

MARIE BALAVENNE’S CATHOLIC COLLEGE AT A GLANCE!

Despite the fact that at her 3rd year of inception, Marie Balavenne’s College (MBCC) is still struggling to have her ‘approval’ from the Ministry of Education, she is proud to have recorded a lot of progress though not without challenges, which will eventually be a door to great success as can be sensed by majority of us involved in the mission both religious, lay and non Catholics.

There had been an embargo laid on **Approval of schools** in the state and as soon as it was lifted in January 2014, we wasted no time in beginning the rigorous and complicated process of getting the school approved by the Ministry of Education.

A few weeks ago, an Inspection Crew from the zonal Ministry of Education came to inspect the school in view of approval. Prior to this, there had also been an inspection from the Health Department of the Local Government. Both groups appraised the school management and staff as they were able to forecast what the future has in store for us from the plans on the ground. However, some constructive challenges were posed which had to be put in place before the next and final inspection from the State Ministry of Education. Some of these challenges are listed below: - Proper furnishing and equipping of the general (multi-purpose science Laboratory). - Preparation for other laboratories. - Construction of Basic/Intro Tech workshop. - Building of school hall (tantamount for approval). - Proper furnishing of computer/ICT Lab and Music Lab. The State Ministry of Education eventually came on 18th March 2014 from the Abeokuta, the State’s Capital. The visit was very short. They too were pleased with what they saw. They assure us of getting approval very soon.

Presently there is a construction of a 12 classroom block going on and we wish to answer the need for a hall and other labs (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) from that block of classrooms for the mean time. As regards proper furnishing and equipment for the science lab, music and computer lab, we solicit for help and support from all and sundry as a matter of urgency.

Moreover, the school needs proper internet facilities. So far, we have depended on the mobile modem which is quite expensive, unreliable and very limited.

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