

# Mamelodi school to set the standard



Pupils at the Meetse a Bophelo Primary School. The school is the first of ten schools built with alternative steel technologies, instead of brick and mortar.

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Mamelodi is the proud home of a R25-million pilot signature school built with alternative steel technologies.

The Meetse a Bophelo Primary School was the first of ten schools that will be

built with the new technology within the cost parameter of conventional 'brick and mortar' schools.

The design of the school, by Geldenhuys and Jooste Architects, is currently an entry in the 2011/2012 Corobrick-SAIA (South African Institute of Architects) Awards of

Merit and of Excellence.

This year's awards have seen a total of 55 entries of which ten were for buildings erected in Mamelodi, Pretoria and Midrand. Meetse a Bophelo was built as part of an agreement between the ministry of education and the steel giant Arcelor

Mittal's foundation.

As part of the agreement, the foundation had pledged to build ten schools at a cost of R250-million over seven years in under-privileged areas of the country.

The prototype building method will be copied in other regions.