

# *Hoërskool* **SENTRAAAL**



TREE has been faithfully engaged with Sentraal High School for nearly four years.

What began as a once-a-week UCSA period on Wednesdays has grown into a much wider and deeper presence at the school:

- A youth worker available for the full day every Thursday
- Termly Prayer Hours covering the school in intercession
- Evening ministry engagements at the hostel
- Special UCSA Weeks and Open-Air events

As an inter-church initiative, TREE includes volunteers from Baptistekerk, Every Nation, NG Kerk Heuwelsig, VEK Kerugma, and Doxa Deo Bloemfontein North, with Doxa Deo having the privilege of leading the work at Sentraal.

It is a testimony of God's faithfulness that, as we have remained faithful in serving, He has continued to open new doors of influence and ministry.

## **FEEDBACK**

### **Spiritual Growth Among Learners**

Our youth worker's weekly presence has given learners a consistent space to receive pastoral care, ask questions about faith, and share personal struggles. This has turned occasional moments into ongoing discipleship opportunities, helping learners grow bold in their faith and unafraid of seeking support.

### **Support for Teachers**

This year we introduced Teacher Invest sessions each term, where we intentionally pray for, encourage, and strengthen educators through the Word. We also continue to gather for Prayer Hours at the start of every term, interceding for the entire school community—students, teachers, and families alike.

### **Eie Haard Girls' Club (and Beyond!)**

Through conversations with the hostel father and the student support teacher, a need for deeper ministry among hostel learners became clear—especially among the girls. In response, we launched the Eie Haard Girls' Club, which meets every second week to explore biblical womanhood and identity in Christ.

God is working powerfully in these young women's lives, raising them to embrace their identity as daughters of the King.

## Special highlights of 2025

- First-ever UCSA Week (12–14 August)
- The school's very first Open-Air Worship Evening (20 August)
- Weekly UCSA sessions + Bible studies
- Full-day youth worker presence every Thursday
- Termly Teacher Invest sessions and Prayer Hours
- Launch of Eie Haard Girls' Club at the hostel

We celebrate these victories as evidence of God's faithfulness and the impact of sustained presence at the school.

With the Girls' Club growing and flourishing, the opportunity has come to start a Boys' Club as well, and we are currently gathering a team to take this step of faith.

And that's not all—another exciting door has opened! The hostel staff themselves expressed a desire for spiritual input, and the possibility of starting a home cell or community group for the teachers is already underway.

It is incredible to see how God's work in one area continues to ripple outward, touching every part of the school community.

## Vision for 2026

Looking ahead, our vision for Sentraal High School is to establish sustainable ministry processes that empower the school to carry forward the work themselves—with TREE stepping into more of a supportive and equipping role. This includes:

- Strengthening and multiplying UCSA sessions.
- Expanding the Hostel ministry by launching a Boys' Club alongside the existing Girls' Club.
- Establishing stronger structures for counselling and emotional support within the school.
- Equipping teachers, learners, and leaders to take ownership of discipleship processes.
- Keeping pastoral counselling as TREE's key role, while empowering the school to run other ministry initiatives independently.

We believe that taking a school by the hand is important, but empowering and equipping a school to become spiritually self-sustaining is the ultimate goal. While we know this journey takes time, we already see opportunities for further leadership development, deeper discipleship, and the mobilisation of student leaders within Sentraal.

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