

The Highlands School (Later Re-named Moi Girls High School) Eldoret

History:

Moi Girls' High School – Eldoret has a long history dating back to 1928. The foundation stone on the main school building was laid in 1929. The school was first established as a European Primary School to cater mainly for the children of the British and Boer settlers in the then White Highlands of British East Africa. The primary school was later renamed Highlands Primary School.

In the late 1930's, at the beginning of World War II, the school was temporarily moved across the Sosiani river to what is now Hill School. A teacher training college was started later in the 1930's but it did not successfully take off. The need for a girls' high school for the British and Boer settlers in Eastern Africa saw the founding of the present school. It was re-opened in 1954 with the name New Girls' High School. The school was later renamed The Highlands School in 1958.



AERIAL VIEW OF THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL IN JUNE 1961

Most of the school buildings were put up between 1952 and 1957. However, the oldest structures accommodating the current Music and French departments were constructed in the early 1930's.

The Highlands School triumphed both in academic and sports in the 1950's and 1960's, particularly in A-Levels. Many alumni of the 1960s proceeded to leading universities in the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa and Australia.

In 1965, the first African students were admitted to the school through the government policy of integration. After Kenya's attainment of independence and self-rule in 1963 and 1964 respectively, the school experienced a decline in number of students because the settlers began relocating to other countries, mainly UK and Australia.

New members of the Board of Governors that were appointed included the first native Africans who in turn elected Hon. D. T. Arap Moi as the school board chairman. The school had him as the chairman of the board since then till 2007 when he formally retired.

In 1978, the school had its name changed from 'The Highlands School' to 'Moi Girls' High School – Eldoret'. This was done in honour of the long serving board chairman who had then risen to become the president of the Republic of Kenya that same year.

School Board Chairpersons so far:

1954 – 1965	Lady Sidney
1965 - 2007	H. E. Hon. D. T. Arap Moi – retired President of the Republic of Kenya.
2007 to 2014	Dr Julius Kipng'etich – Director of the Kenya Wildlife Service.
2014 to date	Eng Wallace Atim

School Principals so far:

1954 – 1965	Miss Biddle
1966 – 1967	Miss V. M. Barnes
1967 – 1969	Miss I. M. Glen
1970 – 1972	Mrs. E. Fripp
1972 – 1974	Mrs. A. A. Stevens
1975 – 1976	Miss J. Kidiga
1976 – 1983	Miss A. de Vlas
1983 - 2007	Mrs H. J. Cheramboss
2008 - 2009	Mrs J. Cheruiyot
2010 - 2012	Mrs M. C. Sang
2012 - 2014	Mrs J. Rotich
2014 to date	Mrs. R. Wanaswa

Closing of Livingstone House 1963



Top KCSE Candidate Honored Year 2000



The school has had one motto since 1928:

'Honour, Courage and Industry'.

The school vision:

To be the premier national school for girls.

The school mission:

To provide a solid foundation on which every student can develop excellence in academic performance and character in school and beyond; prepared to serve in school, family and society with integrity to the glory of God.

The school slogan:

Integrity

Celebrating Success: Jubilant Girls Break into Song and Dance on Ranking Top Girls High School in the Rift Valley Region of Kenya.



The Original Highlands School Badge



Notable Alumni



School Song, from 1963

We'll sing of the Glory of Dawn on the Highlands,
the Hills that from Elgon to Mau gave our Name.

We'll sing of the Grasslands,
the Streams and the Thorn Trees,
blue Jacaranda and bright Nandi-Flame.

The Hills stand Eternal; the Travellers before us
who lived for the Highlands have passed on their Way.
To Those whose Devotion our Heritage purchased
by Courage and Service our Debt we shall pay.

O Proud stands our School in the Land of the Lion,
on the Plateau where Duiker and Oribi play,
And blazing the Trail for all Those who come after,
by Toil and Endeavour We'll show Them the Way.

The Highlands, the Highlands, the Highlands, Ali Hail!