

**Loyola Jesuit Secondary School in Kasungu, Malawi**  
**QUICK AND ENCOURAGING UP-DATE ON OUR PROGRESS**

You will be glad to know that the way forward at Loyola Jesuit Secondary School (LJSS) moves along very well in Kasungu. As the photos on this blog show, the construction really does encourage us – beautiful and substantial! Visitors to the site exclaim at what has taken place over recent months – and look forward for more to come....



***Administration Block – two floors of offices, conference rooms, reception area***

With many good things now in place on our LJSS campus, we had hoped to open for Form One (Grade Nine) this coming September. But we have now decided to move our opening until September 2015.

This decision comes about because of some important factors affecting our readiness to receive 144 eager “learners” (the good phrase used here in Malawi to describe students). The kitchen facilities got a bit delayed – and we certainly need that up and running before the students arrive! Moreover, electrical connections were held up by the Government supplier, and water from bore holes was delayed as some anticipated sources were found unacceptable.

Fortunately, these minor set-backs are now being taken care of with diligence!



***Conference Hall – side view, with landscaping going on***

As let down as we might be with this delay in the opening of LJSS, we can also see the postponement as a very helpful blessing for all concerned. It will give us some good time for completion of all Phase One construction and a running start into Phase Two construction without bothering students already on campus.



***Girls' Hostel (Dormitory) – ready for 70 young women***

Moreover, in the coming months we can make clearer choices of teachers and auxiliary staff, plan for workshops on Ignatian pedagogy and allied topics, refine curriculum points, undertake tree and flower planting and get the agricultural land into an initial harvest. All this and more will mean a very substantial base for opening in September 2015!

And of course, extra time will keep us extra busy with the fundraising. Pursuing foundations, sending out appeals to donors, following up with information to our lists of friends, up-dating social media – all the things that make a difference in our search for the needed funds. Another important dimension of this will be the ability to get Malawian donors interested in support of LJSS.

If anyone reading this blog has suggestions for our fundraising task, please let us hear from you ([loyolamalawi@gmail.com](mailto:loyolamalawi@gmail.com) ). And as you look at these pictures, keep us in thoughts and prayers!

We promise to keep you up-dated on our progress and hopes. Please continue to check [www.loyola-malawi.org](http://www.loyola-malawi.org) and [www.facebook.com/loyolamw](http://www.facebook.com/loyolamw) for latest developments.



***Desks and chairs soon to be occupied by eager learners***

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Putting some final touches on entrance to Administration Block of LJSS!



View of Quadrangle and Classroom Block from Second Floor of Administration Block of LJSS



Blackboard in LJSS Classroom, ready and eager for great instructions!



Preparing grounds around Girls' Hostel at LJSS



Bunk Beds in storage for use by first students at LJSS in September 2014