

Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary **Hope Through Education**



Education Vision

"To widen the parameters of Basic Secondary (Level O) education. To establish a relevant curriculum that caters for both girls' and boys' different levels of interests and abilities and which prepares students for further education and development."



Timeline

- **1988** Sinon Secondary School initially established in some rooms at the existing Primary School
- **1991** School moved across the road to it's present site. 8 classrooms, 2 science labs, Admin building and staff room, Agriculture workshop and 2 Staff houses.
- **1994** Congregation of Christian Brothers take over management of school.
- **1995** Br. Frank O'Shea becomes headmaster
- **1996** Kitchen built, Food Program starts.
- **1998** Large Multi-Purpose Hall added
- **1999** First Hostels built, first residential opportunities begin
- **2000** The Vocational Training Centre was built.
- **2001/2002** Three further classrooms added, plus a smaller special education classroom.
- **2004** Internet lab opened **2005** Work commences on A-level (Form 5&6 campus
- **March 2006** A Level Campus will open, first Form 5 student intake.

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Fact Sheet One

- School Name: Edmund Rice Sinon Secondary
- School Site: The school is situated on a 10 Acre site, 5km from Arusha City Centre. North Eastern Tanzania.
- School Type: Basic co-educational Secondary Education Forms 1-4 (O level)
- Owner: Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha
- Management: The Congregation of Christian Brothers. At present personnel are from Australia, New Zealand and Tanzania.
- Headmaster : Br. Frank O'Shea (Australia)
- Staff:30 teachers, 4 administration staff, between 4 and 8 special skills volunteers at a time, 5 farm staff, 2 kitchen staff.
- Classrooms:16 plus 3 Science Labs, 1 Home Economics Room, 1 Computer Room, 1 Internet Lab, 1 Woodwork Room

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Fact Sheet Two

- **Other Property :1 Administration Block incl. Staff Room, Agriculture Workshop, Kitchen, 2 Staff Offices, Multi-Purpose Hall, Farm, Cowshed, 3 Occupied Residences,**
- **Student Accommodation (hostels), Farm Animals, 3 Vehicles**
- **Students : 800 students, expected to rise to 1040 by 2007 with introduction of A-Level campus. 60/40 Boys/Girls Ratio.**
- **Student Accommodation : 350 Students Accommodated in Hostels on school grounds, 194 in boys hostels, 156 in girls hostel. Other students commute**
- **Academics : English, Kiswahili, Maths, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Woodwork, Music Computers, Home Economics & Dressmaking, Book-keeping & Commerce.**

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Fact Sheet Three

- **Scholarships** :140 Students are currently on Scholarships (School Fees paid for by overseas donors).
- **Timetable** :Classes are from 8.15am until 3.30pm
- **Food** :Lunch is provided for every student, breakfast and dinner are provided for all hostel students.
- **Fees** :Fees are U.S.\$200 per year for Education & Food. Hostel Accommodation is an extra U.S.\$50 per year.
- **Extracurricular Activities** :Wide range of activities. Soccer, Basketball, Netball, Handball, table Tennis are most popular sports. Students are also encouraged to become a member of one of the 26 clubs running at the school (Journalism, Physics, Computers, Sewing, Art & Craft etc.).
- **Diversity** :Students of all races and religions are welcome at the school.

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Fact Sheet Four

- **Success Rate :Class of 2004 had a 3% failure rate. All successful students receive a School Certificate.**
- **Sustainability :Due to a number of initiatives (Farm, school fees etc) the school is entirely self sufficient and self funding. Donors are sought to raise capital for development and student sponsorship.**
- **Water : Water is provided from 2 bores, the first was sunk in February 2005, the second in September 2005.**

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Current Edmund Rice Volunteers in Arusha



This year's Volunteers, Helena, Davina, Clara, Conor, Christina & Sharon