



HUDSON HERALD

Term 1 2023

Dear Hudson House Community,

I want to start off by thanking you for your support towards Hudson House and the staff. Term 1 has been without a doubt a very interesting and very exciting term with renovations and contraction taking place in the 5th Form dorms.

As we draw closer to the end of the first term, the corridors are filled with exciting faces as everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. Many of our boys will be participating in tours across South Africa and we wish them all safe travels and all the best.

There is a famous saying that goes as follows: *"You reap what you sow"* ... however I want to add to this saying *"If you reap what you sow what garden will you grow?"* What is the legacy that you will leave behind? In everything that we do we influence someone in a positive or negative way. I want to give a special thanks to our boarder masters for the positive influence they have on the boys, their hard work, valuable input, and guidance to build on Hudson House's powerful legacy. The boarder masters are my pillars and the keystone to the success of Hudson House.

We encourage every boy and master to live out the College core values:

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Self-discipline
- Commitment
- Courage
- Respect

Boarder masters 2023



Kyle Nipper



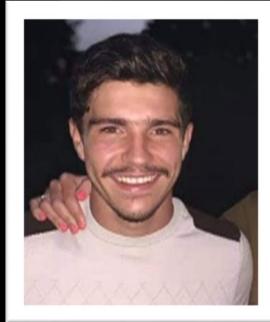
Tim Orchard



Chris Nevay



Matt Stringer



Luke Barnard



Thingo Tshabalala



Simon Brill

Renovations

As mentioned earlier the 5th form dorms are undergoing major renovations and we are eagerly awaiting the outcome.

Before photos:



In progress:



About the new dorms:

- Double the size of the old dorms
- 8 boys to a dorm
- No beds on top of the cupboards
- No more carpets
- Storage place under the beds

And the best part is that we are not done yet....

Without a doubt a true leader in Hudson House I would like to remind all of you of Luc du Toits speech last year to perspective College parents.

THE COLLEGE JOURNEY

“Us college boys often ask ourselves: “what is it in these walls that bonds the hearts of men”

Is it the goosebumps that we feel after hearing the Jimeliyo-Ji for the first time? Is it the site of 1300 bashers flying high above Basher Ridge? Is it the taste of a cheese zarm at tea break? Is it the satisfaction of passing reunion day team testing for the first time?

The answer is yet to be found, but one thing is certain Maritzburg College is a big school with a place for everybody. Although being part of a big school may scare some of you, it shouldn't. With such a large number of boys attending College you are bound to find someone who you can call your brother.

When I first arrived in second form, I knew only one other boy. This forced me to make friends, which in hindsight was perfect because friends are gold. You win together, you may lose together, you laugh together, and you may cry together but let me tell you this: the friends and brotherhood that you form in second form will be something that you'll cherish for the rest of your lives.

My junior years at College were enjoyable due to the fact that I received amazing support since day one. Being together with my fellow second formers in Nathan house was one. Being able to talk to my matric mentor about the good times and the bad times and constantly receiving advice and guidance was another. Whenever I felt a bit far away from home, I made use of my amazing mentor teacher who provided the love and care that are missed.

I have loved my journey through College thus far due to the fact that I have always had something to do. With 18 cultural activities and 19 sporting activities, ranging from jazz band and social awareness to canoeing and rugby, Maritzburg College always has something just for you. When I was in second form, I took up canoeing to get away from the busyness of school. I advise you boys to get stuck in to as many activities as you can that our wonderful school has to offer.

Being halfway through my first senior year at College I have come to realize that us seniors need to lead by example and that respect should be earned rather than demanded. Our job as seniors of the school is to help guide the juniors through their time at College. An important part of this job is teaching them the traditions that our school holds. The traditions that fill us boys with pride when we see our first XV running under Nicholson's Arch or when we sprint in front of Clark house. It is these traditions that creates a college culture that does indeed bond our hearts.”

Luc du Toit – Head of House

Farewells:

As Hudson House we would like to wish Mr. Smit and his family all the best for their new adventure. Mr. Smit is a very passionate old boy and a person that not only the boys look up to but also College staff members. Mr. Smit has been directly involved in your sons boarding journey at college, especially in Nathan House.



In closing I would like to thank the parents and the boys for their invaluable support and trust. We are grateful for all that was achieved this Term and look forward to what next Term will bring.

Important information:

Term 2 will start on Wednesday, 12 April 2023, all boarders are to return the day before, **Tuesday 11 April 2023** Hudson House will be open from 15:00. Please let me know should your son wish to return earlier.

- The first weekend back will be against Clifton.
- The second week we will be travelling to PBHS for a full winter exchange.
- Boys must please return with the correct haircut, or they will be punished.
- Any communication regarding Hudson House boarders should be sent to recruitment@mcollege.co.za as this is the preferred channel of communication.
- Please make sure you read all the necessary communication from Mr. Emerson and myself to stay up to date with the latest news.

Regards
Wian du Plessis
Hudson Housemaster



History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children – Nelson Mandela