

NICHOLSON'S



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HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

As the newly appointed Housemaster of Nicholson House, I arrived bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to tackle everything in my way. I started the year with the arrival of the 'Borvers', jumped on a bus and headed to Tala Game Reserve for the 2nd Form camp. The boys and prefects faced challenges and obstacles, which tested them as a group and as individuals. I was witness to their growth and camaraderie with which they did themselves, as well as Nicholson House, proud.

The 'Red Bulls' as Nicholson's is affectionately known, started the House competition with the Virtus Challenge. We were clearly still shaking off the holidays, our performance placing us on the bottom half of the leaderboard. After a firm chat from myself and our prefects, the Red Bull sparks fanned the fire that rests in our bellies. Our competition were blown out of the water in the interhouse Basketball, Nicholson won the entire event! After the interhouse athletic competition, we placed 2nd overall, with a special mention of Lian Bezuidenhout winning the Top performer in U14. We are incredibly proud of his efforts and look forward to seeing him and others throughout their years at College. The interhouse swimming gala was another impressive event for us, where we finished in 2nd place again. The Red Bulls seem to be pulling together, moving into 2nd place overall with the advent of the house singing competition. Unfortunately, after some stiff competition, in a tough event College talent, ended term 1 tied in 7th place, moving us down to 5th position overall.



Term 1 is a tough term for all with multiple sports and cultural activities, in addition to a rigorous academic calendar. As housemaster I am exceptionally proud of every boy in Nicholson House for the efforts with their academics, sport and culture, and their willingness to get involved in as much as possible.

I've learned that the running of Nicholson House is rewarding, I've got to know so many of the boys in my care. They are truly a remarkable bunch, but nothing would be possible without the incredible mentors we have. Thank you to each of them for being amazing people to work with. Their passion and the kindness that they show to every boy in the house sets the grounding for the boys, allowing them to develop, mature and produce the best for themselves, for the House and ultimately, for Maritzburg College.

The house prefects and leaders have grown in their roles throughout the term, and I look forward to seeing them continue in this vein in term 2. Thank you to our leadership group for all the work they have done and for their selfless efforts in term 1.

A final thanks to you as parents and guardians of all our boys, for your ongoing support and commitment to Nicholson House. I look forward to meeting with you in the upcoming term. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr M Sanders

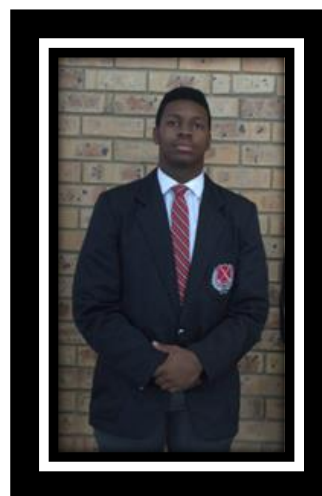
NICHOLSON HOUSE LEADERSHIP 2024

House Captain 2024



J Gasarasi

Vice-captain 2024



S Kapotwe

HOUSE LEADERS 2024



House leaders: RtL: B Maphisa, P Mchunu, S Kaptowe,
S Bridglall, W Beauclerk, M Nkwanyana

PREFECTS 2024

Nicholson House has once again ensured College has stellar leadership with no less than 3 prefects.



J Gasarasi



R Maartens



MH Moosa

SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

VIRTUS CHALLENGE



Taking a break



After a long day at the office



SWIMMING GALA





INTER-HOUSE **ATHLETICS**



Proof, that anything is possible with Nicholson's
'Gees'



INTER-HOUSE **BASKETBALL**

Seniors 1st place

Juniors 2nd place

HOUSE CRICKET

Senior 6th place

Juniors 10th place

HOUSE SINGING

Tied 7th place this year, but we'll see you in 2025!

FROM THE BOYS

Life as a dayboy – L Sithole

Being part of Nicholson is an honour. I get to wear the colours of the school. The legendary Skonk is our namesake. That makes me proud to be a Red Bull. Although starting high school has been a major change, it has been a good one. The upper formers of Nicholson are tough, but fair.

Life as a boarder – L Cooke-Tonnesen

Being in Nicholson's is better than any other house. We walk into house assembly in the chapel, and we are welcomed by everyone. Even when we we're not first, we are still first in our hearts because...we are Red Bulls.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Duzi

J Odell and M van Heerden Placing 1st in the U18 category



Incredibly proud of two amazing College men, including Nicholson's own, J Odell

HAPPINESS WEEK

An annual charity event, Happiness week took place from 18 March 2024. With several charity drives the boys of Nicholson got a several chances to 'give back' by supporting this generous endeavour. Societies helped to make sandwiches for at Bread Buddies. For a nominal donation boys wore Funky ties and Funky sox, all for a good cause.



Funky sox!





Nicholson Proud



See you soon in Term two: 3 April 2024