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# MARITZBURG COLLEGE

## **A REPORT ON ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN 2024**

**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 2023

Maritzburg College achieved a 99,2% pass rate.

- 96,7% of our boys achieved entry into a degree or diploma course at a tertiary level
- 304 subject distinctions
- 4 boys received seven distinctions, and eight boys achieved 6 distinctions
- 19% of the boys achieved three distinctions or more

Maritzburg College congratulates the Class of 2023 on their excellent matric results. Special mention must be made of Declan Pillay, our 2023 Dux, excelling with 7 distinctions in the NSC exams and 96% in the IEB AP Mathematics exam. In addition, he was placed 3rd in the Umgungundlovu district.

### 2. HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY COMPETITION

The Nelson Mandela Museum Human Rights Essay competition is open to any Gr 10 or 11 student studying History. Candidates must write a well-argued research essay that considers the Bill of Rights and South Africa's legislation. This year, candidates had to argue the case on behalf of a learner who has been excluded from school because of unpaid school fees. A Benni's essay was selected as one of the top 10 essays in the country. He was awarded the opportunity to present his arguments orally at a formal presentation at the Nelson Mandela Museum in the Eastern Cape in March 2024.

### 3. OLYMPIADS / QUIZZES / COMPETITIONS

This Olympiad seeks to challenge and inspire young mathematicians, by providing a challenging platform that motivates learners to excel. The Olympiad is a nationwide initiative that recognises and celebrates outstanding mathematical achievements. It provides maths problems designed to stretch the limits of even the strongest maths students. Participants are challenged with thought-provoking questions that go beyond the conventional, developing a unique and intellectually stimulating experience.

SAMO takes place over three rounds, each round progressively more demanding. Only the very best achievers advance to the final round, where mathematical prowess is showcased and celebrated. Participants reaching the third round are eligible to represent South Africa at the prestigious International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO) in 2025.

The 100 best senior and 100 best junior learners from the second round qualify for the third round. Maritzburg College is delighted to celebrate the success of the following boys who have qualified for the final round of the South African Maths Olympiad:

6th Form: E Taylor and O Haasbroek

3rd Form: Y Hoolasi, J Culverwell, and L Venter

#### South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO) for 2024

A Bronze Certificate is awarded to those who ranked in the top 15% of the candidates

5th Form: A Mkhize

#### De Beers English Olympiad

A Gold Certificate was awarded to A Matshoboza in 6th Form.

## **Proverto High School Olympiad**

This Olympiad covers three subject areas, namely Accounting, Economics and Business Studies.

The following boys have excelled in Round one:

### **Business Studies**

Grade 12: O Thabethe, T Cox, Z Ndlovu and C Mason

Grade 11: M Singh, T Naidoo and A Khumalo

### **Economics**

Grade 12: J Werth

Grade 11: K Govender, S Naidoo, S Subreenduth, A Akoonjee, P Lamb, E McAllister, L Shangase, V Kasambala, T Nana, C Mundell, K Ekstrand, E Hamadziripi, J Maharaj

Grade 10: S Ngcobo, U Asmal, K Moodley, R Motshoane, B Cook, M Myaka

### **Accounting**

Grade 11: C Mundell

## **4. KHANYISA OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

In 2024, the Khanyisa Outreach Programme has continued its mission to uplift educational outcomes in under-resourced schools, focusing on Mathematics, Natural Science, and English. A strategic shift was made to address South Africa's literacy crisis, adding a strong literacy component for both educators and learners to support socio-economic development.

Key achievements include the introduction of technology, where basic computer skills training was offered by Mr T Tshabalala, addressing the digital divide faced by learners. Additionally, a textbook drive, supported by Maritzburg College students, provided much-needed educational resources. A reward system, introduced by Mrs J Finnie, recognised academic excellence through CoffeeBox vouchers, enhancing both motivation and cultural exposure.

The Khanyisa Junior Programme focuses on holistic development for primary school learners, offering sessions in Mathematics, English, Natural Science, Mentorship, and more. The inclusion of Natural Science and Computer Literacy is key to preparing learners for future academic and technological demands. Senior students from Maritzburg College act as mentors, guiding younger learners through the transition to high school, while mental wellness sessions promote emotional resilience and self-awareness.

Both programmes have made significant strides in 2024, equipping learners with the skills they need to succeed academically and personally.

# 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

The Afrikaans Society has experienced a dynamic and productive year, marked by a series of engaging activities and notable achievements. The year began with a strong display of interest and sign-ups, reflecting a robust enthusiasm for Afrikaans language and culture within our school. In the first term, the society focused on enhancing verbal communication and sentence construction, establishing a solid foundation for effective language skills.

Term 2 included a range of activities, including our annual social event with Epworth. This event featured a general knowledge quiz and a creative adaptation of *Noot vir Noot*, fostering informal interaction and camaraderie among participants. The boys also worked with Mr Eva on a theatrical project for the Tienertoneel. Initially planned as a dramatic play, the project was adapted into the more light-hearted pantomime, *Die Drie Varkies*, reflecting the boys' enthusiasm and readiness. Preparations for next year's production, *Help My!*, are already underway.

In Term 3, the Tienertoneel cast demonstrated commendable dedication and growth through their performance in the pantomime. This experience highlighted the value of perseverance and the rewards of taking bold risks. As we anticipate the ATKV competition next year, we remain confident in our capacity to enhance our productions and enrich our collaborative experiences within the Afrikaans Society.

## 2. ART CLUB

This year has been a period of remarkable growth and accomplishment for our Art Club. The boys have continued to develop their life-drawing skills, which have now reached an impressive level of proficiency. These skills were displayed at several key events including Maritzburg College's Family Day and Varsity College Market Day when the club had the opportunity to bring their talents to the broader community. We set up a portrait booth where people could sit for 10-15 minutes while the boys sketched their likeness leaving many families and friends with a memorable keepsake. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many people expressing amazement at the boys' skill. The Art Club also took part in our first exchange with another school, having visited the GHS Art Society for a portraiture workshop.

Overall, term three has been a time of significant progress for the Art Club. The boys have not only honed their technical skills but also gained confidence in showcasing their works and process to the public. The magical reactions from those who received portraits underscore the special nature of what the Art Club is achieving. We look forward to continuing this momentum into the final term of the year.

## 3. CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club has had a quiet year having bade farewell to several talented 2023 matrics with honours. This gap has the potential to be filled with many newcomers who have been keen and enthusiastic to learn. Workshops have been held on the best way to photograph pets as well as flowers and insects. These are common entries, and the boys have enjoyed commenting on the mistakes and successes of such photographs. We have continued to enter the PSSA monthly competitions. M du Toit kept the College flag flying at the Kearsney inter-school's competition with a third place in the category 'My inspiration'. Currently the club has reached its largest ever as there is a desire amongst boys to show off photos of creative things they have photographed that extend beyond friends and family. Everyone has a desire to stop and photograph a beautiful flower or sunset and the club offers an outlet to share such photos and learn how to make them better. There is a move to return to the art of photography using the DSLR camera rather than cell phones. We are looking to purchase a DSLR to allow boys to be creative in the areas where cell phones are limited.

## 4. COLLEGE CUES – DRAMA AND DANCE

This year saw many of the members of College Cues involved in one of the two major productions: Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* and Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. The boys rose admirably to the challenge of presenting these more classic works and received critical acclaim at College and beyond. Both were performed with the

involvement of girls from various Pietermaritzburg schools. The latter featured girls exclusively from The Wykeham Collegiate. It was discovered that the two schools had collaborated on the same show 50 years ago. In an additional twist, Mr Harty, then a schoolboy and the Assistant Musical Director of the 1974 show, was extensively involved in the vocal coaching of the current cast. The shows were directed by Mr Orton and produced by Mrs Thaver. Cues captain, L Ndaba, participated in both shows. He has made a sizeable contribution to the cultural life of College in the areas of both Drama and Choir.

Other notable performances by College boys in lead roles included I Jikijo, T Cox and L Luthuli in *The Comedy of Errors* and A Madlala, I Zwane and B Hadebe in *The Pirates of Penzance*. It was pleasing to note that there was a groundswell of talented performers in the lower grades, laying a foundation for successful performances in the years to come.

Cues also hosted the initial performances of a national tour of Daniel Anderson's acclaimed musical, *Vincent* in collaboration with Wela Kapela Productions. The show went on to critical acclaim and received several Naledi Awards.

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

College for Christ has enjoyed a very generous involvement of staff this year. We had a different staff member sharing on a Tuesday at tea break, and then connect groups on a Thursday delving into the Word of God. They are fine examples of a positive masculinity with whom the boys can identify. Third term started off with a big bang for College for Christ Vitality (the new Boarder College for Christ). We hosted a praise and worship evening in the chapel for our College community. The praise and worship team from Open Skies Church, and Mr Mark Slevin pastor of Linc Church Hilton, led us through a very special evening. Many of the boys lives were changed completely with boys dedicating their lives to Jesus. This in turn led to boys also wanting to be baptised. The boarding side of College for Christ has really taken off with Wednesday evening meetings. The day boy CFC continues in the same format as before, at tea break, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us on a Tuesday and Thursday at tea break.

## **6. DEBATING**

In 2024 Maritzburg College continued its successful involvement in interschool league debating. MH Moosa, debating captain, provided invaluable coaching and support of younger debaters. Moosa, K Moodley and A Mhlanzi acquitted themselves well at the South African National Schools Debating Championships 2023, making it to finals and receiving recognition as best speakers. Moosa remains a member of the South African team, currently ranked second in the country.

Due to an increased sign-up, all three leagues had multiple members who debated on a rotational basis, after internal trialling.

The seniors engaged in intensive training with MH Moosa and Ms Maistry. Leyton Chetty was engaged as junior coach in term 1, while Mrs Harding continued working with Grade 8s.

After six rounds of league debating, the two Grade 8 teams and 1 senior team went through to quarterfinals. The senior team was knocked out, but one Grade 8 team progressed to the final debate which they won.

Ten College boys were selected for provincial trials. Of those selected, the following boys are on the KZN squad: K Mkhwane, A Ngcobo, MH Moosa, K Moodley and A Mhlanzi.

In addition to the league and provincial tournaments, debaters also met with friendly rivals from PBHS, in the annual school exchange, resulting in a win for the College and loss for the junior team.

College debaters also attended the After Freedom Tournament held by UKZN debating union at Westville Girls' High campus in June. All College debaters' teams broke to quarters. MH Moosa, K Moodley, S Gumbi and K Mhwane's teams progressed to the semi-finals. Moosa's team won the senior final debate.

## **7. ENVIRO CLUB**

The Enviro Club has had a quiet term but has ended the term with some extremely exciting prospects coming. We were invited to take part in a hole digging competition, but due to all our boys being away on camp or busy with Trial examinations, this could not happen. We have been offered by Wildlands Trust to partner with them in a tree growing project in which they need to plant 100 000 indigenous trees before the end of the growing season. We look forward to seeing how this unfolds.

## **8. FIRST AID**

First aid was once again very busy this year with many fixtures and events. There were many first aiders who worked tirelessly, giving up their entire holidays in some cases. Many of the matric first aiders have worked over three years and they are commended on their unwavering sense of duty and care. We would like to thank the following doctors who gave of their time pro bono: Dr Hugh Akerman, Dr Su Akerman, Dr Greg van Osch, Dr Paul Hatfield, Dr Ian Cochrane and Dr James McAllister. The SAN sisters, under the leadership of Mrs Claire Olivier, together with the doctors on duty ensured that patients were able to receive medical attention on site in the first aid room. Our thanks go to the doctors, SAN sisters and first aiders who give up their time to provide care to the injured and sick players of the sporting codes.

## **9. HINDU SOCIETY**

The HSS is growing in popularity, and we now have just over 40 members who meet regularly. The boys attended a Hawan at the Aryan Hall earlier this year and supported a call from HS Ebrahim School for their Easter Drive.

We hosted our annual Cultural Show in April which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was an evening of prayer, dance and musical opulence. After the formal part of the show, we had a Bhangra Bash which was the highlight of the evening. The OCC was transformed into a 'Little India' with vibrant and colourful draping, sparkling lights and traditional Indian music.

Some of our boys also volunteered their services at the Ramakrishna Medical Camp that was held at W A Lewitt school. Hats off to our boys who are involved in *seva* and show such love and empathy to both the aged and underprivileged members of our community.

We entered for the Vedh Nikethan examination on the 'basic principles of Hinduism'. Our sincere thanks to Pundit Kiran for his highly informative, thought provoking and detailed explanations on the precepts of Hinduism in assisting us in preparing for our examinations. Congratulations the A Ramlall for his outstanding achievement of 99%.

In August we embarked on a tour to Durban, visiting the 1860 Heritage Museum. Selvan Naidoo took us on a guided tour of this unique museum which captures the arrival of indentured labourers in South Africa. It is not a typical museum with books and displays, but just quotes and pictures wallpapered onto the walls. It was a revelation for all of us who attended and are so grateful to our ancestors who faced numerous struggles in search of a better life. The newly built Narasimha temple was spiritually elevating. We were presented with a short discourse, participated in Aarthi, and had a wonderful experience of feeding our holy cows.

We believe that the HSS is an integral part of the cultural offering at Maritzburg College and in the words of Swami Vivekanada, "Unity in Diversity" is prevalent on our campus.

## **10. INTERACT CLUB**

The Interact Club has been involved in several projects this year. We meet every Monday to discuss the plans for the week and any upcoming events with which we are required to assist. The club had a slow start this year due to the majority of the boys in the club being in 6th form. We welcomed a few new member during the course of the year. In term 1 and 2 the Interactors dedicated their Friday afternoons to spending time with the boys at the Salvation Army and towards the end of term 1 we did an Easter egg collection which was delivered, along with hot cross buns, during Happiness Week. The Interactors also took part in Bread Buddies, making and packing sandwiches. With the start of the winter sport season, we made pancakes for each home game as a fundraiser for the club. In our last home game, we shared our last cook with the 6th Form boys who have been flipping pancakes since they were in 4th Form. With the funds raised we were able to put together gift packs for Mother's Day for the ladies at the SAVF Old Age Home. We collaborated with the Gospel Choir on the day we did the delivery, and the ladies were very appreciative of the boys' kind gesture. In term 3 we did a collection for the Peter Pan market day and the boys brought old clothes, book, toys and snacks. These were going to be sold for Peter Pan's fundraising. The Interactors have elected their new captain for the coming year and we welcomed P Mncwabe as the new captain – the boys look forward to seeing more of his contributions in the coming year.

## **11. MARKETING CLUB**

2024 has been a very good year for the MARC (Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communications) team, with focused efforts resulting in an improved number and quality of applications for both 2025 and 2026. The online

admissions system, earlier application deadlines and pre-acceptance of top candidates, have also contributed to this, thanks to the efficiency of our Admissions team.

The active engagement of the whole MARC team has ensured an improved customer-focused approach, especially in personal interaction with prospective College boys and parents, around their first experience at College, and in the communication from the school.

The year has also seen very good growth in the number of College boys joining the marketing team, and these boys have proved invaluable in supporting the school in recruitment initiatives.

Off-campus activities have included school visits, high school expos and roadshows to reach prospective boys and parents outside Pietermaritzburg and its immediate surrounds. In addition, Open Days and the Boarder Sleepovers provided opportunities to experience "College in action" through interactive engagement with boys and staff on campus. Mr Sbonga Shange has been appointed as the Recruitment Officer this year and is a very welcome addition to the team, building connections with feeder schools and prospective boys and parents.

We manage and use a wide range of digital platforms for marketing the school brand including social media and an effective website. Ms Samantha Campbell has been appointed as Marketing Assistant and is doing an excellent job of managing our social media platforms. Using the school's Ed-Admin system for communication to parents is an ongoing challenge, and the introduction of WhatsApp groups this year, at school and form level, has been invaluable in ensuring 'instant' communication when needed. We will be working to improve the effectiveness of these groups next year, to ensure we reach all our parents.

A key marketing focus is always to share good College stories, and especially those key differentiators of our school that help build the school brand, and we do this using all our various platforms including the weekly newsletter, "College in Action". Our advertisements on the N3 and N2 billboards throughout the year have been an innovative and creative addition to this.

College remains a very busy campus, and in addition to providing marketing and communication support across the campus, this year has seen an improved and more strategic approach to also support the Associations, including College Business, the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association, the Maritzburg College Foundation, the Goldstone's Club (our parents' association) and College Connect (our business networking platform).

## **12. MC INK**

MC Ink had a good start to the year, and we saw a host of new members, including a Second Former. Attendance has been good. We started the year with some inspiration from ambiguous pictures and Rorschach inkblots which allowed the lads creative freedom before we went into more structured poetry. As usual, we posted poetry around the school for Happiness Week.

Although term 2 was very truncated for us from a meeting perspective, we continued to review and practise different styles of poetry during meetings and the lads regularly post their work, which provides new material for our notice board. The boys were urged to enter the 5FM poetry slam competition, but unfortunately that is not a format that we typically visit during our sessions, so we didn't have any entrants.

We again attended words@Kearsney in early August although it has taken a different format. Instead of just an open mic session, Kearsney introduced a poetry writers' workshop run by Iain Ewok Robinson, a hip hop and spoken word artist. It was a most entertaining evening, broken into three sections: the theory of writing, the essence of performance and time to write before the open mic session. The open mike session produced some really good poetry, including that of our own poets.

We had co-captains this year, L Dladla and M Soorajdin.

## **13. MARGARET A'BEAR MEDIA CENTRE**

Following the cultural assembly in January at which our captain, L Khumalo spoke, we had a positive response in swelling membership numbers. As the Media Centre is extremely busy most afternoons, it was further decided that our monitors should wear lanyards with their respective names, so that they can be easily identified when on duty.

With the Media Centre converting to the new Ed-Admin library component in January, our senior members also underwent extensive training so that they could be competent behind the counter in issuing and returning titles. When 24 new plug points were installed, along with our Netbook charging counter, the monitors proved their worth in assisting users with this new service.

During the second term, some of our monitors had the privilege of visiting the Bessie Head public library in the Maritzburg CBD. It was an extremely interesting tour of all aspects of their services. A small group of boys also travelled to Michaelhouse in September to participate in the inter-school's library quiz evening. A wonderful evening was enjoyed, and they did College proud.

#### **14. MUSIC AT COLLEGE**

2024 has been another eventful year for the Music Department. There have been several staff changes. Mr Harty and Mr Kisbey-Green left the staff during term 2. During his time at College, Mr Harty inspired the school to unimaginable heights of congregational singing.

Mr Jacques Linde joined the music staff in May as the new choir director and music teacher. Mrs Maxine Matthews also joined the staff in term 3 as the woodwind teacher.

Maritzburg College, together with The Wykeham Collegiate, brought Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* to the stage in a highly acclaimed performance. The production set a new standard in a musical performance at Maritzburg College, and particular mention must be made of the sterling performances by the lead roles. Maritzburg College last performed the show in 1974 together with The Wykeham Collegiate, and it was an honour to have members of that cast present at the final performance.

The highlights of the calendar for the College bands, choirs and ensembles are the cultural exchanges with different schools in term 2 and 3. The Maritzburg College groups performed twice with PBHS, and once with Affies. The Affies choir was a real highlight, as they gave an incredible performance.

August is a busy month for the music department, with the 6th Form final concert, the Prestige Concert and Family Day. This year, the College Jazz Band was invited to perform at the Eston Show for the first time.

College boys are also active participants at a provincial level. Several boys gave excellent performances at the South African Society of Music Teachers (SASMT) eisteddfod in July, and there are also two boys in the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Wind Band.

It has been a great year for music at Maritzburg College, which is a testament to the hard work, diligence, and commitment of the boys involved.

#### **15. MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

MSA weekly meetings start with a short prayer followed by discussions on various topics chosen by learners. The boys also performed the Zohr prayer. The focus of the society is service to the community. During the month of Ramadaan, the society collected funds to donate to the food programme organised by SANSAF. This is an annual outreach initiative in which the society participates. The boys also volunteered, on specific Saturdays, to assist in the packaging and distribution of meals to poor and disadvantaged individuals.

This year, MSA collaborated with the Hindu Students Society to support the HS Ebrahim Easter Initiative. They donated funds for the purchase of Easter eggs, chips, and cold drinks. MSA also sponsored a hot meal to Salvation Army. The boys initially wanted to spend time with the children and share a meal with them, but due to time constraints, the meal was prepared, packaged and delivered to the venue off by parents.

The boys benefit from this forum and they are encouraged to put all that they learn into practise in their daily lives. Doing service to the community is one of pillars of the culture that the boys are encouraged to practise regularly.

#### **16. NGUNI SOCIETY**

The Nguni Society is a growing society with some very committed members. The main aim of society was to revive the Nguni culture and to make sure that it does not perish in the minds of our boys in our school. One would say that the society does what it was meant for. The senior members of the society, boys like Thabethe and Ngcobo, have been the main custodians of the movement. Their role in the growth of the society is crucial. They managed to influence and inspire the juniors to develop their love for the society. The movement is very educational to our members. I have learnt much from these young men of College. Their minds are very rich which is our main aim to secure and spread that knowledge as well as growing up for the benefit of the future members.

#### **17. SOUND AND LIGHTS**

Sound and Lights has become an integral support component for the school's sound and lighting requirements. The



events have been handled with professionalism given that both Mr Josh White and Mr Daivyan Thaver are off campus. The day to day running of sound was undertaken by J Gasarasi (captain) and members of Sound and Lights. The team was willing and approachable in their interaction with staff.

The team, led by Mr Thaver, who was still off campus, and Gasarasi, ran a tight ship for the production *Comedy of Errors*. The backstage management and the general running of sound and lights for the show added to the success of the run. In addition, the team acquitted themselves well for the professional, one-man show, *Vincent*.

Mr Thaver joined College in a full-time position at the start of the third term. His appointment as the sound and lights technician and MIC of Sound and Lights has given the society more structure. The team grew in number which was positive. The boys are developing their skills at a rapid pace, and they can be relied on to carry out their duties with great efficiency. The team members specialise in either sound or lights, however, it is mandatory for them to have good knowledge of both areas including backstage work.

The other events in which Sound and Lights was involved included *The Pirates of Penzance*, House plays, 6th Form Dramatic Arts Internal and External Performance Exams, the Gospel Choir Evening, the Afrikaans Society pantomime production and the Nguni Society annual cultural evening.

The team is grateful to the 2024 captain, J Gasarasi, for his invaluable service to the society. He has led by example, helping junior members develop their skills. V Kasambala was voted the 2025 captain of Sound and Lights.

## **18. SPEAKERS' CIRCLE**

Speakers' Circle enjoyed another successful year starting with an unprecedented number of 5th Form applications. The enthusiasm by all members had set the pace for what was to follow. The society engaged in the #SpreadingKindness campaign; the home cultural exchange with PBHS which College won; held regular meetings; and ended the first term with the much-anticipated dinner meeting.

The second term's calendar included the away cultural exchange with PBHS. The team, comprising C Robinson, I Jikijo and M du Toit, each presented an impromptu speech on the topic: 'Should countries have the right to close borders to asylum seekers to protect their economies and cultures.' College took the top three places posting the following results - I Jikijo A++ (92 %), M du Toit A++ (91 %) and C Robinson A+ (88%). Speakers' Circle then hosted the second annual Inter-School Assembly of Public Speakers Evening – a resounding success. The participating schools included Howick High, Michaelhouse, Alexandra High and Maritzburg College. The programme comprised two impromptu speaking sessions. The first session results were: Michaelhouse – gold, College – silver and bronze respectively. The second session was won by Howick High, College second and Alexandra High third.

Speakers' Circle held a special meeting in July to commemorate Project 9 – the final speech in the Basic Public Speaking course. This year six members completed the course, namely, M Moosa, C Robinson, I Jikijo, J Mumford (bronze), A Mntungwa (silver) and L Ndaba (gold). This is an outstanding achievement by all concerned given their busy, overall involvement in Culture and Sport.

The highlight on the Speakers' Circle calendar is The Passing of the Gavel Ceremony and Dinner Meeting which took place in September. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the outgoing committee – C Robinson (chair), M Moosa (vice-chair) and J Mumford (secretary) for their excellent leadership. E Hamadziripi was elected Chair for 2025, with L Shangase – Vice Chair and V Kasambala – Secretary.

## **19. TECH SQUAD**

This has been an extremely busy year for Tech Squad, as the computer room has been abuzz with a huge influx of boys that have started utilising it. We started the year off with 20 members, yet after the Cultural assembly we were able to recruit 15 new members all from different Grades, bringing our total to 35.

Our captain, C Zondi, and I, worked out duties in a 10-day cycle thus giving each boy an opportunity to work their required hours. With the computer room being so busy, we gave each Tech Squad member a lanyard with their name so that boys could clearly see who was there to assist them. This has made a huge difference with managing who is on duty. There has been ongoing Friday afternoon training sessions for all members, that has allowed the senior boys to mentor the junior members.

Term 3 was very exciting, as we hosted the annual games evening alongside Esports. It was a huge success and a lot of fun, and we look forward to being a part of it again next year. We also were invited to a quiz night competition at Michaelhouse. Eight very clued up, witty grade 9 and 10 boys from Tech Squad attended. It was a good learning experience, and we had lots of laughs, so this will definitely be on our calendar again for next year.

## 20. CULTURAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	JM Gasarasi
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	I Zwane
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	LW Ndaba
McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	LW Ndaba
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	IO Jikijo & LW Ndaba
Director's Award	A Matshoboza & S Sithembu
Parklane SuperSpar Trophy for the Most Promising Musician	S Bandu
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for the Most Improved Musician	MM Msimango
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	S Bridglall
Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music	S Govender
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	E Bester
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	MH Moosa
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	C Robinson
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	MH Moosa
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for the Most Improved Speaker	JJ Mumford
Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	IO Jikijo
Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	N Ndawonde
Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre	LG Khumalo

# SPORT

## 1. ATHLETICS

The College inter-house took place in the first week of the year. This year the champion House was Fuller House. Twenty-one Maritzburg College athletes took part in the KZN Athletics Championships. College won 6 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals. College was placed seventh overall for Clubs in KZN.

Gold:

S Jansen – Shotput U15 (12,75m) and Hammer U15 (40,10m); A Kritzinger – Long Jump U19 (6,47m); N Breedt – Discus U15 (40,06m); S Ismail – 800m U15 (2:02,59); S Gumbi – High Jump U15 (1,70m)

Silver:

N Breedt – Shotput U15 (12,69m) and Hammer U15 (35,10m); M Mogale – 100m U15 (11,32s); A Kritzinger – High Jump U19 (1,89m); T Boshoff – Discus U17 (38,10m) and Shotput U17 (13,53m)

Bronze:

T Ekerold – Hammer U17 (38,63m) and Shotput U17 (11,11m); S Jansen – Discus U15 (34,93m); S Ismail – 1500m U15 (4:24,12); L Baptista – Discus U17 (31,10m)

At the Inter-provincial ASA meeting three College athletes represented the KZN team: S Ismail, S Jansen and M Mogale.

Maritzburg College took part in all five events of the 2024 aQuellé Athletics series. This year the series grew to 28 schools. College again won the series convincingly. Y Mchunu was named U20 Champion of the series and overall athlete of the series. S Ismail set four records and was the U16 Champion of the series.

## 2. BASKETBALL

Basketball continues its upwards trajectory at Maritzburg College boasting a total number of 28 team. The 1st team had an excellent year – they won the Jenny Orchard Invitational tournament, beating the number 1 ranked school in the country, and went unbeaten in the KZN League. This year our 1st team played a total of 40 games, winning 33 and losing seven. Maritzburg College again had the greatest number of boys selected for the KZN Team with our starting five all making the team. Our year was enhanced by the selection of two boys into the U18 SA team who played at the AfroBasket tournament this past September. Overall, our club achieved a 68 %-win rate.

The 1st Team ranked third in the country losing only seven games the entire season.

Provincial selections: I Masinga, A Ngcobo, L Dlamini, K Sibankulu and R Hoskins

National selections: I Masinga and K Sibankulu (SA U18A)

## 3. CANOEING

What an outstanding season for Maritzburg College Canoeing. The team's achievements across all disciplines are truly impressive, and the hard work and dedication of the athletes, along with the support of their coach Bridgitte Hartley, and their parents, are paying off. From the Dusi Canoe Marathon to sprint, ocean racing, canoe polo, and flatwater marathon, the depth of talent at the school is remarkable. It is also tremendous to see how well the senior athletes are mentoring the younger ones under the leadership of canoeing captain M van Heerden, creating a strong team culture. Congratulations to all the canoeists on their many successes.

Funds raised throughout the year enabled the purchase of two new ergo machines for gym training, five new canoe polo boats and six new paddles.

Maritzburg College had the most boys on the start line of the Dusi Canoe Marathon across a combination of boats, with nine boys competing in total. K Vogt won the junior doubles category with partner (G Palframan, St Charles) and M van Heerden and J Odell took second place in the Junior doubles. These results earned Maritzburg College the overall school trophy, which had been held by Michaelhouse for the past four years.

A handful of boys competed at the KZN and SA Sprint Championships. K Vogt was selected for the Olympic Hopes team. Several College canoeists placed in the top three of their age categories across various Ocean Racing events.

The South African Surfski Championships took place in Durban and the College boys achieved some excellent results. K Vogt and partner came 2nd in the U18 doubles event. Vogt also placed 3rd in U16 singles and 4th in U18

singles.

Canoe Polo has seen significant growth at the College. Eight boys were selected for the KZN Canoe Polo team to compete at Nationals: M van Heerden, S Norton, D Botha, J Odell, S Venniker, J Gotte, J Craig and M Rawson. College A and B teams finished 1st and 2nd respectively at the 2024 Inter school Canoe Polo Championships.

M van Heerden competed in the Slalom and Kayak Cross Nationals and earned a place on the South African team for the Junior and U23 World Championships in Slovakia in July 2024.

The U14 - U16 canoeists had some outstanding performances at the Flatwater Marathon Nationals. K Vogt (aged 15) won the U18 K1 marathon and was selected to represent South Africa at the World Championships at the end of September in Croatia. L O'Connor, J van Rensburg, K Vogt, J Worthman and K Clarke competed at the KZN Flatwater Marathon championships and posted excellent results.

#### **4. CHESS**

Our boys have demonstrated remarkable progress, competing not only against local schools but also engaging in sporting exchanges with schools from other provinces.

Under the capable leadership of our chess captain, J Martin, the team has gone from strength to strength. His dedication and strategic insight have inspired his peers, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and determination. We are grateful for the guidance of Mr Whatmore, whose emphasis on discipline has been pivotal. His coaching approach has instilled a sense of focus and commitment in our players, evident in their performance over the past few months.

Our participation in the Alexforbes Online Chess Tournament was a standout experience, allowing our boys to compete against schools nationwide. This unique tournament elevated their chess ratings and provided invaluable exposure to a broader competitive landscape.

Additionally, we took part in the uMgungundlovu Chess League and the uMgungundlovu District Selections, where our players displayed their skills against formidable opponents. Each match contributed to their growth and experience, reinforcing our team's resilience and tenacity.

In summary, this year has been transformative for our chess programme at Maritzburg College. With continued dedication and leadership, we look forward to building on our successes in the coming year. The foundation we have laid this year promises an exciting future for our team.

#### **5. CRICKET**

The 2024 cricket season for Maritzburg College was a successful one with numerous highlights. We began the year by hosting a 1st XI and U15 Festival which gave these teams an opportunity to gain some form before the first set of weekend fixtures. The term started with an extremely tough opponent in Westville where results did not all go our way but the turnaround in the second week was exceptional. We managed to win 19 of the 20 fixtures on the weekend which is a remarkable effort. There were several brilliant individual and team performances throughout the first term.

Term 3 saw the school play one weekend fixture against Northwood. Our 1st XI had an extremely busy term, starting with the Night Series hosted by Eston. Some great performances in that tournament saw them reach the final after beating Hilton College in a thrilling semi-final off the last ball of the game. Unfortunately for the team they fell at the last hurdle, losing out in the final to St Charles. The 1st XI also went on tour to Johannesburg, to the St David's Time Festival. The team plays 2 two-day matches which gives them an opportunity to spend time in the middle as batters and bowlers. This serves as a great preseason for the team. The 1st XI played some brilliant cricket, but both games ended in draws. L Sutherland was named 'Batter of the Festival'. Over the final weekend of the term, the 1st XI was privileged to embark on an international tour. They represented their school at the Rams T20 Tournament which is hosted by St John's College in Harare, Zimbabwe. This was an experience that the boys will never forget; learning to play in different conditions against opposition that you have never seen before was an adjustment for all. The 1st XI played brilliantly throughout the tournament but unfortunately lost in the semi-final.

During the holiday break, four of our teams will attend festivals. The U14As at Hilton College, the U15As at Pretoria Boys High School, the U17s at Michaelhouse and the 1st XI at the 64th Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week.

## **6. CROSS-COUNTRY**

The 2024 cross-country season was a good one with some sound results. The highlight this year was our powerful junior team coming first and our experienced senior team coming second. The top 10 positions in the senior results were as follows: J Werth 4th, C Gould 8th, L Shangase 10th. The junior results were S Ismail 1st, L Makhoba 2nd, J Wilson 7th and N Msimang 9th. Many of our boys finished in the top 30. College hosted our first race in two years on our campus which was well attended by over 200 runners.

The competition this year was strong against some of the best schools in the Midlands. We also hosted a race against a very strong Affies side. It was a mix of junior and senior runners. Our best performing team, junior runners S Ismail and L Makhoba, placed 5th out of eight teams. The race is a relay format similar to the previous year. Furthermore, we ran against KES in Johannesburg for our last exchange for the year between the two schools. Our top senior team came 3rd, and our top junior side came 2nd. The last major event was the KZN championships when L Makhoba came 6th overall in his age group.

## **7. CYCLING**

Maritzburg College Cycling has had an exceptional year of consistent growth in the team under the guidance of Tipping Point Brink Cycling Academy, input from KZN Schools Cycling, assistance from sponsors of Maritzburg College Cycling, and the continued support of parents.

Cyclists competed in the Eurosteel Drak Descent two-day stage race, Wartburg Classic, New Hanover Classic, Karkloof Classic, Eston Classic, Curry's Post Gravel Growl race – some of these races ending with the likes of B Foster, M Jewaskiewitz, L Newlands, C Sellick, and C Baxter placing in podium positions. Special mention goes to those top riders who raced in the Berg & Bush two-day stage race as well as the 2024 team who competed in the PBHS 24-hour race.

During term two, Maritzburg College Cycling hosted the PBHS cycling team at The Knoll Guest Farm – which has become the 'home-ground' for the team, and Affies during the third term. The teams were also treated to guest speakers in the evenings with the likes of Kevin 'Benky' Benkenstein speaking about endurance cycling and Keegan Tullis and Michael Foster speaking about stage racing and partnering in the sport.

Maritzburg College hosted the first event of the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series, when the track was raced by approximately 490 riders of all ages. The highlight of this event was when C Baxter took first place in a hotly contested race to the finish line.

Throughout this series, the two cyclists who have consistently done well are L Newlands and B Foster, who placed in the top two positions at the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series, and M Jewaskiewitz and C Sellick who placed in the top five in all four races. It was also pleasing to see the younger cyclists – namely C Baxter, K Searle and D Janneker placing in top five positions.

All the cyclists mentioned above participated in the South African XCO Cup Series and in the SA Cup Final at Cascades against other provinces and neighbouring countries, giving them a competitive mental advantage in other races.

For their exceptional results and herculean efforts in the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series and SA Cup XCO Series, the following boys are congratulated on their selection to the KZN School Cycling team which will be traveling to Brits: L Newlands, C Sellick (who was appointed as KZN Provincial captain), B Foster, M Jewaskiewitz, K Searle, D Janneker and C Baxter.

Special mention is made of Newlands (captain of College Cycling) who received the College Cycling trophy for his outstanding 5th place finish at the Afcon event held in Morocco and was awarded the Headmaster's award of all round sportsman.

## **8. ESPORTS**

Recently, our Esports community faced big challenges due to power cuts and new game schedules. The power cuts made it hard to keep up with our activities, but we adapted by changing schedules, using backup power, and keeping everyone informed. When we tried to get back to normal, the new evening game times caused issues for boarders who had school commitments and for home players with internet problems. Despite these difficulties, participation has stayed strong, and we have seen much growth. We welcomed many new members, and interest surged after a successful games night that drew in both Esports fans and other students who enjoy gaming. This

growth shows how dedicated and resilient our community is, even when facing challenges. We have had a rocky season this time around, but we're confident that next season will be better. We are planning to introduce many changes and improvements that should help us overcome our challenges and enhance our overall performance.

## **9. GOLF**

It has been a very difficult year for golf at Maritzburg College; the number of boys playing golf in the first term dropped significantly and only a few 2nd Form golfers at a high level have joined the school. This has been detrimental to the depth, growth and consistency of College golf. Hopefully, 2025 sees an increase in good junior golfers joining the school.

The results have, therefore, been disappointing this year with College winning only two and halving two of our interschool matches. The poor win rate can be ascribed to a lack of experience in the team as well as to only a few boys' participation in junior tournaments in the school holidays. Optimistically, this should improve next season with more of the current players taking part in junior tournaments and playing club golf throughout the year.

The most encouraging sign for golf this year has been the influx of Grade 9 and 10 boys starting golf in the third term. Hopefully the 'bug will bite' and these boys will return next term and in 2025 to challenge for the first team. It has been encouraging to see the improvement in this group of boys in such a short period of time.

On a positive note, two first team players gained selection to the KZN Schools B team. This was very pleasing, and the boys are commended for their efforts and success. They will represent the province at the ITP during the September holiday at Mt Edgecombe Country Club in Durban.

The annual golf tour to the South Coast during the July holiday was again a great success with the boys playing in three KZN Foundation tournaments and posting some good individual results. The experience gained on this tour will hopefully encourage College boys to do the necessary practice to get to the level required to win junior tournaments and be a positive spin off for school golf.

## **10. HOCKEY**

The 2024 hockey season was always going to be an interesting one with the rollout of a new, more modern, style of hockey being played across the board. The concentration of technical skills throughout the season allowed College to implement new structures and tactics, bringing with it a faster game with a 'go forward' mentality. I must commend the players and staff for adapting to the new way and implementing successfully.

The installation of the lights at Pape's was a momentous occasion for the school and has changed College hockey forever. We are able to train for longer as well as to play night games enhancing performance as well as the atmosphere around Pape's. We are able to host tournaments and festivals again. We hosted the annual NOMADS festival for the 1st teams, the U12 IPT as well as a primary schools' festival for U11 and U13s.

Maritzburg College hockey played 248 games in the season, winning 54% and losing 23%. The percentage of games won and drawn resulted in a 73% non-loss ratio. These results have shown positive growth across the board.

Forty-six boys and 7 staff members were selected to represent KZN Inland at various national and regional tournaments around the country. From those tournaments, seven boys were selected to higher honours. Congratulations to everyone selected for provincial and national teams.

KZN Inland U18A: N Holmes, K Jenkins, I Mosupye, B Dlamini, U Dlamini, J Konigkramer, D Jackson

KZN Inland U18B: T Fulton, A Mthlane

KZN Inland U18C: G Askew, B Thornton-Dibb, S Mkhize, R McKean, L Fitz

KZN Inland U16A: C Francis, R Shirge, S Sithembu, M Smith, E Fabre, A Lembethe, S Mchunu, L Sishi, G Motswadire, Mr M Sanders, Mr Mthlane, Mr P Gonlag, Mr M Diaz, Ms C Johnson

KZN Inland U16B: C Le Court De Billot, K Mngwengwe, V Ndlovu, H Hackland, L Shelembe

KZN Inland U16C: R Willson, S Schirge, S Zondi

KZN Inland U14A: T Addison, N Ntshingila, J Smith, R Fitz

KZN Inland U14B: J Greaves, S Wessels, J Lusso, J Wilson, Mr M Diaz, Mr D Joshua

KZN Inland U14C: J Fincham, C Baxter, B Nkosi, W Johnson, N Jakatyana, E Gwala, Mrs J Stoute

SA U18B: B Dlamini, K Jenkins

SA U17A: S Sithembu, C Francis (Non travelling Reserve)

SA U16A Squad: S Sithembu, C Francis

SA U16B Squad: E Fabre, M Smith, A Lembethe

The KZN Inland U16A team played in the IPT Nationals and earned the bronze medal. Maritzburg College is extremely proud of the boys who played at IPTs in 2024.

Maritzburg College is also extremely proud of all the Old Collegians who represented South Africa at the Paris Olympics this year. Brad Sherwood, Tevin Kok, Matthew Guise-Brown, Peabo Lembethe and Devin van der Merwe. The strength of the Old Boy's is an inspiration to all our young hockey playing Collegians.

This year has had ups and downs with the implementation of new systems, but for the most part it has been a good season with an extremely bright future ahead. The entire coaching and management staff of College Hockey proved that dedication and hard work can and will pay off. The growth shown in results and numbers of boys playing hockey is truly exciting.

## **11. RUGBY**

The year 2024 has been another exiting year for Maritzburg College Rugby. When the season started in early March, a large number of boys took part in the College trials, fighting for an opportunity to make the teams that they had set out to make.

The College Old Boys were on their feet at home when their beloved Red, Black and White went undefeated at all age groups against our old enemy Hilton College. These games were played with some serious guts and 'Gladiator' mindset on defence was often the theme of the day. Our faithful and enthusiastic schoolboys sat at Basher Ridge and could often be heard from far away when the 1st team scored points. The College 1st XV fired on all cylinders on Reunion Day, beating a strong Michaelhouse side. Another special achievement was getting the double over our rivals Glenwood, a feat that has not been done for close on 20 years.

Seven College teams travelled to festivals across South Africa. The 1st XV participated in the annual St John's Easter Rugby Festival and Wildeklawer Rugby Festival. The U15's took part in the Francois Swart Rugby Week at Affies, while the U14s, U16A and U16B played in our own Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival. The U14s, U15s, U16s & 2nd team also joined the 1st XV at Wildeklawer. All teams gave a good account of themselves and built some character for the long season that lay ahead.

SA Schools U18: P Khubeka, A Botha

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U18 Craven Week: A Botha, P Khubeka, J Jansen

U17 Academy Week: C Cherayi, W Vyambwera, I Mlotshwa, L Sinkfontein (selected but injured)

U17 Rhino Week: A Ngubane

U16 Sharks: R Stanton, O Kosani, T Boshoff

U16B Sharks: A Cahill, D Colenbrander, L Hadebe, C Fynn, M Pretorius, L Mabanga

U15 Rhino week: S Jansen, M Mogale

U15B Sharks: R Badenhorst, J Mbanzaswi, L Dladla, L Vyambwera

College also participated in three Sevens rugby events – the Glenwood and DHS Festivals and finished the season off at the Nashua Maritzburg College Family Day, which was a really festive day filled with activities for the whole family.

## **12. SHOOTING**

While this year has been a busy one for our boys it is regretted that there has not been sufficient competition within the league. We were able to participate in seven league competitions as well as the KZN Open tournament. Having as many league competitions has increased the interest shown by our boys.

It is heartwarming to see the competition at the senior level being spread amongst a greater number of learners. The newer seniors are producing some very good scores and providing some tough competition for the older boys.

J Martin has now achieved Honours for shooting and M Naidoo has received his Colours. These awards serve as an important source of motivation for the rest of the team.

Martin received the award for the most consistent shottist. Naidoo received the award for the best shottist in the standing position and overall best shottist. E Hunter Smith received the award for the most promising junior shottist.

Martin did a splendid job as the captain for 2024. He set the pace both with his scores and discipline.

A big thank you to Mr Naidoo and Mr Pillay who assisted with the coaching.

Mr Naidoo has taken over as the team coach. His skill and enthusiasm for the sport has had a positive impact on the team. Boys have taken to his coaching technique and style, and we look forward to an improvement in their scores.

### **13. SOCCER**

Maritzburg College soccer had an outstanding year of soccer, with our U14A and 1st Teams in particular performing very well. In the second term our 1st, 2nd and U16A teams all participated in KZNHSFA Leagues, with our 1st team unfortunately losing in the final of the U19A League.

Our U14A team was formidable this year, having played a total of 17 fixtures, winning 16 with a solitary loss. They scored 86 goals and conceded just 11 goals throughout the year.

Our 1st team had a tough task living up to the achievements of the class of 2023, but still managed an impressive year, making the semi-finals of the Kloof, Wildeklaar and KZN Big 10 Tournaments and the quarter finals of the FA Cup. They finished their year off strong, winning the Raw Cup versus DHS and the KZN U19 Knockout Cowie Cup versus Port Shepstone. They are also currently ranked number 1 in SA by SA Schools Sports.

Overall, College produced 17 soccer teams in total this year, with 31 of our boys being selected for the Pietermaritzburg District teams and 18 boys selected for the KZN Provincial teams – more than any other school in the Province.

### **14. SQUASH**

Our squash players enjoyed another successful year on the court. Our 1st team were kept busy during term 1 as they participated in the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival, followed by traditional head-to-head fixtures against local rivals. They then went on to participate in the KZN Inter-Schools' Tournament during terms 2 and 3, when College managed to come out on top, beating Westville, Michaelhouse and Kearsney in some very tight and evenly matched games. The College first team recorded impressive victories against these teams, achieving victory, week-after-week, ultimately finishing the season unbeaten, which earned them the spot of top team in KZN. An impressive and gutsy final fixture victory over Kearsney ensured that College placed 1st overall in KZN and, once again, earned an invitation to participate in the prestigious South African Top-Schools' Squash Tournament. Battling among the top teams in the country, our boys showed true College fight and tenacity, winning three out of five matches at Top Schools, narrowly losing to KES 3-2 and St Andrew's (Bloem) 3-2. College then won their remaining fixtures and finished 1st in group B, securing 5th place at the tournament and 5th overall, in South Africa.

Our Junior team had a 'building year' as many of 2023s junior stars made their way into the 1st team, which helped College secure their impressive 5th place ranking. The junior side unfortunately did not manage the same success of previous years, however, there are some keen young players showing good potential who are ready to change that.

The boys put in a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the year, with numerous boys achieving awards and representing their Province.

### **15. SWIMMING**

Swimming at College has a proud history and is a well-attended summer sport. The school participates in several galas, with the Nestor Pierides Westville gala, Alan Burt gala and Top 10 Schools gala being the highlight of the swimming calendar. This year saw College finish fourth in the Top Schools gala. We were proud of the achievements of J George, CB Potgieter and JR Mumford who were all selected for the KZN Schools swimming team. R Lottering was selected by SSA to participate in the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships in Israel, and he also participated in the World Swimming Cup in Berlin, Athens and Budapest. He is ranked number 1 in South Africa for 100m and 200m freestyle in his age group.

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 R Lottering.

### **16. TABLE TENNIS**

Table tennis as an official school sport continues to grow in popularity. Our 1st team remains very competitive in the school exchanges, beating a strong PBHS team twice and losing closely to Affies.



The following boys represented College in the School league:

A League: T Royappen, S Moodley, S Redlinghuys

B League: M Chetty, J Maharaj, S Bandu, T Murugen, R Padaychee

C League: S Bandu, Y Singh, M Singh, R Madhan, S Ince, B Govender, C Frank

The following boys excelled in the league

A League: T Royappen and S Redlinghuis

B League: R Padayachee

C League: B Govender (won all matches), S Ince

Highlights of the year to date:

S Bandu, S Moodley and C Frank (U15) and T Royappen (U19) have been selected to represent Umgungundlovu at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship in October.

T Royappen (U18) and C Frank, S Moodley and S Ince have also been selected to represent the District at the KZN Provincial Top Schools trials.

## **17. TENNIS**

Despite the challenges we faced early in the season, Maritzburg College tennis enjoyed its most exciting year to date. Many boys were drawn to the courts after they were refurbished, which inspired our teams.

We fielded three junior teams and four senior teams in the Midlands league this year. A significant victory over Hilton College for both our seniors and juniors was one of the season's highlights. S Deane was chosen for the Midlands teams that this year represented uMgungundlovu district.

Our first squad played in Johannesburg at the St Benedict's Invitational Tennis Festival in January. They took part in the St Stithians Tennis Tournament in April. They also played in the inter-provincial exchanges against Affies, PBHS and KES.

Our best ten players got the chance to play against Petra College, a visiting school from Zimbabwe. With great excitement, they demonstrated their tennis prowess while simultaneously promoting the College's basic principles of integrity, honesty, and respect internationally.

## **18. VOLLEYBALL**

Maritzburg College's participation in the volleyball league at Westville Boys High for the second consecutive year, showcased remarkable performances. The 1st team, displaying grit and skill, secured an impressive 4th place among 11 competitive teams, leaving a lasting impact. The 1st team qualified for the top four tournament for the second consecutive year where the top four schools in the league played against each other. College played against Westville Boys 1st team in the first semi-final. The College boys played with a tenacity that shocked their opponents but unfortunately, we lost the game by the narrowest of margins. In the 3/4 position play offs, College beat Westville 2nds convincingly and were the deserved bronze medallists. Meanwhile, the U16A team, showing promising potential, claimed the 5th spot in their category, a commendable achievement for their second year of participation with 10 other teams. Both squads demonstrated a quick adaptation to the game, emphasising the school's commitment to excellence in sports. These results speak volumes about the dedication and collaborative spirit within Maritzburg College's volleyball programme. D Naidoo received the Maritzburg College floating trophy for the most valuable player in the College 1st team.

## **19. WATER POLO**

Water polo at College is one of the favoured summer sports and boasts an exceptional 10 teams over the various age groups. We are fortunate that we can attend tournaments around the country and travel to tournaments at Jeppe with the U14 teams in the first term. The third term preseason winter league for the 1st team was hosted by Westville, which the team uses as fitness and tournament preparation. The U15 team travelled to the Cape to participate in the Ian Melliar Cup hosted at Wynberg Boys High School. We have a packed calendar during the fourth term – the 1st team will attend the Clifton Tournament, U16s play in the DHS U16 Tournament and the U14A, U15A and 1st team all participate in the Top 10 School Tournament. The U14A team will play in the Northwood U14 tournament. The Stayers Tournament, hosted by Northwood, will end our tournament calendar. College also plays in usual summer weekend fixtures.

## 20. SPORT TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	MC van Heerden
Tregarthen Memorial Cup for U14 Athletics Champion	L Bezuidenhout
John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion	M Mogale
JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion	SL Xaba
H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion	AM Khumalo
DJ Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield & Victor Ludorum	ER Maynard
Greenhalgh Cup for Most Valuable Basketball Player	LM Dlamini
Arnold Moseya Trophy for Best Defensive Basketball Player	AM Ngcobo
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	RC Hoskins
Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	I Masinga
'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	JM Gasarasi
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Junior Champion Canoeist	KG Clarke
Maritzburg College Trophy for Most Promising Canoeist	MJ Rawson
Oscar Servant Trophy for Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	KH Vogt
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Senior Champion Canoeist	MC van Heerden & KH Vogt
Maritzburg College Trophy for Chess Player of the Year	R Motshoane
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	LC Sutherland
Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All-Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	CI Mason
Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	S Ismail
Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	S Ismail
Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	LA Newlands
Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	JR Werth
Hattons Cycles Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cyclist	CB Baxter
Maritzburg College Trophy for Champion Cyclist	LA Newlands
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Improved Golfer	CJ Nelson
Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	FC Pillay
Beck Cup for Matchplay Champion in Golf	FC Pillay
Shrives Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	BU Dlamini
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	IG Mosupye
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	KR Jenkins
Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	JH Konigkramer
Ian Rogers Trophy for Most Competent Rugby Referee	SC Kapotwe
Craig Joubert Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Referee	AD van Wyk
Skonk Nicholson Pin for Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	R Maartens
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	P Kubheka
Olivier Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	NS Sithole
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Promising Shottist	E Hunter-Smith
Frank Lambert Cup for Best Overall Shottist	M Naidoo
Shaun Olley Cup for Most Consistent Shottist	JK Martin
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	M Naidoo
Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	BJ Middleton
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	LK Matshoge
Reece Tifflin Trophy for 1st Soccer XI Player of the Year	PA Khuzwayo
Aidan Nugent Trophy for U14 Squash Champion	JA Wilson
Dan Smith Trophy for U16 Squash Champion	T Nana
Smythe Trophy for Most Improved Squash Player	AW Humphries

Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	WP Galliers
Tut Marwick Trophy for U14 Swimming Champion	E Hanekom
Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion	J Mumford
Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield for U16 Swimming Champion	CB Potgieter
Dudley Forde Trophy for U17 Swimming Champion	PR Lamb
Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion	RM Lottering
Maritzburg College Trophy for Junior Table Tennis Champion	S Moodley
Maritzburg College Trophy for Senior Table Tennis Champion	TS Royappen
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	TL Smith
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	LJ Puddu
Grant Morrison Trophy for Most Improved Tennis Player	SJ Deane
Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	AC Tilbury
Maritzburg College Trophy for Most Valuable Volleyball Player	D Naidoo
Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Water Polo Player in Form Five	NP Koller
Matt Kemp Trophy for Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	JF Harley
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	C Robinson
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Water Polo Player	NP Koller
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	JZ Jansen
Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	G Mnyaiza
Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	WP Galliers
Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	1st Basketball Team
Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	LA Newlands
Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	JM Gasarasi
Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	C Zondi
Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	P Kubheka & RM Lottering

## INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

The 2024 Inter-house sport and cultural events have once again been fiercely contested. The events start early in the year with the Virtus Challenge and Borver week. It is encouraging to see how the boys have embraced the inter-house competitions, with one of the major highlights being the rejuvenation of the inter-house plays. With only leadership and academics to be added to the points table later in the year, the competition is tight as two Houses are tied for the top spot and it is going to be interesting to see who come out on top this year.

House	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	Culture House Sing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Chess	Table Tennis	Bball	House plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus	Gala House Spirit	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
<i>Calder</i>	12	34	6	34	10	12	10	11	10	11	6	14	11	24	7	12	8	17	249
<i>Lamond</i>	5	22	12	28	6	14	6	17	17	14	11	17	10	20	9	20	12	9	249
<i>Pape</i>	9	12	14	20	10	6	7	6	12	17	8	9	17	18	17	34	14	14	244
<i>Strachan</i>	17	20	17	20	14	7	14	9	11	9	5	8	7	22	14	28	11	8	241
<i>Nicholson</i>	6	28	11	16	17	5	12	8	14	7	17	11	14	28	6	10	10	13	233
<i>Fuller</i>	12	14	8	22	7	17	5	14	8	14	14	6	9	34	9	14	9	10	226
<i>Barns</i>	9	18	9	12	10	11	11	11	8	10	9	10	6	10	12	24	17	7	204
<i>Commons</i>	9	10	10	24	12	9	9	14	5	8	8	12	12	14	10	16	6	11	199
<i>Forder</i>	17	16	7	16	5	8	8	8	6	7	10	7	5	16	12	22	7	12	189
<i>Snow</i>	5	24	5	10	11	10	17	5	10	5	14	5	8	12	5	18	13	6	183

### INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Fuller	Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Strachan
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Snow	Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Pape
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Nicholson	College Cup for Inter-house Culture	Calder
Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Snow		