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WELCOME

Having been around for over 150 years, Maritzburg College knows about the education of young men. Over the course of its long history, the school has evolved from the small village school of 1863 into a vibrant and bustling 21st-century establishment that employs 150 staff and is the educational home to 870 day scholars and 460 boarders.

Although the school boasts all the modern educational tools and sporting facilities that one could imagine, it has retained its own unique character, which fosters a powerful sense of identity and belonging within its community and draws back its old boys in their thousands for Reunion Day each year.

In a modern world, which at times shows some neglect for the virtues of character and the development of the whole boy, Maritzburg College has retained a committed

focus on its core values of honesty, integrity, courage, self-discipline, commitment and respect, which all College boys are expected to embrace and live out each day.

Maritzburg College is one of the most well-resourced schools in the province. Our academic and sporting facilities, as well as our experienced and dynamic staff, ensure that our boys have the freedom to excel in many different areas.

While the school remains quietly proud of the achievements of its many past scholars who have brought lustre to its name, it remains a thoroughly relevant South African school in which every boy of every circumstance will be encouraged to develop to his full potential. A shared identity binds the present to the past - beneath a vivid tapestry quilted in Red, Black and White. s



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ACADEMICS

Our well-qualified and dedicated teaching staff are committed to their task, passionate about the school, and always prepared to go the extra mile. They take an interest not only in the academic progress of the boys they teach but also in their wider areas of achievement.

We pride ourselves on providing our boys with a comfortable and well-resourced learning environment which includes modern, fully equipped classrooms. Whiteboards, computers, fibre optical Wi-Fi, data projectors and interactive Smartboards are well utilised throughout our school, ensuring that learning is enhanced with variety. Our dedicated College Moodle (cloud) ensures the easy transfer of learning material between staff and boys and facilitates new innovations in our digital learning programmes.

In our large art suites, dedicated teachers provide our boys with varied exposure to the world of Visual Arts. Music rooms cater to boys who play musical instruments or who are members of our various vocal groups, choirs and band.

Our Drama Department is housed within the Olivier Cultural Centre, a fully equipped playhouse. Boys studying Dramatic Arts are encouraged to participate in all facets of the subject.

Our broad range of subject choice at Maritzburg College, totalling 21 subjects, allows a boy to tailor his academics according to his interests and aspirations for tertiary study. In addition to the traditional subjects, boys can choose amongst specialised subjects such as Economics, Engineering Graphics & Design, Information Technology, AP Maths and Agricultural Science.

Our National Senior Certificate results are always among the best in the province, and indeed nationally. We also hold our own internationally, having produced several Rhodes scholars and more recently, a Fullbright scholar.

In our main foyer, we have an Honours Board which details the achievements of hundreds of our Old Boys. These include university chancellors, judges, bishops, authors and directors of education.





CULTURE

Maritzburg College stages several drama productions each year. Being involved in these productions is a very popular option for the boys who attend auditions in huge numbers.

With the growing interest in performing arts, we have showcased more than one production annually. College also holds a Performing Arts Competition each year where boys can enter in various categories. We also take part in 'FUNK', the annual dance production at Hilton College.

The College Actors Workshop allows the boys to script, direct, produce and perform in various theatre productions besides the school play. Boys can receive awards for their participation in drama productions. There is indeed ample opportunity for any boy to get the chance to "tread the boards"!

An integral branch of the Audio Visual Society, the Theatre Crew Society aims to provide an opportunity to those boys who are not comfortable in front of an audience but still want to be part of a production. They gain experience in various backstage and front of house duties undertaken by the Society.

There are three choirs at Maritzburg College: the School Choir, the Chamber Choir and the Gospel Choir. Maritzburg College boys are selected every year to be a part of the prestigious KZN Midlands Youth Choir. Besides the choirs, small vocal group ensembles regularly perform at events.

Maritzburg College has four independent educators teaching in the afternoons after school to accommodate boys who wish to learn musical instruments but who don't take music as a subject. Many Old Boys have pursued music and theatre after school and have been extremely successful.

Other opportunities that our boys have to extend themselves include debating, chess, first aid, Interact, speaker's circle, the media centre, photographic club, tech squad, MC Ink (writer's club) and Mind Sports.





SPORT

Boys are encouraged to take up sporting and cultural activities. Sports practices take place twice a week so there is ample opportunity for them to become involved in both.

Our indoor, multipurpose sports centre houses an indoor cricket training facility, change rooms and ablutions, as well as our High Performance Sports Centre and gym. Here, boys are monitored and guided by a full-time biokineticist who assists them with general physical health advice and customised training programmes to ensure that these sportsmen are properly conditioned for their chosen sport. Pre-season training for various sports is encouraged and coaches will often give boys holiday fitness programmes to follow.

Sports is particularly well-suited as a means of learning life lessons and developing character. Through sport, a boy will learn to win and to lose; to know when to strive for more and when to be gracious in defeat; to push himself; to lead as well as to be led; to think as a member of a team; to adapt and to cooperate.

We offer six full sport fields and have access to another six, as well as a 30m swimming/water polo pool (heated to allow for pre-season training) and an international standard, water-based hockey AstroTurf. Elevated above the hockey Astro, the Pape's Pavilion is the ideal spot for spectators to enjoy the game.

Four squash courts are located next to the multipurpose sports centre, and outdoor cricket nets are located on two of our sports fields. We also have seven tennis courts adjacent to the various boarding houses. Shooting is offered indoors at our competition-ready shooting range.

The Kent Pavilion located on "Goldstones", our main rugby and cricket field, houses covered seating for spectators, a kitchen for serving teas and snacks, and a modern well-equipped first aid room.





SPORT

With a wide selection of sports to choose from, there is a place for every boy, no matter what their level of skill, interest or objective may be. Sport builds confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and a sense of belonging - we believe it is critical to the emotional, social and physical development of boys.

Our coaches are committed and passionate about their sporting codes. We are also fortunate to have many extra sporting facilities adjacent to our school. These include the Natal Canoe Club on the banks of the Msunduzi river, a ten-lane tartan athletics track complete with floodlights, the Harry Gwala soccer stadium, the Alexandra Park Cricket Oval and the velodrome cycling track. Our boys enjoy the use of all of these facilities as well as the substantial on-campus facilities.

There are opportunities for participation in a total of 17 different official sports, including athletics, basketball, canoeing, canoe polo, cricket, cross-country, cycling, golf, hockey, rugby, shooting, soccer, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis and water polo. In addition, pupils are able to participate in a number of “unofficial” sports, and others get involved in learning the intricacies of rugby refereeing.

Sport, whether team-based or individual, provides a variety of benefits other than physical activity.





PASTORAL CARE

This programme involves the entire school, creating supportive systems and positive relations between all members of the Maritzburg College school community. It aims to promote a strong ethos of mutual respect, care and concern - a brotherhood or a sense of brothers for life.

The pastoral care structure is managed through the ten sports houses, providing leadership, support and guidance to each boy.

A full-time Pupil Guidance Counsellor is on hand should learners require social and emotional counselling. This service extends to boarders after hours with the counsellor being resident on the premises.

Our Pupil Development Centre includes an up-to-date and accessible career guidance facility where boys may explore various career options, subject choices and entrance requirements for tertiary educational institutions.

Representatives from tertiary educational institutions visit this centre to offer presentations and to expand on the various opportunities available to our learners.

Our Leadership Department facilitates leadership courses and camps throughout the year. The Maritzburg College Leadership Programme aims to create the opportunity for all learners to undergo leadership training and experience practical leadership for the benefit of both their own personal growth and that of the school as a dynamic and integrated working team.

The programme follows through from year to year with different phases being presented for each grade group. Amongst other activities, the programme includes:

- Annual leadership camps for each grade
- A leadership curriculum in the Life Orientation syllabus
- Various practical leadership opportunities
- Training seminars and workshops
- Evaluation of performance in leadership activities
- Leadership aptitude testing





BOARDING

Maritzburg College, and its boarding house especially, is a place that unashamedly believes in rites of passage and that things are earned over time. Within days of his arrival as a Form 2 boarder, a boy will have to tackle a challenge called 'Vietnam', which will test his determination and team-work, but will ensure that by the start of the school year he will be well on his way to becoming a proud, upstanding young man of Nathan House, College's boarding house for our juniors.

Within a short while, the boys who are dropped off on that first day of the school year in Nathan's become a close-knit team of young men, united under a common destiny. On that day, they embark on one of the great adventures of their lives.

Over the course of his first year as a College boarder, he will wake up early, polish his own shoes, tidy his own locker and make his own bed; he will organise his laundry and his school books for the day, and make sure that he knows where his classes are, who his teachers are, and what his duties after school are. He will play sport in the afternoon sunshine, help with the tidying up after practices, and do his prep after supper. All the while, he will be well fed and hopefully get lots of rest. But he will each day know that he is a junior, one who must climb College's many rungs to earn his spurs.

He will start every Saturday at 05h00, as he and the other Nathan's boys prepare the fields for sport, he will line up last for meals, spend hours fielding cricket and rugby balls for the seniors, and will have to pass team testing on Friday nights.

Most importantly, he will have to learn the, sometimes mysterious, ways of College and its boarding establishment. He will be introduced to College's mythology, with its privileges, rules and duties, and in a protective environment will be able to learn the ropes as a junior in KZN's oldest boys' school.

But luckily no Form 2 boy is ever alone. All the while he will have around him 99 other boys missing home and struggling in a big, new environment just as much, as well as hand-picked Nathan's prefects to inspire and cajole him, the housemaster and his staff, the sanatorium sisters, and the many College teachers and coaches sympathetic to the boys' lot.







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