

Schools in Polokwane get free fibre

Vuma has officially launched the 'Free Fibre to Schools' Programme - an initiative that aims to provide schools with lightning-fast fibre for free in Polokwane, Limpopo.



As part of the initiative, primary and high schools located along Vuma's existing fibre deployment route in Polokwane are provided with a free 1Gbps fibre line from Vuma. Laerskool Pietersburg-Oos in Bendor has already benefited from the initiative, along with Adsum Academy, which received its fibre installations and connection with Capricorn. Vuma plans to connect more schools in the coming months.

The launch follows the recent arrival of Vuma fibre-to-the-home services in Polokwane, with fibre connections already active in Bendor, Welgelegen, Fauna Park, Flora Park, Sterpark and Annadale with more areas to be added soon.

"Fast fibre internet is the key to ensuring uninterrupted, efficient e-learning experiences, and although fibre is still in relative early stages of adoption in South Africa, the country is incredibly fortunate for the strides that were made in fibre technology over the last decade," says Dietlof Mare, CEO of Vuma.

Having piloted the Fibre to Schools programme with Greenside High, Hoërskool Linden and Parkhurst Primary School in 2016, Vuma in partnership with internet service providers in its network has since connected over 380 schools across

Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Cape Town and Durban, providing over 290,000 young minds with free fibre internet.

For schools to qualify as beneficiaries of this initiative, the school must be a primary or high school registered with the Department of Basic Education or the Independent Examinations Board (IEB). Vuma is committed to installing the fibre line into the school at no cost and will not charge the school any rental fees for the use of the infrastructure.

In addition to the free 1Gbps fibre line provided by Vuma, the school will also be able to enjoy a free 1GBps internet data package from participating internet service providers.

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