

# Independent Quality Assurance Agency Survey: 2010

Every independent school in South Africa is required to be accredited by IQAA (Independent Quality Assurance Agency) which is a body appointed by ISASA (Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa).

This is part of the process to ensure that all schools are compliant according to specific government regulations.

In response to these requirements, Kearsney hosted or carried out the following in 2010:

- IQAA survey completed by boys, staff and parents.
- IQAA Internal Evaluation conducted by Internal Evaluation team.
- Site visit from IQAA-appointed mentor.

The survey and focus groups involve the boys, staff and parent body.

The internal evaluation involves class visits in which members of the internal evaluation team visit other teachers' classes, as well as focus groups to discuss the results of the survey mentioned above.

## **RESULTS:**

The results for **Kearsney** are shown and compared with **national averages** for all other independent secondary schools (co-ed, girls only, boys only, boarding and day schools).

The percentage return from our parents was excellent at over 60%.

# *Kearsney parents' opinion*

(vs all other independent schools in SA)

KEARSNEY

National  
Averages

AGREE

DISAGREE

AGREE

DISAGREE

My child is happy at school.

98

2

94

6

My child is making good progress at school.

97

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92

8

My child is not involved and interested in school activities beyond the classroom.

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91

20

80

My child's attitude towards and respect for the teachers is good.

98

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98

2

My child's teachers show a good attitude towards and respect for her/him

97

3

93

7

My child is cared for, and not only in the classroom.

98

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92

8

The school keeps me well informed of my child's progress.

87

13

83

17

I am easily able to approach the appropriate staff member(s) about my child.

96

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89

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My child is experiencing good values through the people and activities at school.

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Discipline at the school is good.

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89

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(continued)...

<i>Kearsney parents' opinion (continued)</i>	KEARSNEY		National Averages	
	AGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE
My child feels safe and secure at school.	97	3	93	7
My child is bullied at school.	10	90	10	90
My child is given homework of appropriate nature and amount.	95	5	84	16
The leadership of the school is good.	97	3	91	9
The management of the school is good.	99	1	91	9
The school expects too much of learners academically.	3	97	30	70
The school has high standards culturally, eg: in music, drama, art, dance etc.	100	0	79	21
The school satisfies my child's sporting needs.	95	5	73	27
As a parent/guardian I do not feel welcome in the school.	4	96	13	87
The governing body does a good job.	100	0	90	10
The school's facilities are good.	99	1	83	17
I criticize the school to other people.	2	98	9	91

*Kearsney boys' opinion*  
(vs all other independent schools in SA)

KEARSNEY

National  
Averages

	AGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE
I am happy at school.	93	7	88	12
I am making good progress at school.	95	5	90	10
I am not involved and interested in school activities beyond the classroom.	9	91	25	75
I respect my teachers.	98	2	98	2
My teachers respect and care for me.	93	7	87	13
My teachers encourage me to work hard.	94	6	90	10
My teachers often complain about my work.	13	87	16	84
Discipline is good at school.	91	9	80	20
My possessions are safe at school.	69	31	53	47
I feel safe and secure at school.	94	6	84	16
I am bullied at school.	9	91	11	89

<i>Kearsney boys' opinion (continued)</i>	KEARSNEY		National Averages	
	AGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE
I am satisfied with the amount of homework I am expected to do.	76	24	75	52
The school has high standards academically.	99	1	92	8
The school has high standards culturally, eg: in music, drama, art, dance etc.	99	1	71	29
The school satisfies my sporting needs.	92	8	62	38
I am not interested in my work.	9	91	10	90
I have good friends at school.	96	4	93	7
There are too many learners in my class.	4	96	20	80
I find it difficult to approach my teachers with any problems.	21	79	41	59
The school's facilities are good.	89	2	73	27
My parents have a high opinion of the school.	96	4	83	17
I am proud to be at this school.	96	4	84	16