Take education seriously – Namwandji

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The Ministry of Education has appealed to all learners who have failed Grade 10 and given a second chance to repeat to take this rare offer seriously and pass with flying colours to make their parents and Namibia proud.

Education Deputy Minister Dr David Namwandi renewed the appeal when he addressed learners at Aua Delta Senior Secondary School last Friday in Windhoek as the school marked the country’s 21st Independence anniversary.

“Take this rare offer seriously and study hard to pass and make your parents happy and Namibia proud,” said Dr Namwandi. “This is your chance to make right what went wrong. Study hard. Pass and fly with flying colours.”

“As a Ministry, we will never condone laziness and indiscipline, be it from teachers and learners. We want hard work. You will never achieve anything in life if you are lazy. The motto is: work harder, harder and harder.”

“If you do not work hard and we are not working hard, the Ministry of Education will deal with you without mercy. If you indulge in alcohol and drug abuse, you have no place here. If you do it, you will see – die poppe sal dans, puppets shall dance.”

“This we should avoid by respecting one another as equal human beings. We have no mercy for laziness, racial segregation, tribalism and racism. Over our dead bodies, we will never tolerate such retrogressive tendencies.”

“As a nation, we are reminded that the aim is independence. The Namibian flag was hoisted on 21st March 1990 and the apartheid South African colonial flag was lowered and we have never been targeted for the colour or origin. This historic transformation did not only happen at Delta, but at all schools. Namibia has embraced all its citizens and celebrated as it became a non-racial and non-ethnic society.”

“Namibia remains true to the policy of reconstituted liberation. Unfortunately, we have some black and white compatriots – I do not know whether I should call them compatriots – who are trying to open old wounds. These tendencies must be rejected. Do not scratch where it does not itch.”

Before he became Deputy Minister, Dr Namwandi singlehandedly set up the first private university in the country – the International University of Management, IUM. This achievement, according to Chris Jacobie, former Editor of Die Republikein, was so much a part of being Namibian that it was difficult not to follow instinctively.

Jacobie, who was asked to introduce Dr Namwandi, also appealed to all learners to study hard as Namibia’s future depends on young and well educated people. He said that Namibians deserved the best, and with education daily on the forefront of capable and hardworking minds like Dr Namwandi and his Minister, Dr Abraham Iyambo, and with the support of Cabinet, no challenge was too big to take on.

“The more independent