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## The lyrics of the new School Song

# The birth of a new School Song

The question has to be asked:  
Why a new school song?

Rustenburg is underlining its commitment to creating an environment which embraces diversity and belonging. It was decided that the 'old' school song did not reflect this and Mr Jaco Goosen, as the Director of Music, accepted the enormous challenge of leading the project to create a new song.

Mr Adrian Skelly who, over the years, has earned a reputation as somewhat of a creative wordsmith, crafted the first draft of the proposed new lyrics. He serves Rustenburg as a Post Level 2 Educator and Head of the Dramatic Arts Department. This initial draft was then widely circulated and critiqued by a number of role players, including the Principal, Mr Michael Gates, the 2020 School Leadership Team, 2020 Transformation Team, as well as the general staff and Representative Council of Learners. The 2020 Head of School, Hlonelwa Zimba, also offered constructive advice.

The parties concurred: it was important to reflect the school's history, but also to move forward and create a new legacy, which could stand the test of time. Eventually the words of the new school song were approved. Mr Goosen is currently creating original music to accompany the lyrics and says that he is looking forward to the day when the Rustenburg community can gather and sing once again!

### VERSE 1

*On the slopes of Table Mountain,  
in the shade of Devil's Peak,  
near the fynbos of the Common  
and the rivers' winding creek,  
stands a beacon for the future  
with the wisdom which we seek.  
as we proudly join together  
with a strength that is unique*

### REFRAIN

*At Rustenburg we work and grow  
and learn to right what's wrong  
As we walk towards acceptance  
in a school where all belong.  
Yindawo yokwabelana  
Esithanda ukuba kuyo  
Sisakha isizwe esinye  
Isikolo sethu*

### VERSE 2

*In the spirit of Ubuntu,  
compassion understood,  
we appreciate each other  
to pursue the greater good  
as we live by our core values  
with strength and fortitude  
as we cherish lessons learned here  
and to leave with gratitude.*

### REFRAIN

*At Rustenburg we work and play  
and learn to right what's wrong  
As we walk towards acceptance  
in a school where all belong  
Dis 'n skool waar elk kan saampraat  
Waar jy net jousef kan wees  
Ons is die nuwe generasie  
Ons is jonk en vol van gees*

*It's our school called Rustenburg*