

ISIBINDI™

Title: House of Courage

Hand Signals: The “I love you”

Power: The Strength & Courage of a Lion

Sign Language Signal

Symbolic Animal: The Mute Swan & the Lion

HOUSE HISTORY Isibindi is a tight-knit group of individuals, like a pride of African lions, where family means everything. The House’s symbolic animals, the mute swan and the lion, serve to empower incoming members. While new students might be quiet or shy at first, the longer that they are in the House, the more they begin to display the characteristics of strength and bravery. In Zulu, Isibindi means “courage.”

The dichotomy of sharing symbolic animals between the gentle and beautiful swan and the proud and courageous lion is what makes Isibindi so unique. It is a House that inherits the legend and influence of both Shaka Zulu as well as Nelson Mandela. It is a House that knows when to be strategic and creative, or when to pull back and be reserved, but also when to go full force with power and strength. This is why Isibindi welcomes creative and quiet kids and turns them into leaders over time. They learn that, like the mute swan, their quiet creativity can be harnessed to speak volumes in its own way.

Our House Crest

THE MUTE SWAN: At the top of our crest is the Mute Swan, its beauty speaking volumes and its discernment a reflection of the storied tradition of Zulu leadership - astute, compelling, and unwavering.

COURAGE: "Isibindi" means courage in the language of Zulu.



THE ZULU AXE: The ancient Zulu axe, hewn in the time of Shaka Zulu, pairs shrewd thought with the power to stand firm in the name of protecting land, people, and spirit.

THE LION: At the center of the crest is the lion. Living in a pride, dedicated to family, he is revered throughout the world for his enviable strength and courage.

GREEN: The color green reminds us of the rich and abundant resources in Africa.

THE EBONY TREE: The African Ebony Tree pays homage to

the awe-inspiring beauty of the continent of our heritage