



Annual Donor Report 2025

*More than 300 deaf children's
lives changed since 2002*



Celebrating an Extraordinary Year

2025 has been a year of remarkable growth, exceptional achievement, and meaningful moments at Eduplex. Your support has continued to enable us to offer not only world-class inclusive education to both deaf and hearing learners, but also to professionals from around the world (professionals from 49 countries trained to date).

By including two to three deaf learners in every mainstream classroom, they learn, play, perform, and excel alongside their hearing peers while acquiring normal spoken language. Thanks to your generosity, we continue to prove what is possible in inclusive deaf education not only in South Africa but globally.

To learn more about Eduplex's
impact, click or scan the QR code:





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Academic Excellence & Lifelong Opportunity

Class of 2024: A Milestone of Success

Four deaf bursary students graduated in 2024, all accepted into tertiary institutions of their choice. Their success stands as a testament to your support, and to Eduplex's founding principles of inclusion, dignity, and excellence.

Many of our bursary deaf children come from poor homes (e.g. squatter camps) and are often raised by single parents or grandparents. By giving them the opportunity to develop normal spoken language, as well as access to world-class education, we are not only changing a deaf child's life but also making a tremendous impact on the family – truly changing tragedy into triumph (Mr. Mandela's words during the opening of Eduplex in March 2002.)

Your support equips learners with:

- **Independence** – to live full, autonomous lives.
- **Privacy** – to manage daily affairs without needing an interpreter.
- **Choice** – to pursue their own dreams, careers and ambitions.

Voices of Gratitude benefiting from your generosity

Leano Morakile overcame early developmental challenges and emotional trauma to become the lead actor in Aladdin.

“Your impact is immeasurable. Leano’s journey has changed our family.”

– Leano’s Grandmother

Aphiwe Mbewu completed school with distinction and plans to study psychology.

“Aphiwe’s foundation was made strong by the kindness of Eduplex and its donors.”

– Aphiwe’s Mother

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Real-World Learning & Curriculum Innovation

Real-Life Learning in the Foundation Phase

From planting flowers and observing tadpoles, to interacting with animals and testing sound with homemade telephones at our Audiology Centre, our pre- and primary school learners are encouraged to explore, ask questions, and discover.

These hands-on experiences:

- Build language-rich communication environments
- Nurture curiosity and problem-solving
- Encourage social and collaborative play – one of the most important skills for children living in a digital age.

Right: Olivia and Mika planting flowers · Lena with the tortoise · Grade 1s with homemade telephones.



Theme-Based Teaching

Eduplex classrooms transform regularly into interactive learning spaces where themes come alive through deeply engaging the children in the language of the theme and particularly benefits our deaf children on their language-learning journey.

Some examples:

- Grade 1 ran a mini 'SPAR' to learn about the basics of business
- Grade 3 discovered biodiversity in "The Jungle"
- Grade 4 explored history through "Museums"
- Grade 7 learned science and design through "Rollercoasters"

This initiative sparks deep learning, creativity, student ownership and language development for all students (deaf and normally hearing) across all grades.



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Technology & Innovation: Coding the Future

Robotics in the classroom plays a crucial role in transforming education by providing hands-on, engaging experiences that develop key skills for the future. From pre-school through to high school, Robotics and Coding have become vital parts of the Eduplex curriculum.



Above: Thirteen-year-old Kea Mabelane and his classmates take part in a robotics lesson building and coding functional robots using building-kits and tablets.

These programmes:

- Encourage creative problem-solving
- Build digital literacy
- Support equal participation between deaf and hearing learners
- Foster teamwork and confidence



Whether it's Asanda building with friends or high school learners coding functional robots — the message is clear: our learners are digitally prepared for the future.



Primary School Concert: “The Promise of Adventure”

Our young stars delivered a three-night showstopper that filled the auditorium with laughter, music, and magic. It was a celebration of courage, storytelling, and the creative power of inclusive performance.

These annual concerts are meaningful contributors to the growth of our deaf and normally hearing children by developing their public speaking skills; fostering a sense of belonging and teamwork and allowing them to showcase their learning and creativity.

The much-needed acoustic upgrades of the Auditorium and Student Centre were also completed this year. These improvements have vastly enhanced the sound quality of both facilities, resulting in clearer speech and richer music, thereby benefiting our deaf students and elevating the quality of all our productions.

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Arts & Culture



2025 Highlights

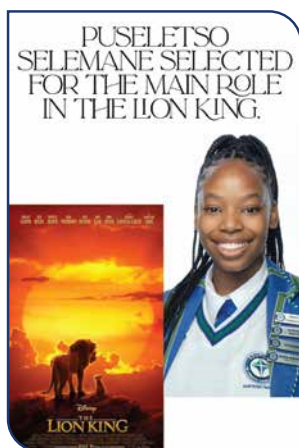
Eduplex children received numerous provincial, national and international awards.

Some highlights include:

- Eduplex Band – Winners of a national competition
- Outgoing Head Boy Kyan Coulson passed the baton to Jonathan Coetzee, our second deaf High School Head Boy, elected by the students, a reflection of our deaf children being exposed to equal opportunities.



- Puseletso Selemene – our 2025 Head Girl was chosen out of 100'000 applicants worldwide, to be the voice of Nala in The Lion King (musical) international production.



These achievements showcase Eduplex's belief that art, leadership, and sport are as vital to learning as academics.



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Sport: Grateful for our Success



2025 has been an extraordinary year for sport at Eduplex. Our learners proved that teamwork, dedication, and inclusion win the day.

Major achievements include:

- League winners – Inter High Athletics
- League winners – Inter High Swimming
- League winners – Senior Girls' Hockey
- Gauteng District Speed Chess tournament – winners
- Su-Ann Liebenberg – First deaf learner to achieve Provincial Colours in Cross-Country running

These accomplishments reflect the inclusive nature of our sport programme, ensuring that every child, deaf or hearing, is empowered to participate and succeed on an equal footing.



Left:
Su-Ann Liebenberg



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Infrastructure & Development

Eight New High School Classrooms (Opening 2026)

After nearly 10 years of waiting for approval from the authorities, construction finally began in January 2025 on eight new High School classrooms which were completed at the end of October.

This is a much-needed expansion that will allow us to welcome more learners into our high school for the new school year starting in January 2026.

The Eduplex Story Room

The Eduplex Story Room forms part of the eight new classroom development.

This new multi-purpose room will depict the amazing Eduplex Story and also serve as a meeting and training facility.



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Eduplex - a Beacon of Hope

This year, the Eduplex Training Institute (ETI) took bold steps toward advancing inclusive education by training more teachers and hearing aid acousticians, both in South Africa and abroad.

ETI shared the Eduplex model with new audiences through radio features, World Hearing Day engagements, and presentations to over 500 school principals at major education conferences.

Our 49th country – ETI and Ear Institute audiologists visited St. Helena Island (West Coast of Africa where Napoleon was buried.) to conduct hearing tests, fit hearing aids, and train local nursing staff, our commitment to underserved communities and to establish a sustainable healthcare service.

We welcomed U.S. deaf education expert Associate Professor Michelle Andros, who called Eduplex “a beacon of innovation” and pledged to promote our work in the US and abroad.

**382 people trained
by ETI in 2025**

We compiled our first online course catalogue, with 20 online accredited courses and 5 workshops that will commence in 2026.

Our collaboration with Mandela Park Primary School in the Eastern Cape made it the first public school in South Africa to fully adopt the Eduplex model of inclusion in a rural area. A new partnership with Kilnerton Primary School in Pretoria is now underway.

Through training, partnerships, and innovation, ETI continues to multiply the impact of the Eduplex Vision of inclusive education and audiological services far beyond our borders.



Mandela Park Primary School before our training.



After our training, the education model of the school was transformed, facilitating differentiated teaching.



Above: World Hearing Day celebrations; the school with Miss South Africa and the Second Lady of South Africa.

Eduplex's 23rd Birthday

We turned 23 this year and celebrated with cupcakes, songs and lots of laughter!

It was a fun and meaningful day to look back on the amazing journey we have had and more than 300 deaf children's lives that have been changed forever along the way.



Community Celebrations & Special Visitors

World Hearing Day

Our World Hearing Day celebration included visits from: Mia le Roux, Miss South Africa 2025, who was born deaf and received cochlear implants.

Mrs. Mashatile, wife of the Vice President of South Africa, who was so inspired that she extended her stay from one hour to three.

Their presence reaffirmed our relevance and the impact of the role Eduplex is playing in inclusive deaf education internationally.



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Stewardship & Sustainability

Budget 2025/2026 – Investing Wisely

Eduplex remains committed to financial integrity and transparency.

Your contributions directly support bursaries for deaf learners which include:

- Access to services by the school such as Specialist educators, audiologists, ENTs and speech and language therapists.
- Two meals a day, uniform, school fees and education outings for the deaf children to integrate seamlessly with their peers

You are welcome to request a detailed financial summary if you wish to explore exactly how your donations have been put to use.

A Word of Thanks

Thanks to you, deaf children who once had a very limited future, are now part of society at large and excelling in various spheres of life – medical, IT, engineering, business, tourism, education, etc.

At Eduplex, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. Your generosity makes that belief a reality, even more so for our children with hearing loss and their families.

Thank you for continuing this journey with us and believing in our Vision.

With deepest appreciation,

*Nico, Jan, Jayne, Louise
and the whole Eduplex Team*

Below: All of our 2025 deaf bursary children from Pre-School to High School. On their behalf we would like to say thank you for your support.

