

Press Release

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Metrofile gives the Paarl School wheels

Metrofile donates a bus to Paarl School for Neurally Handicapped Children

Metrofile in the Western Cape has for the past year been helping the Paarl School for Neurally Handicapped Children by allowing some of the children to work in their office environment on Friday mornings. This week, however, Metrofile upped its game with the donation of a 15 seater bus to the school which it will use to transport kids to the school from the greater Cape Town area.

"We currently have around 15 busses and use them to pick up around 190 kids each day. We are in desperate need of new busses as a few of our fleet are really in need of replacement. We cannot thank Metrofile enough for this generous donation and for allowing our kids to also gain work experience at its offices on Fridays," says Ohna Nel, development manager at Paarl School.

Paarl School was established in 1978, as a realisation of the dream of parents in the local community. The school specifically caters for children with cerebral, physical and learning disabilities, and strives to give these children an equal education and to grow up coping with their disabilities and become productive members of society. The school achieves this by adopting the expertise of teachers, physiotherapists, occupational and speech therapists, psychologists and nurses.

Originally designed to accommodate 165 children, today the school successfully educates 320 children, and its school busses are used to transport the children in and around the Northern Suburbs, Paarl, Strand, Stellenbosch, Somerset-West and surrounding areas.

When Metrofile first opened its doors to Paarl School's learners a year ago, it allowed these children an opportunity to learn and grow in an office environment, and to take advantage of hands on training in a caring environment, an opportunity very few companies afford to disabled people.

"Very few employers and companies are willing to work with people with physical and or cognitive limitations, but Metrofile embraced this initiative without hesitation," adds Nel.

Working with Paarl School and its children, Metrofile has strived to expose learners to basic administrative and records management skills. By rotating the learners between departments the learners gain valuable experience and job training as well as maximum skills exposure.

"While working with these kids it came to our attention we could assist further by donating a much needed vehicle, and we hope it makes the lives of the children and staff at the school a little easier," ends Wayne Clark, general manager of Metrofile Cape Town division.

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Note to Editors

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