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HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

Term 4 is short, yet crucial, specifically for all our 6th formers finishing their journey at College and Nicholson House. We wish them all the best for as they await results of their NSC examinations. Congratulations go to all the award winners at the Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony. Jonathan Gasarasi, our Head of House, continued to be a standout performer taking home multiple awards on that evening.

Nicholson House over recent years has been known for our strength in leadership from our boys. We continue to produce strong, dynamic leaders. A huge congratulations go to the 6 boys elected as prefects as well as another 6 boys elected as House Leaders for 2025. I wish them all strength and success in their roles for Maritzburg College and Nicholson House. A special mention must go to Cyril Cherayi who was elected as Senior Deputy Prefect, as well as House Leader of Nicholson House for 2025.

While we place emphasis in being balanced in all we do, Nicholson House finished 5th overall in the Inter House competition for 2024. I firmly believe that we, as a House, have it within us to win this competition. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to all activities this year.

We are saddened to say farewell to Ms Gumede, who leaves Maritzburg College at the end of 2024. We wish her well at her new school. Her empathetic approach to her mentoring will be greatly missed by the boys and certainly the House as a whole.

Lastly, my gratitude goes to assistant house masters and mentors for their commitment, dedication and passion shown throughout the year. Nicholson House would simply not function without this team of incredible people and educators.

I hope and pray that all the members of Nicholson House family enjoy a restful break spending time with family and friends and that we all return in 2025 rejuvenated and ready to grab all the opportunities that face us.



Your Housemaster
Mr M Sanders

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Good report Tea – Term 3



S Gumbi and Mrs F Deyzel



Academic achievements

Continuing the proud tradition of achievement, Nicholson's boys were in top form at the Sport & Culture prize-giving and Senior academic prize-giving for 2024.

Senior Prize-giving

We recognise the sterling achievements of these fine young men and acknowledge the efforts of everyone who continues to strive for personal excellence. To the young men who put in effort every day, be it on the sports field or in academic arenas, we salute you.

S Bridglall – Academic colours, merit certificate (English)

S Ngcobo – merit certificate

A Sidimba – Academic Tie

N Sithole – Mathematical Literacy Prize

Sport and Culture Prize-giving

S Bridglall – Honours (Music)

Honours (Ensemble)

J Gasarasi – Lapel Badge (Ensemble)

Colours (Athletics)

Colours (Sound & Lighting)

Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for outstanding contribution to basketball

Robertson Trophy for outstanding contribution to the Audio-Visual society

S Kapotwe – Ian Rogers trophy for most competent rugby referee

Lapel Badge (rugby referee)

E Knox – Honours (First Aid)

A Leclizio – Honours (Marketing)

R Maartens – large white badge – rugby

Skonk Nicholson pin for most improved player in rugby first XV

MH Moosa – Graham Holder Trophy for best debater

A Ngcobo – Arnold Moseya trophy for best defensive basketball player
N Sithole – Olivier trophy for Player of the year in the first rugby XV
T Smith – Oscar Servant trophy for most committed tennis player in the first team





FROM THE BOYS

I'm Cyril Cherayi and my journey started off in 2021 as young bright-eyed second former from across the border in Zimbabwe. Coming into this school I didn't really know anyone, everything and everyone was new. It was quite daunting at first and I had thoughts of, "maybe this isn't the right place for me" and, "I should go back home", but soon enough the school and its people began to grow on me. The friends I made became more than just friends they became my brothers and, most of the time, they were one of the main reasons I looked forward to coming back to school. As the years went by, I put my head down, focused on contributing as much as possible to the school and most importantly, treating everyone with the same level of respect I expected. I guess what goes around comes around and the school has rewarded me with the position I currently hold, Senior Deputy Head Prefect of the school. I have also earned the position of Nicholson house captain and the head of Hudson house. What you give will always come back to you. It's been a long and fun journey. I look forward to next year and seeing you all again.

C Cherayi

My journey at College has been a great experience so far. Boarding has enabled me to really get involved in the College life. College is a non-stop machine most of the time, but that makes holidays and downtime even better. Being a house leader, I hope to get people stuck into fully experiencing all College has to offer, because that is when they will love their school and take pride in what they do. I want to know College will continue to be great long after I have left these classrooms, corridors and fields. I want all the boys to love it, as I do. The canoeing group of guys has helped me get through some of the more tough parts of College that I have faced. Without those tough parts, I don't think I would have grown and continued to grow into a true College boy. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

J Odell



We wish Nicholson house a happy, prosperous, and safe festive season.
See you soon in 2025....