



## ORBUS MINISTRIES AUSTRALIA

News Update July 2025



Please find a report on the Orbus schools from the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian – Blantyre Synod:

### ENROLMENT

Orbus comprises two sections: the **Orbus Primary School** (which includes Nursery classes) and the **Orbus Secondary School**.

#### **Orbus Secondary School**

The total enrolment at the secondary school stands at **204 learners** (112 boys and 82 girls). Of these, **156** (91 boys, 65 girls) are boarders, and **48** (31 boys, 17 girls) are day scholars. Additionally, there are **24** orphans and vulnerable students (14 boys and 10 girls).

**Table 1A: Enrolment at Orbus Secondary School**

<b>Form</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Form 1	22	19	41
Form 2	32	23	55
Form 3	35	20	55
Form 4	33	20	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Boarders</b>	91	65	156
<b>Day Scholars</b>	31	17	48

**Table 1B: Orphans and Vulnerable Learners (Secondary)**

<b>Form</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Form 1	2	3
Form 2	2	1
Form 3	2	2
Form 4	9	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>

### **Orbus Primary and Nursery School**

**Table 2A: Enrolment**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nursery 8	5	13	
Std 1	2	8	10
Std 2	5	10	15
Std 3	8	18	26
Std 4	5	6	11
Std 5	13	11	24
Std 6	19	12	31
Std 7	11	9	20
Std 8	13	14	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>177</b>

**Table 2B: Orphans and Vulnerable Learners**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
Orphans	7	10	17
Vulnerable	8	30	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>

## STAFFING

### Orbus Secondary School

- **Academic Staff:** 13 full-time (7 male, 6 female)
- **Part-Time Mentors:** 5
- **Support Staff:** 22 (17 male, 5 female)

### Orbus Primary and Nursery School

- **Staff:** 15 (6 male, 9 female)
  - Nursery: 4 female teachers

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

In preparation for the National Examinations, the school conducted Post-Synod Mock Examinations.

- **Form 2s:** Sat for their mock exams from **12th–16th May 2025**
- **Form 4s:** Sat for their mock exams from **2nd–13th June 2025**
- **Forms 1 and 3:** Continued with regular class assessments as scheduled.

## COMPUTERS FOR ENHANCED EDUCATION (CEE) PROGRAMME

On **9th May 2025**, the Head Teacher applied to the **Computers for Enhanced Education (CEE)** initiative.

On **3rd June 2025**, the school received **40 full desktop computer sets**. A room at the primary school was converted into a computer lab. Renovations included electrical installations and a door protector.

A temporary classroom structure was erected to accommodate Standard 1 learners displaced by the lab conversion.

## VISIT BY PARTNERS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

On **26th June 2025**, Orbus welcomed a delegation led by **Rev. John Wilson**. The team toured various school facilities including the poultry project, vegetable garden, proposed multipurpose hall site, staff houses, and the new computer lab.

The visit culminated in a combined worship session for both primary and secondary learners, with messages from Rev. Wilson, the Head Teacher, and the Education Secretary.

Gifts and donations included:

- Footballs
- Sports jerseys
- Educational materials
- Musical instruments (e.g., small guitars)

The team returned on **2nd July** to participate in sporting activities and further donate sports equipment.

## TEACHER'S HOUSES PROJECT

A block of **four staff houses** that had remained incomplete was finished in June. The houses are now **ready for occupation**.

## AREAS REQUIRING URGENT SUPPORT

1. **Painting of classroom walls**
2. **Additional textbooks and library resources**
3. **More desks**
4. **Additional toilet facilities**
5. **One staff to replace Mr. Namangwiro's position at the primary**

I can further add, since this report was received, that we have been informed that work on the foundations for the Multi-Purpose Hall have begun! This will be used for the school, and the Orbus Church.

### Prayer for revival to start at Orbus:

- Please join us in praying for a major movement of the Holy Spirit to cause a revival among Orbus students, teachers and staff.
- For a strong desire among staff and students to seek a close relationship with Jesus, to read the Bible, to deeply want to follow Jesus in every aspect of their lives.
- For this to be so evident and fruitful that the impact is felt throughout Malawi.
- For many to be saved, changed and empowered to spread this life changing and soul saving message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Name and for His glory, because we pray in His name and call ourselves by His name,

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*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the  
heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their  
surging. "Be still, and know that I am God."  
(Psalm 46:1-3, 10)*

