

ABSTRACT

Male Students' Perceptions of the Imaging of Their Male Teachers

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This study sought to describe and assess male students' perceptions of the messages transmitted from their male teachers to them. Additionally, it sought to determine whether they perceived their teachers as role models, and how, from the perspectives of both the teachers and the students, the school environment impacted upon the social development of the adolescent male. Data were collected through interviews from one Form 5 class and participant observation. Among the findings were that: 1) the students were impressed when their teachers' attire projected an image of success, 2) the students wanted their male teachers to be their guides in rites of passage, and 3) the students' perceptions of their male teachers were influenced by the quality of communication between the two groups.

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