

SCHOOL PROFILE FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICERS.

COVID-19 & Eswatini Civil Unrest
This class started their IBDP online in January 2021 until March 2021 when we resumed in person classes with strict protocols making most co-curricular activities and school events impossible. Some students were allowed to be on campus throughout if they would be safer and better connected here. Campus was then closed again due to the violent civil unrest in Eswatini at the end of June last year – not to mention the 3rd wave of C19 with several cases on campus. Schools reopened in September 2021 but we soon had to revert to online classes because of ongoing threats to Swazi schools.
2022 has been a much smoother year with face to face teaching throughout – however, earlier disruption to their IBDP and UWC experience was profound, multi-faceted and longer lasting than for those on the Northern Hemisphere calendar.

ESTABLISHED 1963, **United World College** SINCE 1981. Accredited by ISASA.

Founded in 1963 as a direct response to the separate and unequal education systems in apartheid South Africa, Waterford Kamhlaba's student body is international from over 60 countries, yet it has a special focus on its place and role in Southern Africa: over 70% of the students come from countries within the continent. The college pays particular attention to the human and development needs of Eswatini and addresses these through a strong scholarship scheme and challenging community service programme. Partner organisations include the Higher Life Foundation, SOS Children's Villages and Allan Gray Orbis Foundation. Nearly half of our IBDP class of 120 students receives needs based financial aid.

Waterford KaMhlaba offers a five-year course to Cambridge IGCSE (CIE) and the two year IB Diploma Program. It maintains a policy of merit as the only criterion for admission. Being in the **Southern Hemisphere**; the College's academic year runs from **January to November** with all IB courses being taught throughout the three terms in both years. Final IBDP results are released on January 2nd. **There is no midyear report.**

The United World College ethos

- Academic excellence, personal growth, international understanding and community service form the core of all United World College programmes.
- UWC makes education a force to unite people, culture and nations for peace and a sustainable future.

These are realized through:

- The study of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
- A demanding programme of CAS with a special focus on community service.
- Multiple sporting codes, creative opportunities and vibrant Student Representative Council
- Special events devoted to global and continental issues
- Active promotion of leadership, environmental awareness and personal development

The Curriculum at Waterford KaMhlaba

Waterford kaMhlaba United World College is a co-educational, non-denominational international school, which provides education from Form 1 (11 years old) through to the International Baccalaureate Diploma section. Entry into the IB DP section is very competitive: some students apply externally from the region having successfully completed O'Level or IGCSE or a curriculum of similar standing. Others will be admitted from our own Form 5, IGCSE class. Lastly, some fifty or so students each year are selected on merit by United World Colleges' approved Selection Committees in each country, often as a result of a highly competitive process. The College attracts an unusually diverse and talented group of students from a very wide range of socio-economic circumstances. IBDP class size is 120 students.

At the College the medium of instruction is English. Many students are not native English speakers.

No familiarization for SATs has been provided

CEEB code 642210: UCAS 47221: IB Code 0146.

Our website is www.waterford.sz The website for Cambridge International Examinations is www.cie.org.uk and for the IB, www.ibo.org

Please note that Waterford students apply to 8 US colleges maximum.

We do not rank nor do we compute averages, neither GPA nor IB. We do not offer honor or AP programmes. In 2021 the average Diploma result was 34 points. About half of our students receive the Bilingual IB Diploma. All proceed to undergraduate degree programmes at top universities in the US, UK, Canada, South Africa and many other countries.

Transcripts requested/provided from the end of September in the IB2 year will provide the cycle grades for the 3 cycles of the 2 year program. Predicted Grades are also recorded on the transcripts but not made known to our students. **IB final exams are written in November and results released on January 2nd**. The IB Coordinator can confirm results on this date with a supporting certified copy of the advice as published by IB on the IBNET: original diploma certificates do not reach the school before February however. Please accept any SAT scores by email from us. **CSS fee waiver codes are most welcome for our scholarship students.**

Further information on IBDP graduates can be sought from the University Advisor, John Storer: email careers@waterford.sz