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To the Sediba Kwele team

### **Appreciation from the Glen High school**

In early March 2016, our school once again chose to use Sediba Kwele as our venue of choice for the Grade 8 camp.

Because it was clear that *all* your staff interacting with our school made such a good impression, we feel it would be unfair to single anyone out. We were delighted by your management team, housekeeping, chefs, gardeners (what lovely gardens!) and facilitators. You deserve to be proud of your efforts. Two of our staff members who had never been to Sediba Kwele were impressed by the degree of control your facilitators displayed from the minute we arrived.

As our students alighted from their coaches, there was upbeat music in the background, setting the tone for days of fun. The facilitators have clearly been drilled in the psychology of crowd control and leadership – within minutes they had our students in groups; performing activities, singing songs, laughing at clownish antics but never once relaxing discipline. It was a relief and an eye opener to watch your staff take such complete control and ensure that everyone (over 200 of us) knew exactly where to go and what to do.

Safety and an obvious display of caring came across very clearly. Our students still talk excitedly about the "hurricane" or "support" war cries. Perhaps Sediba Kwele's greatest asset is its staff. They work very long hours indeed, and their enthusiasm just never seemed to wane. Traditional "buddy groups" were split up and students soon met new friends. Activities were designed to encourage communication with loads of fun.

Your accommodation facilities for our students suited our needs and our staff accommodation was very comfortable indeed. Thank you for the sun hats!

The peace, the smell of the bush at sunset, the game drive, the cuisine, the facilities... all these elements made a lasting impression on us all. In fact our school now wishes to return to Sediba Kwele for our prefect camps too! There are so many memories! We cannot forget the combination of nature, professionalism and the shrieks of delight as our students flew through the sky on a zip line, or fell in the mud pool, roasted marshmallows in the bush camp, the stars (we forget about them in the city), shooting team-made "rockets" filled with compressed oxygen, pouring water into cups fixed to helmets (and drenching each other in the process)...

Our own student survey shows our students have many happy memories to treasure as they begin their high school career. For all this, we thank you Sediba Kwele!

The Glen High School