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Mt St Mary's College Namagunga has launched a fundraising drive to build a new four-storey classroom block, citing a rapidly growing student population and an urgent need for modern learning facilities.

To enhance this dream, the school says it will host a fundraising dinner on Thursday (December 4) at Hotel Africana, where it hopes to mobilise substantial support from parents, alumnae, friends and well-wishers.

According to the school, enrolment has more than doubled over the years, now standing at over 1,250 students, in facilities originally designed for about 600 learners.

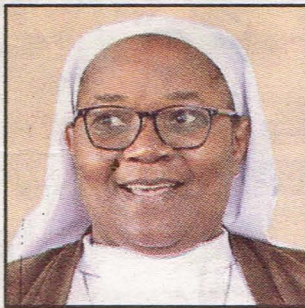
Administrators say this strain on space is affecting

Namagunga school looks to old students in sh6b construction drive

teaching efficiency, and the planned expansion is aimed at restoring a conducive learning environment.

In a letter inviting stakeholders to the dinner, the school revealed that architectural designs and bills of quantities had already been completed for the proposed structure. The project, expected to host modern classrooms, two computer laboratories and staff spaces, is projected to cost sh6b.

Headteacher Sr Regina Nabawanuka said the school's population had grown beyond



Sr Nabawanuka

what current facilities were designed to hold, making expansion unavoidable.

"Our dear old students,

parents, friends and all well-wishers, you are being invited to a fundraising dinner," she said, emphasising that the pressure on existing classrooms has reached a level that can no longer be ignored.

She noted that the school's vision is to offer girls a learning space equipped for modern teaching methods, adding that the new block will help deliver that promise.

Nabawanuka explained that the intended classrooms will feature improved lighting, space and digital learning support, ensuring the girls

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Mt St Mary's College Namagunga is one of Uganda's most respected girls' boarding schools, founded in 1942 by Mother Mary Kevin of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa.

Created to promote the education of the girl child, the school has grown into a nationally recognised centre of excellence, known for its strong values of prayer, hard work, honesty, sacrifice and punctuality.

Over its 83-year history, Namagunga has produced generations of influential women who now serve in leadership roles in medicine, engineering, law, education and public service.

study comfortably and competitively.

She appealed to former students to remember the foundation the school laid for them and give back during this crucial phase of expansion.

The dinner, scheduled to begin at 4:00pm, will involve

contributions from attendees, with a VIP table of eight priced at sh5m.

Additional contributions toward the construction are encouraged. Funds may be sent through bank transfers or mobile money, with details provided by the school to ease the process.