



KAMOKA CAIRN



Apparently, a few boys started the rock cairn on their own accord at the end of the 2015 camp. Each boy collects a small rock whilst on the 3-week grade 9 camp at Kamoka. After 2015, the idea was picked up and made a tradition by prefects that go out to Kamoka on the last night of camp. They do a few war cries with the grade 9 boys that night and travel back with them on the bus. Once they disembark at the top gate, the students deposit their rocks on the cairn, walk down to the bus parking lot with a few Matrics and finish off by singing the school song. Although it is not yet a very old tradition, it is a memorable way for the students to end their Kamoka experience.



Kamoka Bush School is a journey of exploration, of courage, determination, and acceptance of self and others. It is a journey of discovering empathy and living sustainably. It is therapy for the soul, and a place of wonderment and gratitude.

Kamoka Bush School is situated on a game farm near Modimolle in the beautiful Swaershoek Mountains of the Waterberg. It is the sixth school of St Stithians, and the word 'kamoka' is a sePedi word of unity and togetherness.

Kamoka Bush School offers a residential camp facility. The programme ranges from camps of a few days to extended camps which last 21 days. Students at St Stithians have a number of opportunities during their school career to enjoy Kamoka. The flagship camp is the Grade 9 Kamoka experience, in which the students of the Boys' College and the Girls' College undergo a 21-day camp experience which can be life-changing in a number of ways.

A number of other schools bring their students to Kamoka for a rich outdoor education experience. We have a particularly strong relationship with Pretoria Boys High students and staff.

Through the Kamoka experience, students experience seven Rs of Outdoor Education: rites of passage, relationships, reach, rootedness, responsibility, risk and reflection.

At Kamoka Bush School, experiential learning and engaging with nature are tools used to expose our students to themselves and their world, beyond the four walls of the traditional classroom. Students are encouraged to participate in all of the challenges, to push themselves beyond their normal capacity and to immerse themselves fully in the diverse curriculum.

Kamoka is therefore uniquely positioned to promote respect, self-discipline, resilience, determination, stewardship, service and responsibility.

In this safe, caring and inspiring environment, the emotional and physical wellbeing of the students is seen to by the passionate staff at Kamoka, who ensure that each student's experience at Bush School is a rewarding and positive one.



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Let my purpose each day
be to Honour Myself,
Allow me to grow in moral
courage so that I may seek
to be honest
Allow me to find the
strength to live a
disciplined life.

