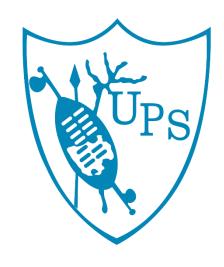
# **UBOMBO PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **PROSPECTUS**

Honour First	
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### Welcome to UPS

UPS strives to be the Premier Primary School in the Swaziland Lowveld, offering an internationally recognized education in a compassionate environment, from Grade R to Grade 7.

Situated in Big Bend, on the Ubombo Sugar Estate, Ubombo Primary school is registered with the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa.

As well as following a challenging international curriculum, we offer our learners the opportunity to enjoy a truly Swazi education, instilling in each and every child - "Swazi Pride"!

Ubombo Primary believes in the age old philosophy of educating—Head, Hand and Heart!

Our academic programme strives to equip our learners with an internationally recognized education, based on critical thinking.—Educating the Head!

Our extramural programme is balanced carefully offering learners the opportunity to excel at both sports and cultural arts.—Educating the Hand!

Our values programme, founded on Biblical Christian principles, instill the well-known Fruits of the Spirit. Educating the Heart!



Academics

UPS has a proud history of superior academic performance. As a member of ISASA, we meet all international academic requirements.

Our language programme equips our learners to travel the world!

English is the language of learning and teaching, and each learner can choose between siSwati, French or Afrikaans as a second language.

Mathematics and Science are core subjects. Using the world renown "Singapore Mathematics", our Foundation Phase learners are encouraged to approach Mathematics critically moving easily from the concrete to more abstract concepts.

Our learners have the opportunity to benchmark their achievements against the International Examinations Core Exams in Grade 6, as well as the Grade 7 High School entrance test MATCH. Testing is always designed to give learners every opportunity to perform well, taking individual learning styles into consideration.

Proudly in 2014, UPS was awarded a 100% platinum certificate for the IEB Grade 6 Core Examination in Mathematics and Language.

In 2015, Our Mathematics team won first and third place against 307 top Mathematics students in Swaziland!



Our Winning Mathematics Team!

### Sport and Cultural Art

Situated in Big Bend, one of the warmest places in Swaziland, we take advantage of the weather to foster a love for swimming. From Grade R learners are taught water safety and enjoy a dynamic swimming programme.

Annually Ubombo Primary School hosts the Interschools Cross Country Event, with our learners running through The Peter van Eck Nature Reserve, while the Impala and Nyala graze alongside.

As an ISASA school, UPS competes in Swimming, Athletics, Soccer, Cricket, Rounders and Netball.

Our Cultural Arts programme is a vibrant and diversified programme, offering every learner an opportunity to find, explore, and develop their creative talents.

Our Music department enjoys great support from our children who clamour to participate in Choir, Vocals, Recorder, Drumming and Bushwackers.

UPS offers learners the opportunity to participate in the following clubs: Chess Club, Eco Club, Sewing Club, Art Club, French Club and Siswati Culture Club.



## Values to live by

The greatest want of the world is the want of men,--men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest;.. men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.

Ubombo Primary holds its Christian and Family values dear. In an everchanging world, we believe in giving our children a firm foundation of love, hope, honesty and honour.

Every action and decision is weighed against our motto of "Honour First".

This results in a happy, safe and compassionate environment, in which learners are part of the UPS family.

Just Fun

With the support of our active Parent Body, annually our learners are able to participate in Sunset Soccer, Valentines Banquets, the UPS Golf Day, Eisteddfods, Class Trips, Market Day, Swazi Day and the Annual Camp Out!





Learners are admitted to UPS in Grade 1 or Grade R. All learners are required to spend time with our Foundation Phase Head of Department, who will assess their readiness for the formal school programme.

Admissions open on the 1 June annually and close on the 15 July, with the admissions process completed by no later than the 30 August.

Admissions into other grades are done by interview.

All forms and further information are available at the school office.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information, regarding a placement for your child at UPS – Striving to be the Premier Primary School in Swaziland!

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**Absences:** Children will get ill, and need to miss school! Please send us a note explaining why your child was absent. This is placed in the file and needs to agree with the register at all times. Please try to make hospital appointments after school. All other absences need the permission of the Office.

**After care:** Aftercare is not run by UPS, but independently by a staff member. Please discuss aftercare with the office.

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Please provide your child with a PROTIEN breakfast. Protein is brain food! Bread and tea OR chips are not acceptable breakfast. Children should never skip breakfast.

**Bedtime:** Children need up to 10 hours sleep! In the Junior grades the children need to be in bed by no later than 8 pm, while in the higher grades 9:00pm is a suitable bed time.

**Computers:** Our fully functional Computer room, is available under supervision for learners to use when researching for all subjects. No USB / Flash Drives may be put into our computers.

**Communication with the school**: If not too confidential, you are welcome to write a note in the child's daily homework notebook. Alternately, give the office a call and ask to make an appointment with the Principal or Teacher. We promote an open door policy, but avoid having informal meeting with the parents in the local supermarket. Pop in for a chat and a cup of tea in the office.

**Cel Phones:** NO celphones are allowed at school. If your child brings one to school and it is stolen, UPS takes no responsibility for it.

**Cleanliness:** A daily bath is essential for good health. Children's clothes, hair and fingernails must be clean when coming to school. Clean underwear must be worn daily and teeth must be brushed twice a day. Germs cause infection which spreads easily!

**First Aid**: Although we have fully equipped First Aid services at school, please make sure any sores are treated and covered for school.

**Facbook**: Keep in touch with what is happening at school, by liking our facebook page:

**Homework**: Pupils are set homework from Monday to Thursday. Only projects are set over the weekend. Including reading, children should begin with 10 minutes in Grade R and increase by 10 minutes a year until they reach Grade 7, where they should by doing up to 75-80 minutes a day. Please ensure that children work in a quiet place with the TV and music turned off. Homework is an essential way of reinforcing what has been learnt that day.

**Home time:** Please note that although we are not responsible for children, when they leave the school, we are very concerned about their welfare. Grade R – 2 will be supervised as they wait for their lifts daily. Village children will be escorted across the road at Standard Band, and allowed to walk through the Club into the village. Please make sure your child is fetched promptly and that they know who they are going home with.

**Library:** We are very blessed to have a superb library and a dedicated librarian. Every child must have a library bag and books must be returned weekly. If a book is damaged or lost, you will be charged with the replacement cost of the book.

**Newsletters:** Weekly newsletters are sent out each Friday, or as often as needed.

**School Hours**: Grade R-2 7:15 am -1 pm

Grade 3 - 7 7:15 am - 3 pm

School closes at 1:30pm for everyone on a Friday.

Uniform: All available at Mr Matata

#### Girls: Monday to Thursday

Blue Sports Golf shirts and Blue Sports Shorts

White Ankle Socks

White School Takkies or Navy Blue Crocs

Blue V neck Jersey with school badge

Blue school Hat

School Tracksuit for winter

#### Fridays – Formals

School Dress with UPS badge on the pocket White Ankle Socks / Black tights in winter

**Black School Shoes** 

Blue V Neck Jersey with school badge

School Hat

#### **Boys: Monday to Thursday**

Blue Sports Golf shirts and Blue Sports Shorts

Navy Blue UPS socks

White School Takkies or Navy Blue Crocs

Blue V neck Jersey with school badge

Blue school Hat

School Track Suit for Winter

#### Fridays – Formals

**Navy Blue Shorts** 

White Short Sleeve School Shirt with badge on pocket

Navy Blue UPS socks

Black School Shoes

Blue V Neck Jersey with school badge

School Hat

#### **Sports Uniform:**

House T Shirt

**Swimming Costume** 

**Swimming Cap** 

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