



Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen



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School History

Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen is a young school along the East Rand, east of Johannesburg, where towns were built on goldmines. No towns on the Witwatersrand are old. Boksburg is 104 years old; Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen 52 years old.

Boksburg, with its goldmines and its popular lake, is named after Dr Willem Eduard Bok — a Dutchman who came to the Boer republic in the Transvaal in 1876 at the age of 30. He became a friend of Paul Kruger who later became president of the republic, was part of the delegation which went to London to plead the case of Transvaal independence after annexation by Britain, and was state secretary and then state commissioner for the recently discovered Witwatersrand goldfields. He died in Johannesburg in 1904.

Hoërskool Dr EG Jansen was founded in 1955 as the post-war baby boom demanded more places in schools. It was founded as Hoërskool Voortrekker and had 209 pupils and 11 staff in temporary classrooms till it moved to its present property in 1958. The man who laid the foundation stone was Dr EG Jansen. Born in Dundee, Natal, Ernest George Jansen became the first Afrikaans-speaking Governor General of the Union of South Africa in 1951 when South Africa was still a part of the British Empire and the head of state was the British sovereign. He had been in politics from 1909, a founding member of the Nationalist Party, was the speaker

of the house of parliament and a cabinet minister in Dr Malan's government of 1948. He died in 1959 and it was Adv. BJ Vorster, later state president, who opened the new school building in 1960. The school has grown and flourished under its five principals. The present principal, JS Maré, has been in office since 1993.

Jansies Rugby

From the start rugby has played an important role in the school's past, but that enthusiasm received added impetus in 1999 when the school began a rugby academy and had a large number of applicants. It paid off in terms of the school's success. In 2004 EG Jansen reached the final of the Super 16 in 2004, just losing to Marais Viljoen in a splendid match of skilful, adventurous rugby.

EG Jansen's players play for the Valke at Craven Week. In 2001 EG Jansen had no boys in the Craven side, in 2002 one, 2002 three, 2004 six, 2005 two, 2006 two and 2007 five, including the captain Morné Mellet.

The school fields just over ten sides and regards Marais Viljoen as its greatest rival. The school has had just one SA Schools player — Fransie du Preez, who played flyhalf in 1985. He was chosen ahead of Joel Stransky in a team which included Francois Pienaar.

They have had no Springboks, but two of the 2004 team have done well. Both flank Francois Uys and fullback/wing Louis Ludik played Currie Cup rugby in 2004 when they were both not yet 20 years of age. Uys played for SA Under-19 in 2005 when the Baby Boks won the title, beating the Baby Blacks 20-15 in the final. Ludik became one of the stars of the Lions' side that made the final of the Currie Cup in 2007, a player of immense skill, speed, intuition and sense of adventure. It's a school where rugby is on the up.