



MARITZBURG COLLEGE

A REPORT ON ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN 2018

AN ADDENDUM TO THE
HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

ACADEMICS

Our boys continue to excel in many different areas, and they have done themselves and their school proud. We are pleased to celebrate the success of many of our boys on the academic front, some of which are listed below. Our boys take part annually in a variety of national events, in which they test themselves against pupils from many schools across South Africa. Many boys have excelled in these national examinations and competitions:

1. MATRIC RESULTS 2017

The class of 2017 produced outstanding matric results and we reflect on the highlights below:

- 100% pass rate
- 97% Bachelors' pass
- Eight boys from the Class of 2017 achieved 7 or more distinctions
- 479 subject distinctions

2. OLYMPIADS / QUIZZES / COMPETITIONS

Computer Olympiad

The following boys progressed to Round 2:

CC McKenzie, BS Merrington and M Siwila

De Beers English Olympiad

The following boys were medal winners:

Gold	M van Heerden	Bronze	M Hlongwane	C Beekrum
			C Tooke	K Maphumulo
Silver	T Moroney		J Clacey	K Harischandre
	P Kidd		O Salim	S Kubheka
	W Michaux		C McKenzie	N Msiya
	C Martin		I Oliphant	

3. KHANYISA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Maritzburg College began to address the challenges of teaching Mathematics constructively in 2009, by initiating a teacher outreach programme called Khanyisa ('to enlighten' in isiZulu). Maritzburg College's teachers volunteered their time to assist Mathematics teachers from under-resourced schools and build teacher capacity in the Pietermaritzburg district. In 2018, both Mathematics and Physical Science as well as English First Additional language was offered. We are pleased to report that Khanyisa has had the support of Hulamin this year, and we thank them for their generous support of this programme.

Khanyisa works with 20 schools that are selected by the Department of Education, and also offers learner workshops. An innovative peer tutor system was initiated by the 2012 College matric boys. This is currently led by top academics from College's Grade 11 and 12 classes. The leveraging of social media further complements the programme.

In addition to their teachers' improved skills, Khanyisa participants share their knowledge with their peers who do not attend the programme, which results in a cascading of knowledge within the beneficiary schools. Learners see improvements in their marks, and also experience positive benefits in other areas. Benefits of the programme for the volunteer peer tutors from Maritzburg College include an enriched understanding of the subjects and a sense of meaningful contribution to the community.

CULTURAL

The aim of this section of the addendum is to briefly outline the scope of activities, cultural and sporting, in which the boys at College have participated during the past year.

1. AFRIKAANS SOCIETY

Over three days in August Maritzburg College performed their first collaborative Cultural Show which was organised by the Afrikaans Society. The Afrikaans, Hindu and Zulu Societies joined talents and participated together in the Afrikaans driven play, *Fire of Love*. The theme of the play focused on learning about different cultures and traditions. Mrs Talke wrote the script and the play was directed by Mrs Talke, Mrs Thaver and Arno Vermaak. Mrs Landsberg was the music director and Mrs Fraser was responsible for make-up and costumes. This show enabled boys who do not have Drama as a subject to perform on stage and they fully enjoyed themselves. These shows assisted the school to build on the important social awareness aspects.

The Afrikaans Society also participated in a few ATKV competitions and plan to extend this in 2019.

2. ART CLUB

This year sees the continuation of the Maritzburg College Art Club as a co-curricular activity. We have a well-established group of both staff and pupils. We have focused this year thus far on the importance of making art through painting. A 'journey' so to speak, rather than a destination. An artwork is started and completed in one afternoon, focusing on the development of a fluent art language. The club continues to be a space to explore creative ability especially for those who have not taken art as a subject but who have always wanted to learn new skills and experience new forms of art. We believe that art club serves as an interdisciplinary field that studies the perception, cognition and characteristic of art and its production. We use painting as a form of psychotherapy, 'debriefing' the strictures of the academic day. The boys find the peaceful space both rewarding and rejuvenating. The Art Club accommodates both junior and senior boys in their sporting commitments by alternating between Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

3. CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club has had a very successful year, growing in both numbers and competition entries. It has been encouraging to see the challenge between cell phone photography and digital SLR cameras unfold, as many images from cell phones have been of a high standard. The boys have risen to the challenge to shoot the various themes given to them through the year and the enthusiastic participation at the evening workshops bodes well for the future of the club.

4. CHESS CLUB

The Chess team dominated the Midlands region and performed extremely well in 2018 with S Gounder as the top player in the Midlands league. The entire Chess squad also came first in the interschool A, B and C leagues hosted by College. Our stiffest competition came about during the Gauteng exchanges when we played against KES and PBHS. The A-team players this year are K Zvandaziva, M Kheswa, N Whatmore, A Baijoo, K Maphumulo and S Gounder. Gounder and M Kheswa deserve special mention for being selected for the second consecutive year to represent the Midlands region in the DSR Winter Games in Durban this year June.

We faced fierce competition when we were hosted by King Edward VII School (KES) in May. However, we came back with a solid win when we had home ground advantage in August. Pretoria Boys' High proved to be stronger in both encounters at home and away. S Gounder won Chess Player of the year for his unconditional contribution to Chess and also for winning a number of titles throughout the year.

5. COLLEGE FOR CHRIST (CFC)

Mr C Barnsley stepped in to join Mr Barbour, and has been outstanding at keeping the Ministry alive and well. We are very excited to have been running the alpha course in the day time slot for CFC, and in the evenings in the boarder CFC we screened a biopic film called *A Case for Christ*. It provides some concrete evidence of the resurrection of the historical figure of Jesus, and subsequently the solidarity of Christianity – it has therefore been very popular amongst the boys who have watched thus far. We successfully handed out about 400 Gideon Bibles to boys in the school, and on a regular basis we have boys coming to ask for their copy of the Bible. As always it is very exciting to see boys hearing and sharing the truth with their peers, and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ- a saviour, friend and loving father. We have reinstituted the Sunday evening chapel services and have a number of staff who have volunteered, and sacrificed family time, to come and share on a Sunday night.

6. DEBATING

The PMB League as always is intense and challenging. Sadly, a great many boys felt that doing debating and sport were not a good working proposition and they often chose sport. This was mainly due to the fact that Cultural activities were limited to a half hour practice only. The boys who did commit were dedicated and put everything they had into it.

The Grade 8 league suffered the most with the time issue and as a result we struggled to field one team. The three or four boys who stayed with debating definitely did not lack enthusiasm. They had an external coach.

The junior league was over-subscribed but as these were the boys who were in the Grade 8 league last year, there was great enthusiasm. Mrs Couperthwaite coached the group and there were some talented speakers: D Engotto, U Mtsi, L Moseiya with U Mtsi achieving three Best Speaker awards.

The Senior league had a dedicated and fervent first team led by C Tooke. Both N Govender and W Ndlovu earned Best Speaker awards. N Govender pipped C Tooke as Best Debater by a mere 1.5 speaker points. The other senior team showed promise and we look forward to these boys showing their metal next year.

We also debated against KES and PBHS in the inter-school exchanges. There were five debates in total with age groups being mixed and College won three of these.

C Tooke, N Govender were selected to participate in the KZN Provincials and C Tooke captained one of the teams.

C Tooke, W Ndlovu and N Govender were awarded Colours for debating while K Harischandre and H Heeralal were awarded Lapel badges.

7. DRAMA

The Dramatic Arts Department is enjoying a full calendar of academic and co-curricular activities. On the academic front the boys are developing important life skills through the various activities in which they engage. Among the dramatic skills that the boys are developing, it is encouraging to note that the boys are also developing self-confidence; they are embracing diversity in a positive, enquiring manner and they are respectful of the various cultures which they encounter. Moreover, the boys are also enthusiastic about engaging with the technical aspects of theatre. They have attended live performances and *Jongosi*, the schools' programme at the Hilton Arts Festival in September.

Some of our performances included Drama@Kearsney, Children's Theatre at Ridge Roots, Rites and Rituals and Medieval Morality Plays. The Fifth Form learners participated in a two-day programme of Workshop Theatre at the Drama@Kearsney Festival. The boys enjoyed the opportunity of working with Neil Coppen, an acclaimed playwright. They reflected that this experience honed in on skills they developed in class and found this to be a valuable experience. In addition to this, they performed two

children's stories to a discerning audience, the Ridge Rooties. Children's Theatre continues to be a rewarding experience for both actors and audience with valuable life lessons being taught and learnt through performance.

Other highlights include improvised Feasts, Festival, Rites and Rituals by the Third Form. This programme has the value of encouraging unity in diversity and respect for diverse cultures and their traditions, and it allows the boys to get to know more about their peers from a cultural perspective. The Sixth Form and Fourth Form are engaged in "work in progress performances".

The Fourth Formers developed their workshop theatre skills which they used to create a performance of *The Summoning of Everyman*, a medieval morality play which was staged as an outdoor performance.

Our Sixth Formers are hard at work preparing for the Theme Programme, *All the World's a Rage*. This, their final performance exam, takes place in Term 4. We would like to thank the talented Matric Dramatic Arts Class of 2018 for their overall contribution to Drama at College. We wish them every success in the upcoming Final Examination and the External Performance Exam.

Dramatic Arts not only has the tacit value of developing soft skills which are required in *all* careers, but more importantly it has the value of developing well-rounded individuals – ambassadors of College – who can be the catalysts in creating social cohesion in broader society.

8. E-SPORTS

The eSports Society has had a good year in 2018. It continues to compete in popular eSports titles such as Counter Strike: Global Offensive and DOTA 2, and has expanded to include Overwatch as well. This year, Maritzburg College, together with a group of prominent schools around the country, formed the High School eSports League and in addition to the weekly fixtures against these schools, participated in the first knockout cup in partnership with VS Gaming. Although none of our teams made it into the final four, they performed admirably. The captain for 2018 is D Dhayaram.

9. FIRST AID

Twenty-four pupils successfully completed a Level 1 First Aid course in March. Eleven pupils did duties at all the rugby, soccer and hockey matches. Our First Aid programme would not be as successful as it is without the tremendous support from Sisters Lauren and Kylie and we are indeed truly grateful that we have doctors who freely volunteer their services on Saturdays.

The First Aiders did their duties in a committed manner and spent many hours next to the sports fields.

The following boys received awards for their superb service to First Aid.

Honours: M Abel (Barns)

Colours: JS Spooner (Snow) and SN Maphanga (Pape)

10. HINDU SOCIETY

The Hindu Society has had a full season of cultural and outreach activities. The boys spent an informative day at the "Goshala" (a sacred cow sanctuary) in Thornville. Staff and parents joined the boys in rendering *bhajans* (religious songs) before having an interesting discourse on Hinduism from the resident priest.

The boys, in collaboration with MediClinic and STOP HUNGER, participated in the packaging of food hampers for the poor.

The third term saw the boys engaging in the cultural collaborative production, *Fire of Love*. They had the enriching experience of being part of a full production. The Cultural Show, directed by Mrs Talke, was a wonderful opportunity for them not only to share an extract of a Hindu wedding ceremony which is an important, colourful rite of passage for most Hindus; it also allowed them to learn a little more about the Afrikaans and Zulu cultures.

We were pleased to enter 28 Boys in the 2018 *Ved Niketan* Examination in September. Boys from Third to Sixth Form wrote Level 2 in this exam and our Second Formers wrote the Level 1 exam. The examining body is the ARYA SAMAJ – SOUTH AFRICA. We await the results with much anticipation.

The annual Hindu Society Cultural Evening is set to take place on 20 October 2018 in the Olivier Cultural Centre. This show is the culmination of a wonderful season of lessons learnt.

11. INTERACT

Every Monday afternoon the same group of 17 Grade 7 learners from Edendale Primary School would come to College for conversational English, maths and natural science tutoring. The Interact Club paid the weekly transport fee for the learners.

Wednesday afternoon visits to Northdale Hospital alternating with weekly visits to Salvation Army continued this year. At Northdale, the boys assisted by labelling medication in the pharmacy and at the Salvation Army they entertained the boys aged four to 18 and played with the babies in the nursery. The Interact Club this year were also able to build soccer posts at the Salvation Army Home.

Happiness Week at College saw Interact working closely together with other cultural societies. Together with the TechSquad, Interact ran a basic computer skills course with the 17 students from Edendale Primary. Interact was also involved with the making and packing of sandwiches for 'bread buddies'.

Once-off activities where the Interact boys helped during this year are:

- Assisted Rotary at the Dusi Canoe Marathon
- Interschool Interact Fundraiser event hosted by College
- Easter eggs donated to the Salvation Army
- Interact Club volunteered as marshals at the cross-country hosted by College
- Interact Club ran the College shop at Goldstones every home game
- 1000 Paws SPCA fundraiser at Hilton College during the July holidays - the boys assisted in setting up the event as well as working on the day.

12. MC INK

The MC Ink boys have produced some really good work in 2018, and continue to present at assemblies and get published in the various on campus newsletters.

This year's captain was G Haripersad, ably assisted by vice-captain U-F Khan. They brought not only direction to the group, but also a certain amount of discipline.

This year's 'Night of the Writer' saw pupils from Hilton College, Girls High and St John's gather to enjoy our boys' workshop. The open mic session at the end shows the talent that is around the Midlands schools.

Five of our boys presented at *words@Kearsney*: G Haripersad, N Lushozi, P Phala, Z Sheik and C Whiting. These events coerce the boys to write for a specific audience and on a specified theme, but they also add greatly to the boys' confidence. Their enthusiasm becomes infectious.

Our members continue to entertain during Friday assemblies, and there is often a waiting list of boys who wish to present their work.

13. MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre Monitors provide a vital service to the school by ensuring the smooth daily operation of the library. This year they were ably led by G Haripersad and his deputy, C Bower. We have introduced a mentorship system with our monitors this year. The boys are grouped into teams where the senior boys mentor the younger members. This provides a flatter hierarchy and allows the younger boys to get to know the library systems and the older boys.

Quite a few boys contributed to Media Centre displays this year, which is an aspect included in our Library Monitor's Handbook. This handbook forms the basis of monitors' training and tracks their test results.

The Library monitors enjoyed socials with their counterparts from Pietermaritzburg Girls High, which also provides a great opportunity to network and share ideas.

During the annual Library Monitors' Tea, Mrs Finnie presented each Sixth Former with a small gift by which to remember their time in the Maritzburg College Media Centre.

14. MUSIC AT COLLEGE

The Music Department has grown from strength to strength this year. We are pleased to now have Mr Jacques Heyns as a fulltime music staff member and, with his expertise, the subject work and the schools piano programme has grown in both number and ability. Also joining the staff on a part-time basis this year was Mr Bernard Kisbey-Green. He has already made a considerable impact on our saxophone and drums programme.

One of the highlights of the year was the attendance of the School Choir at the World Choir Games in Tshwane. They had the opportunity to perform and befriend choirs from all over South Africa and the world. They competed in the Open Competition of the Show Choir Section and achieved a Silver finishing fourth in the section.

While the Jazz band has performed all over some of the highlights this year has been our performance at Cordwalles Preparatory School for Boys and at the "Bands to the Max" evening at Epworth High School. At the "Bands to the Max" evening it was one of the first times that the band has played for other schools and they played with aplomb.

The Gospel Choir evening held in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall this year was a real highlight of Gospel music for the school. Many thanks to Mr Memory Ngcobo his efforts in this regard.

At the SASMT Eisteddfod this year the Music Department really took part to the highest degree. In total College entered over 48 items. This is a massive increase from the 14 items entered last year. The work done behind the scenes by the boys and teachers really paid off.

As part of the official naming of the Pearson Music Centre was our Prestige Concert. This annual event at the school showcases the boy's achievements. There were some touching tributes by the boys to the staff and the work they had done over the years with them. The concert was a rousing success and a testament to the progress we have made over this year with our ensembles and soloists.

The final event of the year be the annual Carol Service at the One Life Church South Site with Pietermaritzburg Girls High School on 21 November.

15. MUSLIM SOCIETY (MSA)

The MSA has met every Tuesday after school. In the first term learners fundraised and collected money to help Cape Town in the water drive. Money was handed over to the Gift of the Givers to purchase water and distribute in Cape Town.

During the meetings discussions where held on different topics and learners where encouraged to air their view. The boys learnt about different practices that the different cast did and shared knowledge on what they knew about other religions as well. Various verses where read and explained.

The members also participated in Happiness week.

16. SOUND AND LIGHTING SOCIETY (formerly Audio-Visual)

The Sound and Lighting Society has been this year. We were very pleased with the upgrade of our sound desk. This allows the Sound and Lighting team to now also run the prize-giving events. The highlight of the year for the Sound and Lighting crew was the *Guys and Dolls* musical. A big team of boys help with all parts of the show from moving the massive set to an extremely high level of technical support for the production. They must be lauded on their professionalism and excellence. They have also provided technical support to all the cultural evenings and various conferences within the school.

17. SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

The Speakers' Circle group comprised 40 boys this year. The public speaking programme aims to develop the boys' confidence and style of speaking when addressing a group of people. Progress in Speakers' Circle is achieved by working through nine different projects over the course of two years. These projects focus on a variety of facets of public speaking. When all nine projects have been completed, the boys receive a certificate of achievement. Not only do they learn the art of communication, but emphasis is also placed on social etiquette and graces expected in formal environments. Public speaking is an essential life skill and the boys are encouraged to realise its value.

The Office Bearers in 2018 are: Chairman – C Beekrum; Vice-chairman – T Mudunge; and Secretary – S Zuma. Special mention must be made of the Sixth Formers who, despite their schedules, have continued to produce interesting and thought-provoking speeches. They have dedicated their time not only to developing their communication skills but leading their fellow Fifth Form Speakers' Circle members by example.

18. TECHSQUAD

It has again been a positive year for the TechSquad boys, who ran the school's computer room admirably. They held the successful College Arcade Night, and a training session together with Interact during the Happiness Week. We will hopefully produce a higher quality of service to the school in the next few years. The potential, commitment and passion that these boys show is promising. The society is a home for many of our techno-savvy boys as well as those who have a natural affinity to technology.

The dedicated boys of TechSquad perform a variety of technology related functions. These include: peer-to-peer assistance; computer LAN monitoring; learner-applications assistance; ICT presentations; computer servicing, assembling, trouble-shooting and repair; iPad training; teacher-assist training and elementary programming. The captain for the 2018 year is G Haripersad.

19. CULTURAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	NS Zulu
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	MN Marshall
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	MK Hlongwane
Mc Gibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	IG Ndlela
Director's Award	SDG Palmer
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	JR McFarland
Usher Cup for Outstanding Work in Creative Movement	T Lowe
Parklane SuperSpar Trophy for the Most Promising Musician	K Ramharak
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for the Most Improved Musician	MA Thomas
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	JKH Wong
The Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music	S Bridglall
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	AJ Vermaak
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	N Govender
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	SS Zuma
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	C Beekrum
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker	M Reeves
The Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	C Beekrum
Azalea Rotary Club Book Award	
for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	JP Hoyle
The Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	JO Beauclerk
Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre	G Haripersad
Graham Holder Trophy	
for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	MK Hlongwane & MN Marshall

SPORT

1. ATHLETICS

A number of athletes participated in the various league meetings held in and around Durban during the first term as well as the Puma School of Speed event. O Higgins represented the KZN Secondary Schools' team at the SA Schools' Championships. Higgins, W Pretorius, K van den Berg, N Ndlovu and J Bilbrough represented the PMB and Districts Invitation team at the annual Menlo Park meeting and acquitted themselves extremely well. K van den Berg placed 1st in the U14 100m, O Higgins placed 1st in the U15 800m and N Ndlovu placed 1st in the U16 100m equally the current record of 10,9s.

The school's championship day was held at the new Pietermaritzburg athletics stadium and was the first athletics event ever held at the stadium. The world-class facilities that this stadium provides allowed us to have all our athletics items on the same day and in the format of a full athletics meet. In the new format all of the boys got to see their peers taking part for their respective houses. Lamond House once again came out on top on a day that was cold and quite wet to start with. Commons placed 2nd and Snows 3rd.

Athletics Champions for 2018

U19:	G Will (Pape)	U15:	W Pretorius (Lamond)
U17:	K Huizinga (Forder)	U14:	N Mosebi (Commons)
U16:	B Emms (Commons)		

The Mike Viljoen Trophy for the best individual performance went to N Mosebi who broke the record for the U14 100m posting a time of 11,5s.

2. BASKETBALL

The number of boys choosing to play basketball as their summer sport is increasing every year. There have been fixtures when 19 teams were involved in matches on a Saturday.

Overall 2018 has been a successful season despite the 1st team not winning many games against the provincial schools as normally done in previous years. College basketball is blessed to have both talented and committed coaches who ensure that the standard of the game is maintained.

The U16A team participated in the Michaelhouse Festival and also travelled to Johannesburg to compete in the inaugural St Stithians' tournament where they were placed 3rd with N Ngcobo being selected for the All Star team.

The 1st team played in the annual St John's tournament where they played 7 games and won 4 of the matches.

Provincial and National selections:

Inland Region	U16:	R Hyde, L Mawela, M Darch
	U18:	Z Khoza, S Dumisa, Q Mkhize
KZN	U16:	N Ngcobo
SA	U17:	Q Mkhize

3. CANOEING

The Canoeing Team has had an excellent season, and the boys have reaped the rewards of their hard work. The Canoe Club has unfortunately lost two of our Masters, as Messrs D Larter and G Erasmus moved onto promotion positions at other schools. The revitalised energy of the team has seen growing numbers of boys coming down to Camps Drift in the afternoons. Our partnership with Natal Canoe Club has made this growing interest in the sport possible, through the use of their equipment.

The KZN Schools League Series has exposed the boys to the various disciplines of the sport, where they

have excelled. The introduction of Surfski (ocean paddling) into the series was a welcome addition. With only one team event left in the series, the individual rankings are all but secured, with Maritzburg College taking six of the top ten positions.

Individually, our boys have excelled locally and internationally. At the recent South African Schools River Champs held in the Free State, K Tarr, B Tarr and J Giddings claimed the Junior K3 title. D Evans and ex-College boy, H Mackenzie, finished in an incredible twelfth position overall at the Dusi Canoe Marathon.

Internationally, B Lawson, T Drummond and K Hardy represented South Africa at the Canoe Polo World Series held in Belgium. D Evans and doubles partner H Mackenzie represented South Africa at the Kayak World Marathon Championships in Portugal in September. A shoulder injury saw Evans retire from the singles race. The next day, Evans put the disappointment behind him, and he and Mackenzie took on the doubles event, where they dominated from start to finish, but were narrowly beaten on the end sprint by the powerful Danish crew. A fifteen second penalty was later imposed on our boys for going on the wrong side of a bridge pillar, resulting in them dropping down into third position.

It is full steam ahead for our boys and we shift our attention from flat water to rivers, as the local river season kicked off in the October holidays with the Fish River Canoe Marathon and a number of pre-Dusi qualifying races.

4. CRICKET

Maritzburg College provided cricket for 27 teams on a weekly basis: six open, five U16, seven U15, and nine U14 sides. We had 20 permanent staff coaching full-time, but had to call on the services of 10 external coaches. All our A teams were privileged to have had a current professional KZN Inland cricketer as their assistant coach. We appreciate all our coaches and the input and value they add to our cricketers. College's depth as a cricketing school is unequalled, but at A and B-team level the competition is fierce. We pride ourselves on all our teams at Maritzburg College.

The 1st XI had an extremely successful first half to the season. After beginning the term with a narrow loss against a strong Westville side, the 1st XI remained unbeaten for the rest of the full weekend fixtures, including a "winning" draw against a highly ranked Hilton team. The U14A team had a few hiccups in the middle of the term but managed to work hard and get progressively better towards the end of term. The U15A team had a relatively successful first term losing two matches. The U16 A-team had a brilliant first term and went unbeaten with some incredible results.

A number of boys from all our A teams are integrally involved in the KZN Inland Cricket setup and we hope to have significant representation at the Provincial Weeks this year. We have already had four boys attend the Dolphins U17 Camp and one boy at the National U16 TAP Camp. One of our First XI cricketers, M Khumalo was selected for the SA U19 side that toured England and we are very proud that one of our boys could represent us at that level. All College cricketers are afforded incredible opportunities to extend their cricketing careers and are fully supporting by the school.

The 1st XI attended the St David's Pre-season Time Cricket Festival which prepared them well for the latter half of the year. During the September break all A teams attended cricketing festivals to compete with the best in the country. The 1st XI participated in the 59th Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week, the oldest cricket week in South Africa where they competed against Affies, Grey College, St John's College and a touring school from New Zealand, Westlake. Our U16, U15 and U14 sides also had their own festivals at Westville, Grey PE and Hilton respectively.

5. CROSS-COUNTRY

The 2018 season has been successful due to a strong contingent of committed and reliable runners. Our team consisted of 40 runners. As a result of this large group, the juniors and seniors won the Midlands League with strong competition from Michaelhouse. The seniors won their section of the Midland's League, thus retaining the trophy for the fifth consecutive year. The juniors managed to win the trophy

back from Michaelhouse. The captain, S Speed, led by example and three of our runners were selected to run in the KZN Provincial Champs. S Harvey has been selected to represent KZN in the Nationals later this year.

The inter-house cross-country run had a high participation level this year. The individual winner of the senior division was N Msiya, while the individual junior winner was O Higgins. Once again the overall winning house was Lamond's.

6. CYCLING

Cycling at Maritzburg College has made some remarkable and encouraging progress this year. Cycling as a sport has become a popular choice amongst our younger boys and this has helped increase its membership. Our cyclists have been very busy as they proudly and enthusiastically represented their school in a total of 17 activities.

We hosted our first exchange against Affies and raced at Cascades MTB Park. The competition was tough but we dominated on the course with our technical aspect helping us out.

College achieved the following outstanding results in the following KZN Inter-school events:

- 1st in the Quattro ROAG series
- 2nd in the KZN Spur MTB series
- Six cyclists have made the KZN team and will compete at the National Spur MTB series.

College is now represented by around 32 boys at each event and we are starting to consistently dominate the podium positions in every age group and discipline.

7. GOLF

It has again been a positive year for golf at College as far as the number of boys playing golf goes. This has contributed to the team producing its best results in many years. College finished first in this year's annual KZN Schools' Team Championship, the best performance in this competition. Four boys, R Emanuel, N Trodd, L Barnard and E Gough, were selected for the KZN A team, which is very encouraging.

The golf week at Affies during the April holidays was very successful. College finished in second place out of 14 teams.

The golf tour to the South Coast during the July holiday was again a great success with the large group of boys making the trip. Seven boys played three tournaments which were part of the KZN Golf Union's calendar after the tour. They played five different courses in seven days and on most days the boys played 36 holes.

Much hard work is still necessary for the young players to fulfil their potential, however, there is evidence of dedication by a number of senior boys who want to achieve at the highest level. What is of further encouragement is that only the golf captain, L Parker-Dennison and R Emanuel, will be leaving at the end of the year. The School Champion of the year was N Trodd.

N Trodd also won the Natal Stroke Play Championship at Mount Edgecombe and the Match Play Championship at Kloof.

8. HOCKEY

In 2018 College fielded 19 hockey teams, five open teams, eight U16 teams and six U14 teams. This equates to approximately 270 boys playing hockey every week and makes us one of, if not the, biggest hockey schools in the country. College played a total of 242 games winning 175 of them, drawing 31 and losing 36. This equates to a 73% win ratio. A number of the losses occurred on a stagger where lower College teams played higher opposition. The 4th, U16D, U14B and U14D teams all achieved unbeaten seasons and special mention is made of the U16B team who went a perfect 14 wins from 14 this year.

We had many memorable weekends on Pape's this year where the teams across the hockey fraternity performed brilliantly. We were unbeaten against Glenwood, both home and away, Kearsney, DHS, Clifton and St Charles and lost only a single game in matches against Hilton and Affies.

Mr Dylan Coombes joined us in January 2018 as Director of Hockey and took over the reigns as 1st XI coach. Our 1st XI had another successful season, playing some exciting hockey as they set out to be the benchmark in South Africa.

College has continued to dominate the KZN Inland selections and supplied KZN Inland Hockey teams with 43% of the players. A total of 40 College hockey players played in the 2018 Inter-Provincial Tournaments. The KZN Inland U18A team, U16A team and U14A team all won silver medals at the various IPTs.

Eight boys were selected for the various SA Schools teams at the conclusion of the U18 IPT:

SA U18A: J Campbell, A Bradford, M Maphumulo, A Walstroom and S Ngcongco

SA U18B: A Greaves

SA U17 High Performance Squad: G Pio and S Ngcobo

Four boys were selected for the SA U16 High Performance Squad at the conclusion of the U16 IPT:

B Jackson, D Bruyns, D van Niekerk and C Osborne.

J Campbell and M Maphumulo attended the Youth African Games in Algiers where they represented the SA Hockey 5s team. They won gold at the tournament and qualified for the Youth Olympics in Argentina.

Thanks must go to the following: The College hockey coaches, Miss Greyling and her First Aiders, Mr Veitch, Mr Hackland and his estates team, Mrs Emerson, Mr Watson and the boys who played hard but fair and gave their best on the field.

9. RUGBY

On average, Maritzburg College continues to field between 26 and 30 sides each Saturday, depending on the opposition. Having arguably the biggest rugby programme in the country makes it difficult to ensure every team plays every week. Overall, our boys were very successful and flew the College flag high. The win rate of all team was between 75% and 80%, depending on whether the staggers were included or not. On many occasions we expected our F and G teams to take on other schools A teams, which skews the results somewhat. The 1st team had a poor season as far as results are concerned but can be commended on their fight and tenacity against the odds. The school as whole, however, were brilliant. The only school against which we had a negative result rate was Affies. Fixtures against PBHS at home, Michaelhouse away and St Charles at home resulted in clean sweeps with a 100%-win record. Hilton only managed two wins out of 20 matches and Kearsney, one out of 18 matches. Against KES at home our boys lost only four of 21 matches. The boys can be very proud of this record.

The coaching staff are commended on their tremendous efforts throughout the year. Many teams only lost 1 or 2 games the entire season, with some of the losses only being on a stagger. With so many teams to look after, there is always the need for outside coaching expertise to be used. We are very lucky to have the likes of Louis Botha, Lawrence Orchard and many young students to rely on to keep our boys organised and ready. Thank you all.

Maritzburg College is striving to improve. The involvement of the Old Boys and key rugby personalities has been called on to assist with the ever-changing and competitive environment that is schoolboy rugby. We look forward to using this expertise to ensure that we are at the forefront in years to come.

The following boys gained KZN Schools' selection:

Sharks Craven Week: S Dube, N Radebe

Sharks Academy Week: A Nzimande, P Simamane, W Hlope

Sharks U16 Grant Khomo Week: H Corbett, K Goedeke, K Hadebe, M King, M Masvikeni

Our U18 and U15 7 a-side teams will be attending national finals.

10. RUGBY REFEREES

The members of the Maritzburg College Rugby Referees' Society enjoyed another successful season. The numbers were impressively high and it was very impressive watching our young men officiate games at College and other schools in KZN. The society was led with great enthusiasm by the captain, N Mfeka. He was awarded colours for rugby refereeing after for his loyalty and dedication to the society over the last two seasons. He was also deservedly awarded the Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee, while the Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee was awarded to Z Jali. We will follow the refereeing journeys of both young gentlemen with interest, and we wish them well with their post-school refereeing careers. It is worth noting that our captain was also appointed as Assistant Referee number 6 for the Sharks vs Pumas Currie Cup game at Kings Park earlier in the year.

Thanks go to the hardy handful of members that included the aforementioned duo as well as A Matsheke, S Ngwenya, J McFarland, B Meier, C Dowell, R Price, C Hibbert, M van der Werff, M Pearson, D Thackray, S Westermeyer, S Hlatshwayo as well as to the experienced referees at the local MRSSU (notably, Messrs K Wessels, K Marais, K Rugbar and P van der Merwe) for the considerable support they offered the College referees throughout the season. Lastly, I thank the dedicated whistlemen amongst the College staff, who all offered inspirational examples to the boys – Messrs V Msibi, S Ngema and B Mdutyana.

11. SHOOTING

Shooting is a sport which attracts a select few boys. With limited facilities our task of choosing the best new boys was made a little more difficult. However, we identified the boys most likely to succeed in a sport that requires commitment and dedication.

Shooting is gaining popularity especially as the sport is being recognised both within and beyond our school. J Cooke and R Boone received Colours for shooting. We always strive to improve the level of achievement amongst our shottists. It is pleasing to report that all boys have displayed a marked improvement in their scores.

J Cooke, the captain, is an excellent example to the boys. He, together with his assistant R Boone, set the pace in the range and this has had a positive influence on the rest of the team. J Cooke, S Verwey, S Hutton, U Molefi, J Hoyle and C Vahey have all received their SAARA Academy colours. These boys, together with R Boone and M Pearson, have also being selected for the KZN team. Our boys have featured well in the league shoots, achieving top positions on more than one occasion. Boone and Cooke have continually swapped top position in the Under 20 section of the league shoot. Vahey did us proud by winning the Gauteng Open. This was a well-earned honour as he participated in an arena that was brand new to him.

The inter-house competition once again generated much excitement with the boys that don't shoot competing against the seasoned shottists. There is always a sense of anticipation because on the day anybody can post a good score. The top junior was C Norman of Nicholson House and O Mkhize of Calder House was the top senior. Overall top position was shared by Nicholson and Commons.

12. SOCCER

Soccer has continued its rise in popularity at Maritzburg College with a record number of teams in 2018 – 18 in total. 2018 brought a change in coaching staff as Mr Daniel Haswell was hired to take over the coaching of the 1st XI. Former coach, Mark Trout ends a 4-year stint and we thank him for his dedicated service, and wish him all the best for his new post as Head of Sport at Maritzburg Christian School. The A teams played in the 2nd term, allowing the boys more fixtures throughout the year, however, another short third term, with only 4 weekends of fixtures, resulted in fewer fixtures for teams down the line. The boys enjoyed the level of competition, nonetheless.

The 1st XI enjoyed one of their most successful years in recent times with regards to tournaments as they made the final of the PMBHSFA 2nd Term League, taking on Haythorne. A very well attended match on AB Jacksons, ended with Haythorne winning on penalties. At the Kloof tournament, the team made the quarter-finals, losing to Pinetown, who went on to lose in the championship final. The team's most successful run came at the Maritzburg FA Cup. College was the only team to remain unbeaten in normal time throughout the tournament, eventually losing to defending champions Hilton College on penalties in the final.

The 2018 Raw Cup was unfortunately relinquished to DHS, in a tight game which ended 1-0 to the Durbanites.

Congratulations go to K Mudali and S Phungula, who both reached 50 caps for the 1st XI, in 2018.

The following boys were selected for KwaZulu-Natal High School's teams:

U14A: A Vilakazi; T Nkosi

U15B: K Chetty; R Naidoo; J Shaik-Mahomed

U16A: Z Gxarisa; T Whiteman; M Dorlly (Pulled out through injury)

U19B: U Mthembu; L Zondi; S Zondi

U19A: T Zondi; S Phungula

During the KZN tour to JHB, the U14A and U16A, captained by T Nkosi and Z Gxarisa, respectively, both won their tournaments. Z Gxarisa was also named best defender at the tournament, picked from three different age groups.

13. SQUASH

We are very pleased that we still have the services of Mr Andre Dippenaar as our head coach. Approximately 40 boys across the age groups have played squash on a regular basis. We have many strong players in the U17, U16 and U14 age groups which bodes well for next year.

The following boys were selected to represent KZN at the inter-provincial tournaments held in June:

U19: E Meyer (ranked No 1)

U16: M Darch (ranked No 1), C White, S Strydom and K Govender

U14: A Ndwandwe, A Premchund, N Moodley and S Maharaj

Our Top 8 boys did exceptionally in the Super 8: vs Glenwood 17-11, Hilton College 24-1, vs Kearsney 18-10, vs Michaelhouse 19-3, vs St Charles 24-3, vs Westville 6-24

The 2nd Team also had a very successful season: vs Glenwood 14-3, vs Hilton 15-0, vs Kearsney 12-0, vs St Charles 25-4, vs Westville 6-10

Our Top 6 boys attended the annual St Andrew's College Squash Festival in February and lost four out of their five matches against very strong opposition. Our Top 6 Stayers will be going to the Wynberg Boys High Squash Festival in October.

The School Champions for 2018 are: U19 E Meyer, U16 M Darch, U14 A Ndwandwe. Most improved player this year is C White.

14. SWIMMING

Swimming at College has once again seen the school participating in both local and out-of-province galas. Club swimming is still dominating the school swim scene and a school's success is based on the number of club swimmers one has. The team as ably led by L Verwey who gained Honours and was our top provincial swimmer. Other swimmers who have excelled at top level are C van Heerden and J van der Merwe.

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion	L Verwey (Commons)
U17 Champion	C Stephens (Strachan)
U16 Champion	C van Heerden (Commons)
U15 Champion	J van der Merwe (Nicholson)
U14 Champion	T van Heerden (Commons)

Overall relay results: 1st – Commons; 2nd – Nicholson and 3rd – Snow.

The Oscar Servant Trophy for the best performance was won by L Verwey for his achievement in the 50 yards Open Butterfly race where he bettered Olympian swimmer, D Townsend's record of 24,7 (set in 2002) and set the new record at 23,64.

15. TABLE TENNIS

This is the fifth year of table tennis as an official school sport and it is growing in popularity. This year has seen a greater improvement in our results and achievements. Our 1st team remains unbeaten in the school exchanges and the Midlands League, twice winning handsomely against a strong Pretoria Boys High team and against all local schools. This year we fielded six teams in the Midland League, three teams in the A league and three teams in the B League. The 1st team won the A League with the 2nd team finishing runners-up. College 4th team won the B League competition.

Some notable individual achievements:

- In April, Y Naidoo represented South Africa in the U18 age group in Cote de Voire. He is ranked 12th in Africa in his age group.
- At the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship, Y Naidoo won one gold, one silver and one bronze medal.
- N Dlamini and Y Bandu won a bronze medal (u15) at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship.
- Y Naidoo, K Naidoo (u18) and K Govender (u15) were selected to represent Umgungundlovu in the KZN inter- district tournament.
- K Naidoo received his Colours and D Naidoo and C Bower each achieved a Large White Badge.

16. WATER POLO

College have eight water polo teams this year. The teams attend various tournaments around the country during the year. Our U14 team travelled to Jeppe to attend the Ken Short Water polo tournament while the first team travelled to KES for their annual tournament. All the teams were in preparation for various tournaments during the third term. The U15A team went down to the Ian Mellier Cup at Wynberg, where the team finished 10th and again was honoured to be presented with the Keith Richardson Trophy for Sportsmanship for the second year running, and Mr Nigel Sutherland received the award for Manager of the Tournament. The 1st team attend the annual Clifton Water Polo Tournament.

The fourth term begins with the Top 10 tournament for U14, U15 and the 1st team, followed by the regular season.

A number of our boys made the Midlands age group sides to participate at the KZN trials:

U19: B Webster

U19B: L Lenz

U15: C Thunder and S Pretorius

17. SPORT TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy	
for the Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	CD von Benecke
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Chess Player of the Year	S Gounder
Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee	NL Mfeka
Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee	ZT Jali
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Promising Shottist	SD Verwey
Frank Lambert Cup for the Best Overall Shottist	JP Cooke
Shaun Olley Cup for the Most Consistent Shottist	RA Boone
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	ULY Molefi
Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	N Trodd
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Improved Golfer	EL Gough
Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for the	
Most Improved Water Polo Player in Form Five	BC Webster
Matt Kemp Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	CR Dowell
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	GB Lesur
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Water Polo Player	T Prinsloo
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	KD Raw
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Junior Champion Canoeist	GT Cooke
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Most Promising Canoeist	JR Goble
Oscar Servant Trophy for the	
Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	DM Evans
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Senior Champion Canoeist	DM Evans
Greenhalgh Cup for the Most Valuable Basketball Player	LS Janse van Rensburg
Arnold Moseya Trophy for the Best Defensive Basketball Player	PB Simamane
Oscar Servant Trophy for the	
Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	ABP Mcoyi
Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	Z Luthuli
'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	CS Dladla & LL Shange
Hatton's Cycles Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cyclist	NA Burczak
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Champion Cyclist	KA Blunt
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	RQ Christensen
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	AD Styan
Grant Morrison Trophy for the Most Improved Tennis Player	TM Katzenellenbogen
Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	RQ Christensen
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Junior Table Tennis Champion	N Dlamini
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Senior Table Tennis Champion	Y Naidoo
Ted Anley Memorial Shield for the Most Competent Soccer Referee	CM Thomas
Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	MC Dorlly
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	K Mudali
Reece Tifflin Trophy for 1st XI Soccer Player of the Year	UK Mthembu
Aidan Nugent Trophy for the Under 14 Squash Champion	AT Ndwandwe
Dan Smith Trophy for the Under 16 Squash Champion	MCC Darch
Smythe Trophy for the Most Improved Squash Player	CS White
Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	E Meyer
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for the	
Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	JR Gengan
Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	JP Campbell

Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	OL Higgins
Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	OL Higgins
Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	N Msiya
Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for the Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	N Msiya
Shrives Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	AS Bradford
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	RD Stainbank
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	GO Pio
Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	JP Campbell
Skonk Nicholson Pin for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	EC Heuer
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	NM Mchunu
Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	SS Dube
Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	TW Nelson
Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	DM Evans
Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	JP Campbell
Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	DM Evans

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

The inter-house competition in 2018 has been an exciting race. Commons House did well to lead throughout most of the year after stating their intent by winning the school gala and cultural competitions – the major events in term 1. That was followed by some strong showings in Term 2 and then a major victory in the school Athletics Championships. These triumphs, and some consistent performances in other events, put the 'Oranje' of Commons House in line to be the worthy winners of both the Forder Cup for Champion House and the Cock House Champions (sporting champs). Snow House were in the chase for most of the year and can also be proud of their 'silver' place finish. The final log positions in the competition for the Forder Cup were as follows:

New Position	House	Borver Week	Virtus Sports Challenge	Cricket	Swim-ming	Shooting	HCC 4 Events	Tennis	Rugby	Hockey	Chess	X-Country	Table-tennis	Soccer	Squash	Basketball	Athletics	Canoe	W Polo	Cycling	Academics	OVERALL POINTS
1	<i>Commons</i>	7	4.5	2.5	10	9.5	9.5	9.5	8.5	7	7	8	4.5	4	6	3.5	9	5	9	7	5	136
2	<i>Snow</i>	9	2	8	3.5	6	5	5	8.5	6	6	6	6	7	10	10	8	4	2	9.5	3	124.5
3	<i>Barns</i>	7	7	6.5	1.5	8	7.5	3	6	2	9	7	2	8	3	6.5	3	10	5	8	8.5	118.5
4	<i>Forder</i>	1.5	10	5	5	1	7.5	2	6	10	10	9	3	5	8	2	6	7	3	9.5	5	115.5
5	<i>Lamond</i>	10	9	10	6.5	4	4	1	3	3	8	10	1	1	5	1	10	9	7	2	8.5	113
6	<i>Strachan</i>	4	6	4	8.5	7	2	7.5	1	9	3	4	9.5	9	9	3.5	7	1	1	5	1	102
7	<i>Calder</i>	3	3	2.5	8.5	5	6	4	6	1	4	2	9.5	3	1	5	5	8	10	5	7.5	99
8	<i>Pape</i>	1.5	4.5	6.5	1.5	2	9.5	7.5	4	8	5	1	7.5	2	8	9	4	6	8	1	2	98.5
9	<i>Nicholson</i>	7	1	9	6.5	9.5	1	9.5	2	4.5	1	3	4.5	10	5	6.5	1	3	6	3	5	98
10	<i>Fuller</i>	5	8	1	3.5	3	3	6	10	4.5	2	5	7.5	6	3	8	2	2	4	5	7.5	96

INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Ray Bestall Cup for Junior Cricket
 Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey
 Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby
 The Sixth Form Cup for Shooting
 Peel Cup for Tennis

Lamond
 Forder
 Pape
 Commons & Nicholson
 Commons & Nicholson

Freakes Shield for House Cricket
 Critch Cup for Junior Rugby
 Lindup Cup for House Rugby
 Bob Lambert Cup for Squash
 College Cup for Inter-House Culture

Lamond
 Commons
 Fuller
 Snow
 Commons & Pape