



Hoërskool AJ Ferreira



FOUNDED: 1988
MOTTO: EDUCATION LIBERATES
ADDRESS: ROSEDALE, UPINGTON



School History

Hoërskool AJ Ferreira is named after AJ Ferreira, the first principal of Carlton-Van Heerden, the first Coloured high school in the area. It is in the Upington suburb of Rosedale, nearer the Kalahari than the Orange River.

Rugby at AJ Ferreria

When the school opened in 1988 it found it very difficult to be competitive in its first two years since there was a shortage of boys. However, rugby at the school soon grew and from 1992 to 1996 the First Team was unbeaten in the small schools rugby league. In 1996 a fixture was organised against HS Upington's Second XV, that plays in the Macro Schools League, and AJ Ferreira won 28-10. As part of the school's ten-year anniversary celebrations, the school's rugby sides travelled south to HS Swellendam. The First XV may have lost 35-15, but they drew the following year. From 2004, FNB have sponsored the development of the school's rugby. This, and a strong marketing drive in Upington as well as in the Siyanda district, has resulted in a number of Old Boys representing local clubs and some playing provincial rugby. Maxwell Joodt (Golden Lions development team), Franklin Mckenzie and Shaun Klaasen have played at provincial level. Upgrading the school's rugby field and bringing in further sponsorship remain future goals for AJ Ferreira rugby, but the school has nevertheless made huge strides in its short history.