

# New Orleans Secondary School



FOUNDED: 1984

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ADDRESS: SUIKERBOS LANE,

NEW ORLEANS, PAARL



## School History

New Orleans is a suburb of Paarl towards the east industrial area. Not that Paarl has a great deal of industry, for it is not a big town and more inclined to viticulture than manufacture. Paarl, founded by Abraham Gabbema in 1657, just five years after the Dutch first established a settlement at the Cape, is the third-oldest town in South Africa, after Cape Town and Stellenbosch.

Paarl is reputed to have the longest main street of any town in the Southern hemisphere. It is a fascinating main street with splendid example of Cape Dutch architecture. In places the vineyards come right down to the street. It is also the home of KWV (Ko-operatiewe Wijnbouwers Vereeniging van Zuid-Afrika), the biggest wine co-operative in the world. It was in Paarl that the impetus to have Afrikaans recognised as an official language first began. On Paarl Mountain there is a monument to the Afrikaans language.

But really, Paarl equals wine. The KWV is in a sense the capital of South Africa's wine industry. The Huguenots settled in the Paarl-Franschhoek area. They gave farms French names — La Motte, L'Ormarins, Dieu Donné, Mouton-Excelsior, Haute Provence, Laborie, La Concorde and New Orleans, which has nothing to do with the Southern USA but lots to do with Joan of Arc's home town.

New Orleans Secondary School was founded in 1984 with a big coeducational school and more than 1 500 pupils and 60 staff.

The school has excelled at several sports, including rugby. Waylain September and Godfrey Stevens played cricket for South Africa Under-19, Shenette Martin represented South Africa at table tennis, Shirlyn Smith and Shenay Barends played hockey for South Africa Under-19, Sheila Panyeka won South African colours at karate and Aden Demas toured Australia with a South African tennis squad. And then there is Hilton Lobberts at rugby.

## New Orleans Rugby

Paarl people love rugby, and the school has played it from its start. It has close rivals in Paarl — Paulus Joubert, Charleston Hill, Noorder-Paarl and, above all, Klein Nederburg.

New Orleans and Klein Nederburg first met at First XV level in 1984. From 1987 the derby between these two schools grew and it is now one of Paarl's main sporting events. First National Bank first sponsored the event in 2002. Since 1984 Klein Nederburg have won twice — in 1997 and 2002. On the other 16 occasions New Orleans were the winners.

Two outstanding products of New Orleans are Danwell Demas, the speedy Springbok Sevens player who plays for the Bulls, and tail flank Hilton Lobberts who played for the SA Academy side in 2003 and then in 2004 for SA Under-19 at the World Championships and for SA Schools.

## Internationals

**South Africa:**  
Hilton Lobberts





*"Rugby is my life. Since I was small I remember kicking for poles with my mates. I also have great memories of the derby between New Orleans and Klein Nederburg, stuff like singing before the games. Nowadays there is a lot more pressure, but I like the pressure."*

**— Danwel Demas**

