

Pg 9 1/12/17 DCS & TM PDS THE NEW AGE

Lokaleng pupils to get new bicycles

TNA REPORTER

PUPILS at Lokaleng Middle School at Mahikeng will today receive new bicycles from Transport Minister Joe Maswanganyi and community safety and transport MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane as part of the Shova Kalula programme.

The programme targets pupils from previously disadvantaged backgrounds who walk more than 3km and less than 5km to school in a single trip.

The programme was conceived because of inadequate access and mobility in rural and peri-urban areas as a result of an improper public transport system.

The bicycle project's mission is to ensure that communities experience improving levels of mobility and accessibility by integrating rural, peri-urban and urban people into an effective transport system.

It also aims to facilitate an enabling environment that will mainstream bicycle transport into the public transport system through the provision of



MOBILITY: Pupils at Lokaleng Middle School in Mahikeng will receive new bicycles as part of the Shova Kalula programme. PICTURE: FACEBOOK

an appropriate institutional support mechanism. The officials will also visit the Bradford Park local taxi rank in Mahikeng to engage and interact with taxi operators, drivers, commuters

and road users at large as part of the department's road safety campaign for the festive season that will soon be launched.

provinces@thenewage.co.za