



Commons House News



Term 4 - 2019

HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

A fast paced 4th term arrived baiting every young man to give it one last push to the 2019-year end. With the exam venues full of creative young minds, all who are writing anxiously portraying their knowledge.

We look back at 2019 and take note of all who had a role in making it a success. Our mentor teachers applied themselves extremely well. As they delivered thought provoking topics in mentor sessions, they established trusting relationships, and provided a holistic approach to developing our boys. The Commons House team continued to limp along without two of its pillars. We wish Mr Patterson well in his new House Master's position and bid Dr Salmon farewell as she leaves College to join DHS.

2019 was again a year where Commons House topped the log in the House Competition. The boys who arrived in Second Form, once again, finished near the top of the pile after all the activities in the first week. This provided the necessary momentum for Commons House to continue into the year, however, staying at the top is always more difficult than getting there. With the excellent leadership of L. Diedricks and his leaders - Commons' maintained the standards set in 2018 and this contributed to another successful year for the house.

Our new House leaders have done a sterling job thus far as they solidified their role in our House and school. We have all the trust that 2020 will be a massive success in terms of growth among our boys of Commons House.

OUR HOUSE



The highlights package:

Term 1:

We welcomed our new second form borvers who anxiously considered their new environment. Before long our Commons House borvers had the privilege of owning and wearing their College 2nd form ties. The title of being a College boy brought new sense of excitement and great additions to the Commons House team.



Great attendance and enthusiastic participation heaved Commons House toward more points. Our junior teams shone on the track while our seniors where leading from the front in the field events.



Term 2:

Our very own Kailen Thaver and Christopher van Selm acted in the play 'Fawlty Towers'. We would like to congratulate them on their great performances which will be a hard act to follow.



Term 3:

The House events which kept our young men challenged included the House **Canoeing** event which was unfortunately not the House strong point. The

Basket Ball event always draws a crowd and was well attended coming fourth. After gaining momentum the **cycling** boys added some fuel to the fire by bringing more promise to the field and to the scoreboard. Our **Water polo** team was well attended. With a worthy fight and true grit, the team made their way into the semi-finals gaining some valuable points, they placed third. **House plays** has been Commons

House's strong point. The event was held after hours and saw the



other houses compete for the top honour. This being the last event of the term, Commons House needed the big "W" to narrowly edge ahead in the overall House standing. The act was brilliantly put together after nights of preparation, we placed first.

Our **academics** gained a solid fourth place and proved that Commons House is a force to be reckoned with.



Marist College

Forder Cup for Champion House

1	Commons'	128
2	Forder's	127
3	Fuller's	123
4	Calder's	119
5	Strachan's	110
6	Barns'	108
7	Pape's	106
8	Lamond's	99
9	Nicholson's	92
10	Snow's	89

THE BOYS IN LEADERSHIP

We are very proud to announce the Head Boy of Maritzburg College is none other than our very own:



C. Van Heerden

Our 2020 **Prefects** from Commons House. Selected to lead our house and school.



B Emms



C Stubbs



K Hadebe



M Smith

Our **House Leaders** who will be active and displaying their leadership qualities within the House.



L Mosiea



K Thaver



C White



N Zondo



J Lowe

In closing, a final word....



A word from the **House Captain**, L
Diedricks to the leaders of 2020:

*“Gentlemen, on behalf of the 2019
leaders we’d like to congratulate
each of you on your appointments as
leaders for 2020. The future of
Commons house is now in your
hands, but I have no doubt that you
guys will take the House to even
greater heights. I encourage all of
you to really get stuck in and give it
your all, you won’t regret it. Last but
not least, enjoy every moment, it
goes by in the blink of an eye. Good
luck.”*