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MARITZBURG  
COLLEGE

A REPORT ON  
ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS  
AND  
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
IN 2021

AN ADDENDUM TO THE  
HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

# ACADEMIC

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 2020

- 100% pass rate
- 89% of our matriculants achieved a Bachelor's Degree pass
- 427 subject distinctions
- 1 boy received 8 distinctions and 12 boys received seven distinctions

Our top achievers in 2020 are:

8 Distinctions: S Kidsingh

7 Distinctions: I Maharaj, M Zunckel, T Katzenellenbogen, M Smith, S Zondi, P Elliot, Z Osman, H Moosa, Y Atwaru, M Darch, K Hough, T Mohabir

6 Distinctions: T Mbatha, AJ Westley, Y Naidoo, J Muggleton, J Moses

5 Distinctions: T Thulsie, N Bengu, J Du Toit, R Hassim, H Mewalall, LV Mosiea, R Price

4 Distinctions: J Bense, D Bruyns, M Kelly, J Lowe, D Moodley, G Nel, B Pepworth, X Pretorius, N Qwabe, T Rasmussen, C Venter

3 Distinctions: R Akerman, H Alli, H Anderson, O Beauclerk, J Cumming, L de Rose, B Dry, M Els, C Groeneveld, W Horn, U Kweyama, B Mazoue, N Mndaweni, M Moosa, L Muller, N Ndlovu, U Ngcobo, Z Nzimande, T Phiri, C Shaw, L Skhosana, M Thomas, I Vally, N Whatmore

## 2. OLYMPIADS / QUIZZES / COMPETITIONS

### De Beers English Olympiad

The following boys were medal winners:

- Silver Award (70-79%) KL Subbiah
- Bronze Award (60-69%) CT Baldrey, KN Hansen, MA Pearson, JB Peens

### **3. KHANYISA OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

The Khanyisa Programme, saw tremendous success last year. While the final results were outstanding across the board, there are two top achievers who deserve special mention: Zanene Kunene, from Injoloba Secondary, achieved 95% in Physical Science, and Snethemba Sithole, from Sobantu Secondary, achieved 90% for Mathematics as well as 92% for English 2nd Additional Language. We congratulate them both; we are proud of the role that Khanyisa played in helping them reach their full potential.

The programme has been in full swing this year. In March, the principals of 20 schools, chosen by the Department of Education, attended the 2021/2022 programme launch on our campus. They were able to meet the Khanyisa teachers, tour the school and get a feel of the environment into which they would be sending their colleagues and students.

We have been fortunate to have the US Embassy English Department partner with us through donating English resources for the twenty Khanyisa educators and co-facilitating the English educator sessions with Mrs Lindiwe Mthembu. The objective of the partnership is to ensure that our Khanyisa educators are exposed to as many teaching methodologies as possible, to help them achieve outstanding results in their own schools.

This year also saw a realisation from Programme Co-ordinator, Ms Thobeka Shata that, while the programme was doing wonders for the children academically, there were many other ways they could benefit. This sparked the idea to provide a more multi-faceted experience for the learners. Ms Shata, with the help of a generous Maritzburg College parent, organised for each pupil to receive a toiletry care-pack at the beginning of the year. The success of the toiletry donations sparked a drive to collect sanitary products for the learners. This has been well supported by Maritzburg College staff, the Interact Club and Save Hyper, with generous monetary and product donations.

Our sponsor, Hulamin, followed suit by funding the entire high school career of a very bright young man who was prevented from a spot at College only by his family's inability to afford the fees and transport to and from school. Hulamin will generously pay the full boarding and tuition fees for Phumlani Mncwabe, currently a student at KwaMpungose Primary School, who will be starting at College next year.

Sincere thanks to Mr S Mabaso, Mrs L Mthembu and Mrs S Kritzinger who facilitate the teacher and learner sessions. We express our gratitude to Mr Simon Stickells for his technical support for Khanyisa and Ms Thobeka Shata for co-ordinating the programme and for her efficient administration. We also acknowledge and thank the peer tutors and all Maritzburg College, who have added value to the learner sessions.

# CULTURE

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

## 1. AFRIKAANS SOCIETY

This year over seventy enthusiastic boys were members of the Afrikaans Society. Under the guidance of Mrs G Talke (MIC), Mr G Steyn (Tienertoneel) and Ms M du Plessis (organiser and planner), an exciting and diverse programme kept the boys busy.

The weekly Thursday evening activities included: *boeresport* competitions, Valentine's gesture, line dancing, cultural food/music and poem evening, *sokkie* work shop, *koffiekroeg* and singsongs, and a performance for Happiness Week, and Bread Buddies.

We also practiced for the society play which unfortunately could not take place because of Covid restrictions.

What a great year at College regarding Tienertoneel. This year College took part in the Online DigiToneel competition as well as ATKV Tienertoneel and FAK Allegretto Toneelfees. Our boys did exceptionally well under the direction of Mr Steyn. The College productions "Vriendin" and "Soos jy leef" earned 2 Gold, 21 Silver and 40 Bronze awards.

S Mbonambi and Mr Steyn were also nominated for Top Three best sound operators and "Soos jy leef" was announced as best Toneelgees, which describes best attitude, showing dedication and passion towards theatre at the FAK Allegretto Toneelfees.

We are extremely proud of these boys who participated and subsequently received the following school awards for Drama:

Colours and Scarf: W Pretorius

Colours: J Beauclerk, D Jacobsz, S Delpport, T van Heerden, C Prinsloo, H Delpport, J van der Merwe

Lapel Badge: C Schutte

## 2. CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club has had a successful year and the number of members continues to grow. The competitions are enthusiastically supported and the calibre of photos of the winners has risen to a very pleasing standard. The growth in talent has been exciting. With the continued restrictions on sport and cultural activities we were still able to have an online competition which keeps the momentum of the club going during these disruptive times. The highlight of the year was achieving three placings in the Kearsney inter-schools competition. Z Desebrook and A Veitch achieved second placings and B Gademan achieved a third placing in their respective categories.

## 3. COLLEGE CUES

### Drama

The precautions required due to Covid in 2021 have largely curtailed live performance. When able, 'College Cues' has utilised the time to consolidate and work on developing a skills base for anticipated performances. There was a pleasing initial surge of interest in both the Junior and Senior Drama groups. College Cues attempts to both supplement syllabus content for existing Drama learners and create an opportunity for non-Drama students to experience live performance and develop new skills. The current skills development in movement and acting will feed into ensemble work for next year's production. Sadly, our boys were unable to attend Jongosi at the Hilton Arts Festival. However, College has arranged for one of the premiere productions from the festival to be presented in the OCC with suitable social

distancing. ‘Horn of Sorrow’ is a critically acclaimed piece of physical theatre which deals with the issue of rhino poaching and challenges the actors to create the animals, sounds and environment of Africa using only their bodies.

### **Dance**

College Cues Dance troupe was only able to take part in one performance this year. The group participated in #Digi:Funk. This digital re-imagining of the iconic ‘Funk’ Dance show which has been running in Pietermaritzburg for 21 years, was filmed with the assistance of Lynn Chemaly of St Anne’s who was also the festival co-ordinator. College’s performance took place on Goldstone’s and the Forder Oval. The show was released digitally on 17 May 2021 and remains available on You Tube. A number of other schools withdrew from this year’s performance and College is proud to be one of eight schools that persevered in order to participate. The show was well received overall and College received very positive feedback both locally and from the expanded audience which resulted from the use of the digital platform. Most of the current group of dancers will complete their College education at the end of the year. These boys have raised the profile of quality dance within the College community and laid a solid foundation for future endeavours. We look forward to building on their legacy and seeking out new directions as we work with an evolving group of boys to consolidate dance as a part of the College cultural heritage.

## **4. COLLEGE FOR CHRIST (CFC)**

College for Christ has taken serious strain with all the interruptions caused this year by Covid. However, the boys were able to meet nearly twice a week for a good few weeks and during those meetings wonderful messages were prepared and shared by the boys. Praise and worship were again led by Graydon Scholtz. Our CFC leaders have displayed maturity and responsibility and they continue to lead from the front, devoting much time and care to meeting with junior boys, leading prayer meetings, preaching and facilitating CFC gatherings. Both N Mthethwa and S Mbonambi have even taken a Sunday morning Chapel services with much enthusiasm. N Mosebi and the 2022 leaders look promising and enthusiastic and ready to have an impact on the lives of fellow believers. What a privilege to serve one’s community in such a profound way. We give God all the Glory as always.

## **5. DEBATING**

Maritzburg College had a productive involvement in the PMB inter-school debating league in 2021. Despite the Covid pandemic debating continued on the online platform, ‘Discord’. Debates for the various teams took place on alternate Thursday afternoons.

The Grade 8 teams and debates were negatively impacted by internet connectivity and Covid. After five rounds both teams were unfortunately knocked out.

The junior debating team acquitted themselves well, winning four of the five rounds. MH Moosa won best speaker on three occasions and was selected for the provincial debating league. The junior debaters reached the semi-finals where they lost to The Wykeham Collegiate. Both Moosa and A Mbambo put in great effort and commitment, despite disruptions.

The seniors won two of the five rounds. R Froise was chosen as best speaker for three debates. All three members of the senior team put in great effort and commitment, despite disruptions.

Junior Provincial debating took place online via Discord at the beginning of September. MH Moosa’s team reached the semi-finals. He was placed fifth in KZN debating and he has been selected for the national debating tournament which takes place in December.

Senior provincial debating took place from 30 July to 1 August. R Froise was placed third in KZN and has been selected for the national debating tournament which takes place in December.

In August, seniors, R Froise and C Raw, engaged in a friendly online debate against Pretoria Boys High School seniors. Although they won the debate, Best Speaker was awarded to a debater from PBHS.

Five debaters have signed on for the 5-day interleague debating competition – the James Dray Shield – taking place online from 18 October to 22 October.

## **6. FIRST AID**

Due to Covid-19, we had a very quiet First Aid season. I want to thank Mrs C Drinkwater from Medwave for always accommodating requests for paramedics to do duties at the various sports fields. ER 24 gave invaluable service in safely transporting patients to MediClinic.

Our First Aid room would not run as efficiently as it does without the San sisters, under the leadership of Sister Kylie Townsend, who often give up their free Saturdays to do duties. We are extremely grateful for Sister Kylie's hard work in ensuring that we always have doctors on duty in the First Aid room on Saturdays. Mrs Robyn Brunzlaff's assistance is also much appreciated.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to the doctors who voluntarily give up their precious free time to do duties at the school. We would not be able to offer the excellent care that we do without their time and expertise.

## **7. HINDU SOCIETY**

The Hindu Society meets twice a week and the routine includes an opening prayer, songs, a discourse and discussion. The discourse has been organised by Sixth Form pupils with the current Sixth and Fifth Forms leaders giving the talks. They enlightened us on various topics such as Hinduism, Hindu Festivals and their significance and values. These also tie in with the morals, values and teachings at College.

The society participated in a successful Bread Buddies initiative organised during Happiness Week, when sandwiches were made and distributed to underprivileged communities.

During the course of this year, the pandemic has been at the forefront of all activities, and as a result, the planned activities for the Society have been postponed. This is especially disappointing as we were planning for and looking forward to our annual Cultural Evening. The society did however perform an item at 'The Night of a Thousand Stars', which was well received.

## **8. INTERACT CLUB**

The following activities took place this year:

- \* Boys sold raffle tickets for the collection to raise funds for the SPCA 1000paws walk in July.
- \* Boys assisted at the Sani2C at the Josephine Bridge on the Umkomaas River.
- \* Easter eggs collection - eggs were donated to Thandanani 4Kids and Salvation Army.
- \* Happiness Week - Interact boys collected books that were donated to the Salvation Army and Edendale Primary School. Food items were also collected to make up big hampers that were donated to Thandanani. Interact also collected money from the boys that went towards 'build a burger' as a treat for the older children at the Salvation Army.
- \* Throughout the year the boys have been making toys from recycled goods to be used by Singakwenza.

## **9. MC INK**

Z Sheik (Pape) captained the group during 2021.

Again, this was a difficult year with the writers' workshops (Night of the Writer) and Words@Kearsney being cancelled due to Covid-19. We were able to hold meetings for much of the time where we completed writing activities and always had an open mic session. During Happiness Week, the club posted poems on colourful paper around the school. The learners were urged to enter a few poetry competitions, although they have not seen much success. The learners continue to share and discuss their poems on social media.

## **10. MEDIA CENTRE**

Our Head monitor for 2021 was S Zikhali (Fuller), assisted by C Whiting (Nicholson) as the Deputy Head. Unfortunately, Whiting was unable to complete the year, and all the Media Centre monitors and staff wish him the best in his recovery.

Covid protocols allowed us to have some meetings this year but there have been no social gatherings with Pietermaritzburg Girls High library monitors. Likewise, there have been limited duties for the monitors to perform.

## **11. MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS AT COLLEGE**

While many societies have struggled with the implications of Covid-19, due to the nature of Music and Performing Arts, we were able to continue with most of our programme, sometimes online. The year began with the school revue production of 'The Show Must Go Online', which was recorded in May and was available on the National Arts Festival Fringe programme. With no live audience we had to think of other ways to make the show feel natural and fun. The production is available on the Maritzburg College Music and Performing Arts page on YouTube. We thank both Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and Epworth High School for being a part of this venture.

The Jazz band performed an end of term online concert and this part of the National Arts Festival Jazz offerings via the Virtual Jazz Festival. Sadly, we could not attend one of the biggest events – the KZN Jazz festival – as the size of our band (26 musicians!) meant we could not manage the Covid restrictions. The Band, as always, performed at various functions around the school.

Students taking music lessons in the school have grown to a large number and we have employed Mr Leandros Stavrou to teach guitar. Evidence of this wonderful growth was seen at our Prestige Concert. This recording is also available on the Music and Performing Arts YouTube page.

The Choir, besides performing at various school functions, Prestige Concert included, also took part in the ATKV Applous competition. We performed for the adjudicators in the third term and achieved a Gold award. This is a great testament to the work Mrs Stickells and Mr Heyns are doing with the choir.

I would like to thank our matrices and the Music staff for their contribution over the year. To say that we have had to think out the box would be an understatement, and I could not have managed this year without their support and enthusiasm.

Look out for College Carols, both online and with a small audience, on the 1 December. The recording will be released later.

## **12. MUSLIM SOCIETY (MSA)**

During the course of the year, the Muslim Students' Association met weekly. The routine included an opening prayer followed by discussions in which pupils engaged in robust conversations on various topics in Islam; these interrelate with their morals, values as well as the teachings at College. Boys were encouraged to engage in facilitator/leadership roles – they prepared speeches on relevant topics and presented to the group followed by discussion. Verses from the Quran were read and explained, and the sharing of knowledge proved to be an insightful experience.

Pupils leaving school on Fridays to perform *Jumaah Salaah* resulted in academic time being lost. The Muslim Parents' Committee, together with members of staff, unanimously decided that it would be most suitable to perform the *Jumaah Salaah* at school. The Ron Jury Sports Centre was chosen as the venue for the Friday prayers, and the ablution area was upgraded to suit the needs of the Muslim boys.

In response to the civil unrest that left our community devastated, students sponsored meals to the Salvation Army and many boys went the extra mile and helped to distribute food and hampers. They also assisted with bread buddies during Happiness Week.

Overall, despite setbacks in the year, the MSA has had an impactful and productive year.

### **13. NGUNI SOCIETY**

The Nguni Society was formed in 2020 to accommodate all the Nguni people as well as anyone who believes in their principles. The main aim is to educate people about the Nguni cultures. The society will focus on educating young men as they grow and nurture them to become real man with respect for women and children. Although plans were hindered by the ongoing pandemic, the society did manage to give some performances of the gumboot dance and *amahububo* (hymns), coupled with the Zulu praises. We are hoping for the better season next year with fewer disruptions to allow us to pursue our plans. As the Zulu saying goes, "A nation without its roots is a lost nation."

### **14. SOUND AND LIGHTING SOCIETY**

The Sound and Lighting Society have had a very productive year, providing support for the school production and various other events around school. This was the first opportunity in a while that the Sound and Lighting crew had to work on a full production. They relished the chance and had great fun fulfilling the various roles (as well as extra ones because it was recorded). Congratulate B Nuttal, our captain for the year, for steadying the ship and stepping up to help when it really counts. We are looking forward to another productive year in 2022 with more productions to come.

### **15. SPEAKERS' CIRCLE**

Speakers' Circle has had a disruptive year due to Covid-19. The group met as regularly as possible but have been very limited. Boys continue to work their way through a manual that allows them to harness the basics of public speaking. This is achieved over nine project speeches.

The Senior Leaders for 2021 were: Chairman - C Hibbert; Vice Chair - A Keith; Secretary- S Hlatshwayo  
The end of year dinner will be held on the 27th October.

### **16. TECH SQUAD**

The Tech Squad Captain this year is Z Sheik. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Tech Squad was not able to consistently perform all their duties nor to undertake outreaches beyond the school.

They did, however, hold a few training sessions, and an internal outreach for Happiness Week when they taught the Second Form boys how to create a PowerPoint presentation. They have also offered technical assistance to the boys who required it while using the computer room.



# SPORT

## 1. ATHLETICS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our normal athletics season could not take place. To compensate for the lack of an annual inter-house meeting we held an abbreviated meeting with some events that met Covid regulations. During this meeting, S Oosthuizen broke the U15 Javelin record with a distance of 49,86m. The winner of the meeting was Commons House.

Our athletes took part for the first time as Maritzburg College Athletics Club this year at the KZN Championships held at Kings Park in Durban. After the KZN Championships, five boys were selected to represent KZN at the interprovincial meeting. J Sweetnam (discus and shotput), N Mosebi (100m and 200m), OL Higgins (400m and 800m), Y Mchunu (200m) and L Kayembe (100m and 200m). Mosebi did us proud by winning the 100m and 200m.

After the interprovincial meeting, Mosebi and Higgins were invited to take part in the senior ASA meeting. Both athletes did exceptionally well, with Mosebi running a personal best of 10.58 in the 100m. This performance placed him fourth in the world for U17 boys.

In the fourth term we participated in the Voortrekker High School Relay meeting held at the PMB Athletics Stadium, and came second overall.

## 2. BASKETBALL

The year began with great promise despite the pandemic having put a quick end to our hopes of a fourth term season or even practices at the end of 2020. We had hoped to have a full basketball season in term 1 of 2021. Unfortunately this was not the case. We were, however, able to squeeze in one weekend of basketball, playing Northwood on Friday afternoon and Westville the following Day. Our teams collectively managed to win two of the four games we played against Northwood with the first team narrowly losing 29-33. The next morning, College won 12 games out of the 16 against Westville. The first team narrowly lost by 1 point in the dying seconds, bringing the final score to a tough-to-swallow 60-61.

The 4th term fixtures began with a trip down to Westville who had stolen a win from us in the first term. College put on a dominant display winning all 10 games. The first team, which started off sluggishly during the first two quarters of their game, also managed an impressive 59-40 win after a much-needed regrouping at half time.

The 1st team was then called to join the Kearsney Independent Schools tournament as a late entry due to one of the original schools pulling out. With little preparation, the lads made a good account of themselves, finishing the tournament sixth out of 15 teams, but narrowly losing in the quarter finals to St Johns 42-49. The 1st team had great wins against tournament favourites, St David's and Michael Mount.

It has been a challenging two years for basketball, much like any other sport under the current circumstances. But in every dark cloud there is a silver lining and ours has been the staff and the boys who form the Maritzburg College basketball team. From putting in the extra hours to attending coaching, refereeing and scoring clinics, our coaches and officials went the extra mile to learn everything they need to about the sport to be able to effectively and positively impact the boys. Our players need to be commended for their role too. Our boys took every opportunity they had, this year and last, to rise above the challenges. We are excited to see what they are able to do with busier seasons next year.

### **3. CANOEING**

The boys were eager to test their abilities in the much anticipated 2021 canoeing season after the 2020 season was disrupted by the pandemic.

The Dusi Canoe Marathon is a highlight of the KZN canoeing community, with months of preparation imperative to achieve personal goals within the gruelling race. Fourteen College athletes participated, some undertaking their first race at the age of 16 and others competing for the top positions in the U18 category. N Cook posted the top position of the College boys, followed by B Tarr and K Rhodes.

Although the KZN Schools league, which normally holds a fiercely competitive rivalry between the canoeing schools in KZN, was not able to take place, the boys took full advantage of the opportunities that would follow the Dusi.

The infamous Umkomaas River Canoe Marathon tests the skills of even the best of the best with some of the biggest rapids attempted in fibreglass canoes in the world. Mr van der Walt showed his class in the race by finishing a very impressive 2nd place overall. The brave College boys who took on the challenge included N Cook, J Goble, I Hemingway and B Tarr.

When the KZN Marathons took place, we were able to watch the young crew of L O'Connor and J Jansen van Rensburg perform well in their U14 category, along with a healthy number of our College paddlers participating in their respective age categories, who then went on to compete at the South African Marathons in Cape Town. The partnership of A Dick and J Goble proved that their preparations had paid off, with a very pleasing result in the U18 category. J Glyn-Cuthbert led the charge in the K1 division producing a commendable 12th place finish, followed by K Rhodes.

As the Marathon season came to an end, many boys had their focus on a favourite of the canoeing calendar, the Fish Canoe Marathon. This race, regarded by many to be the race that tests all facets of one's canoeing ability, was not a problem for the strong K2 crew of J van den Bergh and Glyn-Cuthbert, as they raced themselves into 11th position in the U18 category, and Hemingway and his partner placed 52nd overall.

The College Canoeing team has produced many world class athletes, including Andy Birkett to name but one. Our current paddlers continue to show passion and commitment for the sport. These qualities pave the way for the rising stars who aim to achieve in the competitive environment that this sport offers.

### **4. CHESS**

The College Chess Team of 2021 had high hopes of participating in all competitions and excelling in all age groups as we had been building up the team for the past three years. This would not be the case, as Covid interrupted all district competitions for the second year running. The 2021 Chess team comprised one matric pupil and various Fifth Form boys who had been members of the first team since they were in Second Form. However, an official first team was never announced.

S Hlatshwayo, the Chess captain for 2021, had been a member of the first team since he arrived at College and, although there was no activity this year, he kept his spirits high and motivated the juniors.

We were able to arrange a house competition where the ten day Houses were represented by one junior and one senior player each. The overall winner was Barns House, with Mfeka having won all his games. Tied in second place was Calder, Commons and Fuller, and third place went to Forder House.

Maritzburg College remains the host of the Umgungundlovu Chess Association, with the Umgungundlovu league and most district tournaments held in our facilities. This year we did not have a formal league, however, we managed to persuade some schools from our district (GHS, St Charles, Michaelhouse and Maritzburg Christian School) to have friendly competitions which we hosted at College over a period of two weeks.

## **5. CRICKET**

It was another frustrating start for the Maritzburg College cricket fraternity as sport was still not allowed at schools. We did however manage to get a few fixtures completed at the end of the first term. The only full weekend fixture was against Westville where we had a remarkable 16 wins from 16 matches.

The second half of the year began as normal with full fixtures against Glenwood and Westville where we had another great showing by our cricketers, losing just one fixture against Glenwood and three against Westville.

During the holiday break three of our teams attended festivals. The U14As at Hilton College, the U15As at Pretoria Boys High School and the 1st XI at the 61st Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week.

With a full fourth term of fixtures planned, we look forward to seeing some great performances from our cricketers.

We congratulate one of the 1st XI cricketers, A Simelane, who was selected for the SA U19 team which competed in the CSA T20 Knockout Competition.

## **6. CROSS-COUNTRY**

Cross-country in 2021 was once again disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Midlands League was able to hold two events before a stricter lockdown on inter-school sports and gatherings was implemented by the government due to the third wave. These were hosted by Michaelhouse and Treverton. College dominated in the senior age group, with S Harvey, OL Higgins and J Moller finishing in the top three positions at both meets. At the Treverton meet, J Werth finished in 3rd place.

The College team entered one of the ASA KZN Cross-country events at Burman Bush, Durban. Harvey and Higgins placed 5th and 10th respectively in junior men, and S Arnold was 3rd in the youth men age group. The ASA KZN Cross-country Championships took place at Hutchinson Park in Amanzimtoti, with Werth placing 7th in the U15 race. Arnold and Z Moore placed 14th and 16th respectively in the U17 race and Higgins placed 4th in the U19 race. From this event, Werth was chosen for the U15 KZN provincial team as a non-traveling reserve and Higgins was chosen for the Junior Men KZN provincial team.

A modified version of inter-house cross-country was able to take place with the juniors running approximately 4.5 km and the seniors running approximately 6.5 km. In the junior section, E Maynard (Calder) came first in a time of 17:11, closely followed by Werth, and T Hlophe in third place. In the senior event, OL Higgins (Lamond) came first in a time of 25:20 with Moller second and Arnold in third place. Calder House was the overall winner of the event.

Thank you to OL Higgins for his captaincy of the cross-country team this year and congratulations on his well-deserved achievements and awards.

Maritzburg College Cross-country sadly had to say goodbye to Mrs Lisa Akerman who left the school in the second term. Mrs Akerman was an outstanding manager of cross-country and the boys adored her. She motivated and encouraged them, was well-organised, and kept the team very competitive. We thank her for her meaningful contribution to Maritzburg College Cross-country.

## **7. CYCLING**

Covid has been devastating to our inter-school cycling programme with all inter-school races being cancelled. A few lap challenge and-cross country races were able to take place and our boys performed well in these.

Our captain, A Sellick, performed consistently well this season finishing comfortably in the top 10 of all his races in the U23 section. In the junior division, N Burczak had a good season finishing consistently in the top four. The Youth division are our youngest riders. O Wilson finished a solid second in his division.

D van der Watt is congratulated for taking part not only in local races, but he also travelled overseas to compete. His dedication to the sport is commendable.

It has been pleasing this year to see our 2020 captain, M Foster, doing extremely well in the U23 division, and OC Thomas Cheatle also participates regularly.

## **8. E-SPORTS**

E-Sports in 2021 offered prominent eSports titles such as League of Legends, Rocket League and Counter Strike: Global Offensive. Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic and its regulations greatly limited many schools' ability to complete fixtures, meaning a league was tough to complete. This year, we had three teams competing, namely, a League of Legends team captained by L Janse van Rensburg; a Counter Strike Team captained by K Ramdhani; a senior Rocket League team captained by B Clifton and a junior Rocket League team captained by S Redlinghuys.

My thanks go to the captains of each team for their efforts in co-ordinating the fixtures that we were able to schedule and complete. Overall, E-Sports was captained in 2021 by L Janse van Rensburg.

## **9. GOLF**

In a sense, it has been a positive year for golf at College as the number of boys who play has increased due to many other sports not taking place. Unfortunately, gold has been played purely on a social basis. One of the positive aspects is that it could lead to new boys playing this sport in the future.

The 1st Team again qualified for National School Championship for the third successive year. Disappointingly, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the team was unable to take part in this tournament in Port Elizabeth. College have been ranked provincially in the top two over the past five years.

Looking to 2022, much work is required to remain in this favourable position. This could be possible if the boys make time for more formal practice and participate in as many tournaments as possible during the holidays as individual tournaments are very important for the development of good players.

The golf champion for the year is S Delpont who shot the best score over three competitive rounds in the KZN Schools Tournament. The College team finished fourth in this tournament, which is disappointing as we have finished in the top two in the last four years.

The most improved golfer for the year is L Akerman.

## **10. HOCKEY**

The hockey season of 2021 was yet again a 'different' one, but we got a little more than expected. Despite only having two regular fixture weekends, it was two good weekends of hockey and all 18 teams managed to get a fixture. Our 18 teams included five U14, eight U16 and five open teams. This equates to approximately 250 boys playing hockey at College in 2021. The teams were coached by 14 internal staff and 4 external coaches.

The three A teams were the only ones to participate in a festival in 2021. The inaugural KZN10 Festival took place at the start of the season, which saw the ten boys' schools in KZN participate in the festival over three days. Maritzburg College hosted the U16 event, with Clifton and Northwood hosting the 1st XI and U14 events respectively. These events were a huge success and the College teams produced good performances with pleasing results. In total, we played 15 games, won 12, drew 2 and lost 1. The remainder of the season saw two regular fixtures versus DHS and Clifton, as well as two fixtures for the 1st XI against Glenwood in the third term. The 1st XI, in particular, displayed some scintillating hockey despite an indifferent year. The team played nine official games, coming away with 8 wins and a draw. Their exciting style of play saw them score a staggering 26 goals in these 9 games, conceding only 5. Results on the whole were positive, with a total of 48 games played, 35 won (73%) 6 draws (1 on a stagger) and 7 lost (3 on a stagger).

Congratulations to our Maritzburg College hockey players who gained KZN Inland selection for 2021. College is very proud to have 20 out of 46 (43%) players in the A teams, and 15 out of 31 (48%) players in the B teams. In total, our #redblackwhite College boys make up 45% of KZN Inland teams. A special mention must be made of A Mthlane, who was invited to attend the South African U21 camp and was selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Junior World Cup in India.

It has been a positive year for College hockey, despite an incomplete season. With a large number of boys making provincial sides, considerably more fixtures than in 2020 and a senior national representative, we certainly can feel optimistic and look forward to what 2022 has in store.

## **11. RUGBY**

The 2021 season started in much the same way as 2020 had ended. Limited school sport was allowed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

At the end of the first term, permission was granted by the DBE to return to contact sport. After the regular Saturday trials all age group A teams together with the 1st and 2nd teams toured to Hoërskool Fichardtspark in Bloemfontein in the April holiday. All teams played three games and returned home with some very good results given the short preparation time.

The first local fixture of the season versus DHS. With College fielding 30 rugby teams, finding fixtures for every team on a weekend is a massive challenge, and filler fixtures were arranged against Linpark High and Felixton College. As always, the College boys excelled and did well on the day.

The second fixture was versus a combined outfit of Clifton College and Hoërskool Sarel Cilliers with some filler fixtures against Glenwood, Hilton College and Greytown High. It was a good day for College rugby as the 2nd XV took down the Clifton College 1st team, and the A teams proved too strong for a valiant Sarel Cilliers.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 again intervened and all contact sport was suspended. While fixtures were on hold, coaches and boys managed to keep going under modified training circumstances. Motivation and moral, as could be expected, was at an all-time low for both coaches and boys.

The return of contact sport was only allowed in the middle of the third term. While most schools in KZN opted not to return to play, College jumped at the opportunity, although with only the senior squad (1st and 2nd XV) and fixtures were hastily arranged versus Hilton and Glenwood (a double header).

During the third term, selected U16 and U18 boys also participated in Sharks High Performance training sessions held at Maritzburg College and Johnsons Kings Park. These sessions culminated in the Sharks Trials, which were held at Johnsons Kings Park.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected for the respective Sharks High School teams:

U18 Craven Week: AJ Knoetze, S Mbonambi, M Mdanda, S Ngcobo, S Radu, R Swift, C Thunder

U18 Academy: H Kemp, L Mtshali, Q Pitout, L Prinsloo, W Takata

U16 Grant Khomo: S Kadir, L Kunene, M Kweyama, E Mouton, K Mthimkhulu

Congratulations also to Mr Tim Orchard who was selected as Assistant Coach/Manager for the U16 Grant Khomo team.

## **12. SHOOTING**

2021 has held some challenges for Shooting. With only a small number of school's offering the sport, our boys looked forward to every opportunity to compete in the league competitions. Covid-19 restrictions once again limited the number of competitions on offer. Added to this, some parents were hesitant to have their boys exposed during these competitions and as a result participation at these events was low.

This year was characterised by some good internal competition with the juniors competing against each other. Through this we were able to identify some sound future talent. Our senior boys spent many hours practicing.

Our captain, R Goble, did his very best to keep the boys focused under trying conditions. His quiet demeanour and warm personality is a wonderful example of a good leader. Once again thank you to Mr D Hoyle for all he does for the shooting team. As the junior team coach, his skill and enthusiasm for the sport has had a positive impact on the team.

Thank you to my assistant, Mrs M Maharaj, for filling the gap and helping out. Your eagerness to help the juniors and me bears testimony to your hope to see the sport continue.

A few of the senior boys participated in the SAARA league. The competition this year was amended with limited offerings at each event.

Notable achievements were recorded at various competitions and we congratulate these boys.

We also congratulate N de Villiers and C Vahey who were awarded KZN Colours and selected for the KZN team, and M Pieterse who was awarded KZN Academy colours.

### **13. SOCCER**

2021 was unfortunately another year severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic which curtailed what was set to be an exciting season. College was ready to field 16 soccer teams before the third wave forced the cancellation of all contact sports.

However, in the few games we were able to play before and after the lockdown, our teams performed very well.

Despite the frustration of the stop-start nature of the season, the passion for the sport and the talent on display at the trainings bodes well for the future of soccer at College.

Overall summary of all results (All teams): Played 15, won 13, lost 2

### **14. SQUASH**

This year squash was beset with stops and starts as Covid allowed or otherwise. We did manage to get in a friendly against Michaelhouse, before we eventually had a gap to determine who would attend Top Schools from KwaZulu-Natal.

We managed to convincingly beat Hilton and St Charles, only to have the Midlands-winning determining match against Michaelhouse stopped due to restrictions. This winner would have played a 'Coastal's' winner and that winner would have been the Top Schools representative.

The boys put in much work throughout the year, with numerous boys achieving awards and representing their Province.

Honours – S Strydom, N McFarland and S Maharaj (all U18A KZN)

Colours and Scarf – N Moodley and A Premchund (both U18B KZN)

U16A KZN – M Mason

U14A KZN – V Premchund

U16B KZN – W Galliers

U13A KZN – T Nana

The 2021 squash champion is S Strydom.

Our thanks to Andre and Nadia Dippenaar for their coaching time and input to the College programme. The achievements of the boys is testament to their hard work.

### **15. SWIMMING**

Swimming at College in a normal year sees the swimming team participating a various school galas, with the Nestor Pierides Westville gala, Alan Burt gala and Top 10 Schools gala being the highlight of the swimming calendar. Unfortunately, none of these took place this year.

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 was ably led by JL van der Merwe.

## **16. TABLE TENNIS**

This year, table tennis was limited to training sessions only as Covid-restrictions prevented any school exchanges. However, our U15 boys did participate in a district tournament. N Dickason, R Moosa and M Chetty performed exceptionally well and were selected to represent Umgungundlovu in the cluster games. Dickason (ranked 1st) and Moosa (ranked 3rd) were selected to represent the cluster at the provincial games that will take place on the weekend of 22-24 October, in Durban. Chetty (ranked 4th) was selected as a non-travelling reserve.

## **17. TENNIS**

Tennis in 2021 has been a challenge. No matches were played, however, the boys were enthusiastic. Our seniors played on Mondays and Wednesdays. The juniors played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We welcomed a new coach at the beginning of the year and he has really made a difference. M Laithwaite is the 2021 tennis captain.

We held the inter-house competition. The senior section was won by Nicholson's and junior section by Calder's. A Tilbury is our junior champion and K Gace is the senior champion.

## **18. WATER POLO**

College normally boasts an impressive nine teams in a regular season. Due to Covid restrictions, we did not have a regular term 1 season. However, as the year went on and restrictions eased, the 1st water polo team was able to attend the Clifton Tournament, and the U16s attended the DHS tournament. The U14, U15 and 1st team Top 10 Tournaments are planned to go ahead as scheduled.

In a unique and interesting time we are slowly moving towards a form of normality, and we look forward to a successful and well-awaited season in 2022.

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

Despite the continued effects of Covid-19, the inter-house programme has been able to continue in the main and most activities were able to take place. Twelve events were completed this year.

This year has seen a new House triumph in the yearly battle. Commons House, which has dominated the last three years of the competition, was dislodged this year and finished in third place.

Calder House, in a strong showing throughout the year, has emerged as the winner of both the Forder Cup for House Competition and the Cock House Trophy for inter-house sport. Nicholson House finished second in a tightly contested year.

Well done to the Calder House boys and staff!

Position	House	Borver Week	Swimming	Culture	Cross-country	Leadership	Shooting	Tennis	Chess	Table-tennis	Athletics	Canoe	Academics	OVERALL POINTS
1	Calder	9,5	3,5	9	10	8,5	9	9	9	0	7,5	10	1	86
2	Nicholson	7,5	9	3	9	5,5	6	10	3,5	6	5	9	9	82,5
3	Commons	9,5	9	8	1,5	1	8	6,5	9	7	10	4	4	77,5
4	Strachan	1,5	9	4	5	8,5	7	4,5	2	4	1,5	5,5	10	62,5
4	Pape	6	5,5	1	1	5,5	10	6,5	1	9	3	8	6	62,5
6	Lamond	7,5	2	6,5	7	5,5	4	1	3,5	5	9	3	8	62
7	Forder	1,5	7	2	6	2,5	5	3	6	10	6	7	5	61
8	Fuller	3,5	1	10	1,5	10	0	2	9	8	7,5	0	7	59,5
9	Snow	5	5,5	6,5	8	5,5	3	8	5	3	4	2	2	57,5
10	Barns	3,5	3,5	5	4	2,5	2	4,5	10	2	1,5	5,5	3	47