

COLLEGE CHRONICLE



Campus View: Strengthening foundations for future expansion. Japan building in campus.

From the Rector's Desk

In this edition, the Rector presents an overview of the key priorities identified at the end of the first week in office. The newsletter highlights progress achieved to date, outstanding matters, areas requiring further consultation and critical deadlines that need close monitoring in the coming weeks. The main focus remains on strengthening institutional systems, improving stakeholder engagement and promoting sustainable institutional growth.

KEY PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED

At the end of the first week, several priority actions were identified for the second week. These include the development of an action plan to address RSL liability, engagement meetings with union leadership, visits to college sites, and the scheduling of visits to the Thaba-Tseka Campus. In addition, arrangements are being made for introductory and courtesy meetings with key stakeholders. These priorities are intended to guide institutional planning and ensure effective service delivery and address key operational challenges in timely manner.

By focusing on these priorities, Lesotho College of Education demonstrates its commitment to excellence, strategic planning and the professional development of both staff and students.

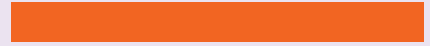
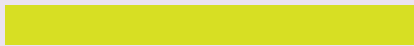


Dr. Solomon Chibaya: Leadership in action, guiding the College's vision forward.

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Lesotho College of Education- a hub of learning and innovation.





Commemoration of 30th anniversary of King Moshoeshoe II Demise

PROGRESS AND MILESTONES ACHIEVED

Significant progress has been achieved across key engagement areas. Meetings have been secured with RSL to discuss the way forward on 19 January 2026 at 10:00 and with union leadership on 23 January 2026 at 9:00. An introductory engagement with academic and college staff is scheduled for 28 January 2026, while a visit to the Thaba-Tseka Campus is planned for 29–30 January 2026. Visits to other college sites will be scheduled once inventories are shared with the Rector. In addition, a successful introductory meeting has been held with the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Training, Ntate Majara, with key commitments and discussions formally acknowledged in a letter of gratitude dated 16 January 2026.



A golden milestone: Half a century of shaping educators and strengthening communities.

CRITICAL DEADLINES AND AREAS REQUIRING CLOSE MONITORING

Several matters have been identified as time-sensitive and require urgent attention. The 2026 Student Intake Application Portal is expected to be fully operational by 19 January 2026. Urgent commencement of required works is needed at 542 Old Europa Road. The Secondary Programme Workshop is scheduled to take place from 21 to 23 January 2026. Accreditation submissions are targeted for completion by 6 February 2026. In addition, the submission of financial reports for 2025 is required to facilitate approval and enable the receipt of subvention.

OUTSTANDING ENGAGEMENTS

A number of important engagements remain outstanding and will be prioritised in the coming weeks. These include courtesy meetings with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance, as well as a courtesy meeting with His Majesty the King. Engagement with the Chancellor and meetings with other key stakeholders are also planned. These engagements are considered essential for strengthening partnerships and enhancing institutional support.



LCE team demonstrating creativity, teamwork and excellence

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE SECOND WEEK

Further progress was recorded during the second week through preparatory meetings and firm commitments to participate in the CHE Fair. Strategic discussions were also held with members of the Executive Committee on key institutional priorities. These discussions focused on matters relating to RSL, the review of the DES and RRDP as well as the planned engagement meeting between the Rector and staff. These engagements contributed to improved coordination and strengthened institutional planning.

LOOKING AHEAD

Notable progress has been achieved within a relatively short period, with several foundational engagements and milestones already secured. However, the coming weeks will require focused attention on high-level engagements, critical operational deadlines and sensitive matters that require careful consultation. Continued collaboration with Council, the Executive Committee, management and external stakeholders remains.

Through teamwork, dedication and strategic leadership, Lesotho College of Education continues to set the standard in quality education. The achievements highlighted in this edition reflect our commitment to excellence, accountability and continuous improvement. LCE remains a college of choice, shaping minds and building the future.

