

**We focus on
Maragon
Private School
this week**

A beacon of educational leadership

**School in Focus
Maragon Private
Schools**

THIS week's school in focus is Maragon School.

Based in the West Rand, Maragon is 10 hectares of school started just over a decade ago with the vision to create a centre of excellence in education in the area.

It stands as a beacon of educational leadership today, employing cutting-edge educational philosophies in its state-of-the-art facilities.

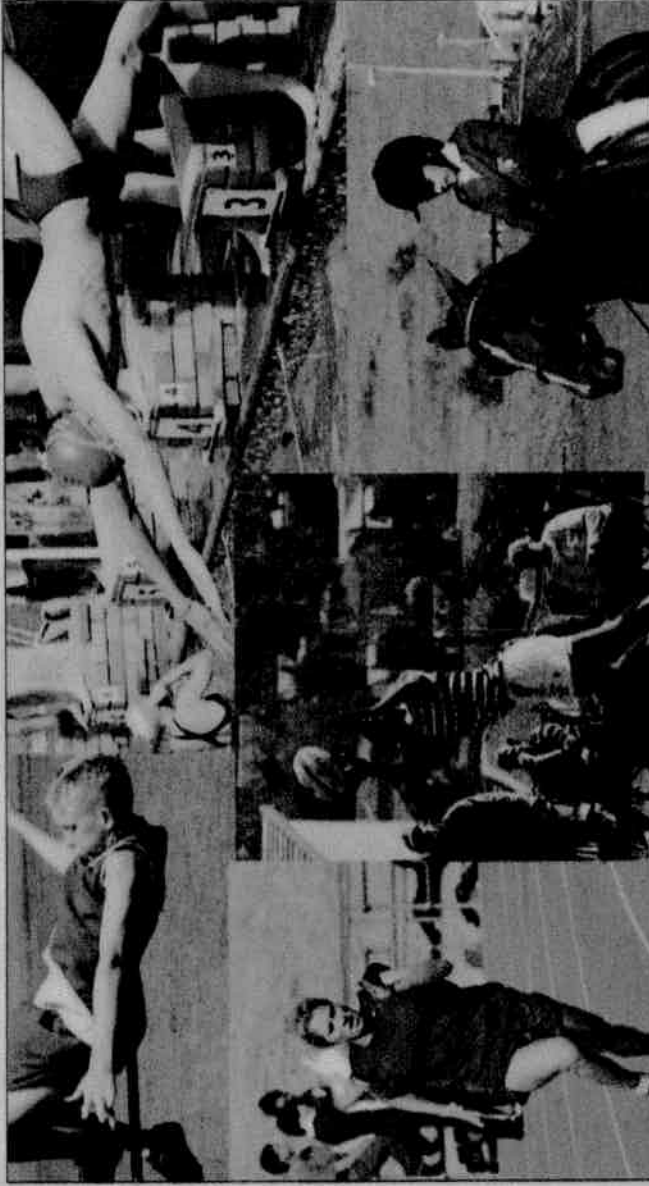
Maragon strives to produce mature, well-balanced young adults who possess a love for God and country, explains Belinda Espach, marketing manager of Maragon Schools.

"It is said that children are like wet cement - whatever touches them in their youth leaves a lasting impression," she says.

"As such, we try to bridge the gap between a pupil's voyage of self-discovery and destination of independent adulthood.

"And sport plays a very important role in self discovery, because a healthy mind dwells within a healthy body."

The school makes good use of its 10 hectares. A large portion of it is used to house the six rugby and hockey fields, eight netball and tennis courts, two cricket fields, swim-



Wit, a Maragon learner, competed at the Karate nationals this year. The school is also very proud of its learners that participate in sport at provincial level. They are:

Rugby: Pheny Seriteng (Lions u-16 Academy team); Kabelo Mnisi (Lions u-18 Academy XV team); Kgotso Ngubeni (Lions u-18 Academy XV team); Blessing Makhavhu (Lions u-18 Academy XV team); Joe Malebe (Lions u-18 Academy XV team);

Tennis: Charissa du Toit (Gauteng Team - SA Games)

Sailing: Tristan Ragotzki (Gauteng Sailing team - Africa Games)

Hockey: Dean Garrison (Gauteng - SA Games); Matthew Lazenby (Southern Gauteng); Brandon Vieira (Southern Gauteng); Bevan Muller (Southern Gauteng); Darren Reddy (Southern Gauteng); Shannon Valamvanos (Southern Gauteng); Kirsty Leigh Johnson (Southern Gauteng);

Swimming: Chanelle Johnston (2012 Olympic training squad - Level 3 swimmer); Jean Swart (Level 3); Gregory Warmback (Level 3); Connor Anderson (Level 3); Jordan Anderson (Level 3);

Netball: Charissa du Toit (Gauteng Squad); Chantelle Theron (Gauteng Squad); Carla Devantier du Plessis (Gauteng Squad);

Athletics: Chantelle Theron (Gauteng team for SA Games)

Maragon schools offer athletics, hockey, cricket, netball, rugby, chess, tennis, equestrian, golf, squash, swimming and open water

its staff complement.

In hockey, both boys' under-15 and first team won the D12 league in their age groups. The school is very proud of Paleza Mathe, winner and only female under-16 contender at the Canoeing school league, held at Homestead Lake in Benoni.

Maragon is very active in both district and provincial levels of sport. At district level, fifteen rugby players represent West Rand rugby teams. Eight netballers play in the D12 teams, while 15 players are involved in D12 hockey.

The school also had five athletes representing D12 at the Gauteng

16s.

Five players are members of the Lions Academy teams - Pheny Seriteng (under-16), Kabelo Mnisi, Kgotso Ngubeni, Blessing Makhavhu and Joe Malebe (under-16).

In cricket, Maragon's under-13 Eagles side remained unbeaten last year, winning the West Rand School Night league.

David Maree, head cricket coach at UJ Soweto campus and national graded umpire heads the sport at the school.

Netball is also very strong; the school has three provincial umpires and Chairperson of Limpopo

indoor cricket nets.

It also has a spectacular hall complex that features an expansive foyer that affords great views over the sports fields.

Maragon's sporting CV is quite extensive.

Their under-14A rugby team won the Beeld trophy in their age group three years ago, and the under-15, under-16 and first teams all qualified for the semifinals of the Gauteng Lions Beeld Trophy this year.

Etienne Janse van Rensburg, a member of staff, is the manager of the Grant Khomo under-16 Lions team, and has been appointed as the