre School.

## **2 Academic Programmes**

The school runs an academic programme based on the Zambian government Ministry of Education curriculum and runs from 0730 to 1530 hrs.



The academic programme is arranged in an ascending hierarchical order outlined below.

### **2.1 Nursery**

The nursery has two preschool grades – Baby class and Reception, with children ranging between two and six years of age. At this stage the child is introduced to various academic skills including the alphabet, handwriting, numerals, creative activities, spoken English, story telling and religious education. Most of the work is done under the close supervision of the teacher. Since some pupils are too young to concentrate for a long time, facilities are provided within the school for those who may from time to time want to rest or go out to play. The programme is adjusted from time to time to suit the needs of the children.

## **2.2 Lower Basic School**

Pupils at Lower Basic School range from seven to ten years and make up grades one to four. They are slightly more mature than those at Nursery and can concentrate more than the former.



It is at this level that serious work is undertaken both in and outside the classroom. Mathematics, English, creative and technology studies and science as well as computer lessons are offered.

## **2.3 Middle Basic School**

The middle school includes grades five, six and seven. Pupils range between eleven to thirteen years old. Like their counterparts in the lower basic section, these pupils



study mathematics, English, creative and technology studies and Science and sit

Special Papers 1 and 2. Computer studies are also offered as a non examination subject.

## **2.4 Upper Basic School**

The upper basic school includes students aged between twelve and fourteen. All pupils at this level undertake a course of study comprising mathematics, English, environmental science, geography, history, civics, religious education, agricultural science and office practice. These courses prepare the children for High School subjects that are more challenging. In addition to work in the class a lot of time is spent in the field tilling the land, doing creative activities and learning hands-on skills. Computer studies are also part of the curriculum. The school Production Unit is mostly looked after by pupils in this section since agricultural science forms part of their curriculum. Cabbages, rape, onions and tomatoes are some of the crops pupils grow for sale.



## **2.5 High School**

The High School section is made up of pupils fourteen years of age upwards. All pupils preparing for the Joint Examination for the School Certificate and General Certificate of Education O-Level study Mathematics, English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Literature in English, Geography, Religious Education, Civic



Education and Commerce. Computer lessons are also part of the syllabus at this stage. It is hoped that very soon the school shall introduce GCE lessons to cater for the large number of school drop-outs who want to pursue further studies.

### **3.1 Computer Lessons**

The school offers computer lessons to its pupils at all levels as we recognise the importance of computer literacy skills. With rapid innovations in information technology and industry, it is prudent that upon completion of grade twelve pupils are able to use the computer proficiently. Currently the school has 30 computers at the disposal of its pupils. It is hoped very soon this will also be an examinable subject at grade 9.



### **3.2 E-Learning**

The school uses multimedia projectors, white boards and overhead projectors to enhance learning in the school through visual aids. E-learning is not only interesting, but has created a desire to learn more among pupils. This has translated in a correspondingly higher pass rate.

The school has an Information Technology room fully equipped with facilities for use in the teaching-learning process.█

### **3.3 Library and Cybrary**

The school has a spacious, well stocked library offering pupils a wide range of books on many subjects. Subjects include sciences, mathematics, geography, history, commerce, English, religious education and many others. A wide range is also found in the cybrary (e-library). Story books can also be found as well as readers for those who want to improve their reading skills. Pupils may either borrow books of their choice or sit down and read at their own convenience.█



### **3.4 Laboratory**

Makeni Ecumenical Centre School provides an unusually large laboratory that is well stocked with chemicals and equipment for pupils' use in science and technology subjects.



Pupils conduct experiments under the watchful eye of their science teachers whenever it is science time.

## **4 Skills Training**



Every Tuesday and Thursday pupils go out in the field to participate in one of the skills programmes offered by the school. These are hands-on programmes in which pupils carry out specific activities given by their instructors.

The skills training subjects are carpentry, agriculture (crop production, pig rearing & poultry), electronics, and food production.

It is hoped that once acquired these skills will enable one engage in self-employment and have complementary skills after completing school.



### **4.1 Carpentry**

The school has a well-equipped carpentry workshop capable of hosting about 20

pupils at one sitting. Pupils undertaking training in carpentry are first introduced to the tools used by the carpenter and then taught how to make various basic products. There is emphasis on repairing damaged school chairs, desks and tables. Some of the items produced are offered for sale to the public.

### **4.2 Agriculture**



Apart from work in the school production unit, pupils undertake agricultural training. Students can learn how to keep and rear chickens or pigs and how to grow vegetables. Most of the crops produced are offered for sale. Skills training in agriculture has complemented the work of the teacher in class, especially for pupils taking agricultural science.

### **4.3 Electronics**

Training in this field is intended to empower the pupils with practical skills in basic electronics including understanding household appliances such as television sets, radios, stoves, pressing irons and many other items. This study equips the trainee with the practical know-how of maintaining appliances.

### **4.4 Home Economics**

Under home economics pupils are trained in hygiene, food production, cookery, baking and knitting.



## 5 Outdoor and indoor activities



### 5.1 Sports

A number of sporting Activities are offered by the school. Apart from football and netball, the school offers pupils chance to learn and participate in basketball, volleyball, hockey and baseball. For this purpose, the school has a very well stocked sports room.

Inter-school games with other local schools are a popular event.



### 5.2 Clubs

The school runs a number of clubs and every pupil in the school is required to belong to one of these. Some of these are Jets, Peace, Chongololo, Debate, Art and Anti-drug clubs. The unique and various talents are exhibited during the famous annual awards ceremony. Traditional dances are one of the most breathtaking performances the children take part in.



### 5.3 Educational Tours

Every term pupils are taken on educational and leisure tours to relate what they learn in class to the outside world and how people live in society.

Some of the favorite destinations are Mundawanga, Lusaka Museum, the International airport, Kalimba farm, Kafue National Park, Adventure City, the Victoria falls in Livingstone and even the unique rural areas of Zambia.

### 5.4 Exchange programmes

In conjunction with Scholengroep ZuidWest in the Hague, Holland, Makeni School has various exchange programmes aimed at enhancing intercultural understanding and improving educational standards for the



Zambian child at Makeni School. Some of our teachers and pupils have visited the Netherlands to appreciate the differences in our countries. A teacher and



Dutch pupils have also visited our school.

### 6 Student Welfare

In an effort to meet the needs of an ever increasing number of pupils, the school has in place a self-serving cafeteria offering various dishes to its clients at subsidized prices.

The school has a well-stocked tuck shop offering soft drinks to pupils.

In partnership with the Lusaka District Health Management Team the school has within its bounds a full time Clinic attending to all the health needs of its pupils and the community at large.



**School fees** are affordable and there is a flexible payment plan.

Makeni Ecumenical Centre School is wholly owned and run by Makeni Ecumenical Centre – a Christian serving agency registered as a non-profit making institution.

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