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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEADMASTER OF **MARITZBURG COLLEGE**

It is a great pleasure for Maritzburg College to host not just its own community, but the staff, boys and supporters of our longstanding and well-respected rivals from Northwood, for our first home winter fixture for 2025.

We welcome you all to our campus, for what are bound to be highly enjoyable and keenly contested fixtures.

We also extend sincere thanks to all the sports coaches, officials, support and estates staff from our school – their hard work and dedication make these fixtures possible.

Lastly, I ask that all spectators read the College Way and adhere to the Code of Conduct for Spectators – so that the matches between the boys are played out in a spirit of mutual respect, camaraderie and sportsmanship.

I trust that you will all enjoy the day with us, and wish you safe travels back home.

Mr MM Marwick
ACTING HEADMASTER

PROGRAMME

Saturday

08:00 First matches kick off.
12:00 - 13:30 Lunch for coaches in the Victoria Hall.
Post match function for coaches and staff in the Hockey Pavilion at the conclusion of the 1st XV match.

All the main games on Pape's, Goldstone's and Snow's will be live-streamed by SuperSport Schools.

For fixtures, team lists and results, please scan these QR codes to download the College Sport App or go to <https://supersportschools.com/>



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THE COLLEGE WAY

- We pride ourselves on doing the simple things very well.
- Hard work, resilience, discipline and a strong, historic culture remain the backbone of College sport. Players and coaches at our #RedBlackWhite school have a common identity.
- We want to be the BEST, but never at the expense of the Core Values of the College.
- We pride ourselves on our physical ability and strive to be the fittest, strongest and fastest teams and players.
- Our grounds are always of the highest quality, with everyone playing their part.
- We play hard, but fair, and the way in which we carry ourselves (on and off the field), both as players and coaches, is one of extreme respect.
- Relationships with umpires, referees, sponsors and parents are always healthy and appropriate behaviour is ALWAYS expected.
- We aim to remain relevant, positive, trustworthy, accountable, supportive and have a growth mindset.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

Maritzburg College promotes sport for the enjoyment derived there from, and for the contribution it makes towards the total development of the child. Maritzburg College encourages spectators to adhere to the following

PLEASE:

- Adhere to our anti-discrimination policy.
- Encourage the players to play by the rules.
- Encourage and applaud good play from both teams competing in the match.
- Support the umpires and referees in every respect.
- Stay off the field of play at all times.
- Assist the players (off the field) with positive coaching.
- Ensure that all school pupils coming onto our campus wear their full school uniform.

PLEASE DON'T:

- Promote cheating or bending of the rules.
- Reprimand players for mistakes.
- Publicly question the referee's decisions.
- Promote "winning at all costs".
- Abuse referees / players / fellow spectators.

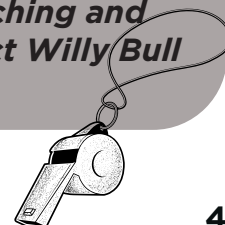
All parents, scholars, supporters and visitors are invited to enjoy refreshments at the following venues:

KHWELA'S CORNER	Freshly cooked burgers, chips and soft drinks.
COLLEGE TUCKSHOP	Tuck shop fare.
KENT PAVILION	Tea, coffee and light snacks (10h00 and 13h00).
ZARM FARM	College 'Cheese Zarms'
CHIP FARM	Hot chips
HOCKEY HUT	Tea, coffee and light snacks (10h00 - 11h30).
COLLEGE COFFEEBOX & MOBILE TRAILER	

PLEASE NOTE THAT DEPARTMENTAL RULES PREVENT US FROM SELLING ALCOHOL ON THE SCHOOL PROPERTY. DRINKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE MARITZBURG BOWLING CLUB ACROSS FROM GOLDSTONE'S IN PRINCESS MARGARET DRIVE.

THE COLLEGE SHOPPE: We will have a pop-up stand on Goldstone's, and the Shoppe will be open from 08h00 to 13h00 (school uniform and College memorabilia).

Why not take up the whistle and stay involved in the great game of rugby? We are looking for volunteers who have a passion for the game of rugby - coaching and assistance supplied. Anyone keen from 16 years and older - please contact Willy Bull on midlandsrugbyrefs@gmail.com or 083 236 3509.



RUGBY VS NORTHWOOD

Today, we welcome Northwood from Durban North to Goldstone's, to continue a rivalry that dates back to 1956, when a strong Maritzburg College First XV captained by Wallace Downs defeated the recently established Northlands Boys' High School (the precursor of Northwood) 26-0 in the first match of a memorable season for Downs and his XV.

After a close tussle in 1961, won 14-12 by Peter Catterall's College side, there was a break of 11 years in the fixtures, before Northlands met College again in 1972, going down 28-9 to Roy Davidson's strong 1972 XV. In 1979, a formidable Northlands team bristling with talent that included future Springbok Hugh Reece-Edwards was unlucky to walk away with only a 9-all draw in Durban against Craig Jamieson's College side.

At the end of 1989, Northlands amalgamated with Beachwood to create Northwood - these days a big all-boys school similar in size to Maritzburg College.

For years, College did not lose to Northlands/Northwood, but some of the results were very close. In 1988, Peter Smith's unbeaten College side trailed Northlands until late in the game, and College escaped with a late penalty to win 7-6.

After another short break in 2005-2011, in 2012 College renewed rugby ties with Northwood, winning 43-6.

Four matches between the schools have been drawn, and Northwood enjoyed their first victory over Maritzburg College in 2019 - a 26-30 win on Goldstone's.

In the only fixture of the very truncated 2020 rugby season the two sides drew 14-14 in Durban. The 2021 match, scheduled to take place on Goldstone's, was cancelled at the last minute, as the latest wave of COVID brushed through the country.

Today, Maritzburg College will be eager to avenge last year's 10-20 loss in Durban - against a visiting team no doubt buoyed after its last-minute victory (15-13) last weekend over Michaelhouse.

The last five matches between the schools have produced the following results:

2019	Home	L 26-30
2020	Away	D 14-14
2022	Home	W 29-21
2023	Home	W 36-14
2024	Away	L 10-20

Summary of all matches:

Played: 50
College won: 44
Northwood won: 2
Matches drawn: 4

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Fleet footed Vusi Chili (OC 2023) evading a Northwood defender on his way to the try line.



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Rugby

Friday, 21 March

Team	Opposition	Venue	Time
1st	Northwood	Goldstone's	14:30
2nd	Northwood	Goldstone's	13:15
3rd	Northwood	Goldstone's	12:15
4th	Northwood	Goldstone's	10:00
5th	Northwood	Goldstone's	09:00
6th	Northwood	Goldstone's	08:00
7th	Alex 1st	Snow's	11:00
8th	Michaelhouse	Leach's	13:00
9th	Michaelhouse	Lamond's	13:00
10th	Michaelhouse	Nicholson's	13:00
16A	Northwood	Goldstone's	11:00
16B	Northwood	Snow's	08:00
16C	Northwood	Lamond's	10:00
16D	Northwood	Leach's	08:00
16E	Northwood	Lamond's	11:00
16F	Haythorne Secondary School	Leach's	09:00
15A	Northwood	Snow's	10:00
15B	Northwood	Snow's	12:00
15C	Northwood	Lamond's	08:00
15D	Northwood	Leach's	11:00
15E	Northwood	Lamond's	09:00
15F	Linpark A	Leach's	10:00
14A	Northwood	Snow's	09:00
14B	Northwood	Nicholson's	08:00
14C	Northwood	Lamond's	12:00
14D	Northwood	Nicholson's	09:00
14E	Northwood	Leach's	12:00
14F	Linpark A	Nicholson's	10:00



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RUGBY TEAMS



NUMBER	College 1st XV	College 2nd XV	College 16A
15	L Hadebe	Z Canham	L Marcus
14	A Cahill	C Scheepers	M Mogale
13	L Sinkfontein	M Harris	L Vyambwera
12	O Kosani	JP Jordaan	R Badenhorst
11	N Mkize	S Xaba	L Sibobi
10	J Thackwray	L Tsoko	L Dladla
9	R Armoed	D du Toit	K Lubbe
8	W Vyambwera (C)	M Pretorius	J-L Hendricks
7	C Cherayi	P Mkoyana	S Jansen
6	D Colenbrander	E Mabanga	L van der Merwe
5	C Mountfort	K Dedekind	N Breedt
4	R Stanton	J Smit	T Stead
3	A Ngubane	L Mabanga	M Mbanzaswi
2	T Boshoff	M Gwala	K Ngantweni
1	I Mhlotshwa	M Manana	J Shawe
COACH	N Breedt/ K Elder	R Bremner	T Orchard/D Sheriff/F Maritz



NUMBER	Northwood 1st XV	Northwood 2nd XV	Northwood 16A
15	T van Vollenstee	L Damons	O Luijiza
14	A Maphisa	J Thondhlana	N Nagel
13	B Khumalo	A Thwala	S Sheleni
12	T Parkinson	A Ntsele	A Landzela
11	J Smith	A Kuzonyei	T Boucher
10	S Stevens	L van der Walt	J Mills
9	J Mun-Gavin	I Vermaak	L Botha
8	J Wimple	A Pretorius	A Mokobane
7	M Hleleni	V Magagula	K van Vollenstee
6	O Mabuza	L Mabizela	K Tunyiswa
5	L Terblanche	A Zama	N Shabangu
4	C Howe	G van Schoor	C Stievenart
3	J Visagie	T Ruwona	I Olivier
2	A Makula	C Kholisa	T Joja
1	S Ntshangase	O Marambana	A Mthethwa
COACH	J Deen/J McLaren	M Mlangeni/N Abrahams	A Sibhoko/A Holland



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HOCKEY AT MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Hockey has only had official sport status at Maritzburg College since 1974. Since then, the game has grown in stature, with College hockey being relocated from the lush greens of Barns' to having had the honour of being the first school in South Africa to lay an artificial surface on its premises.

The new home for the 'Red Army' was to be named after the fifth Maritzburg College Headmaster, Mr Septimus Pape (1926-1937). The facility saw timely resurfacing at the end of 2018. The most recent inclusion to the Pape's complex brings about the opportunity for College hockey to be enjoyed under lights, with the first official home fixture for the 2024 season being played against Clifton on a Friday night. The completion of this project endeavours to add great value to the hockey fraternity for generations to come.

Since 1951, College has had 36 Old Boys selected to play for South Africa and one for Canada, more international players than any school in the world, including three captains. M Guise-Brown, T Dlungwana, T Kok, T Paton, S Nolutshungu and N Lembethe competed at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games.

In 2022, B Sherwood became the 35th Old Boy to be selected for South Africa, making his debut at the most recent Africa Cup of Nations, scoring the winning shootout in the final against Egypt, to secure World Cup qualification. Brad also played in the Paris Olympics in 2024.

The school has now produced 103 SA Schools caps in its history with 91 of these having been earned since 1980. Last year, there were five 1st XI players who were selected for the SA Schools U18B High Performance training squad. Four boys were selected for the SA U16 High Performance Camp. Old boys A Walstrom and J Campbell enjoyed an exciting opportunity when they travelled to Egypt and represented the SA Hockey 5s team at the World Cup.

HOCKEY VS NORTHWOOD

Northwood is one of College's newer rivals and the first match played between the two teams was in 1998. The summary of results between the two schools is as follows: 24 matches have been played, College have won 18, Northwood have won 3 and 3 have ended in a draw.

We are looking forward to welcoming Northwood to Pape's.





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Hockey

21 March

Team	Opposition	Venue	Time
1st	Northwood	Pape's	11:30
2nd	Northwood	Pape's	10:15
3rd	Northwood	AB Jackson	10:00
4th	Northwood	AB Jackson	11:00
5th	Northwood	AB Jackson	12:00
16A	Northwood	Pape's	09:00
16B	Northwood	Pape's	13:00
16C	Northwood	AB Jackson	13:00
16D	Northwood	GHS	10:00
16E	Northwood	GHS	11:00
16F	Northwood	GHS	12:00
16G	College 16H	GHS	13:00
16H	College 16G	GHS	13:00
14A	Northwood	Pape's	08:00
14B	Northwood	AB Jackson	08:00
14C	Northwood	AB Jackson	09:00
14D	Northwood	GHS	09:00
14E	Northwood	GHS	08:00



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HOCKEY TEAMS



NUMBER	College 1st XI	College 2nd XI	College 16A
1	V Ndlovu	B Thornton-Dibb	N Seakeco
2	E Fabre	J Haug-Lyons	K Hellberg
3	R Schirge	R Willson	J Lusso
5	U Dlamini (C)	T Kufal	J Wang
6	D Jackson	M Smart	I Mahomed
7	G Askew	P Van Heerden	G Ntshingila
8	S Sithembu	K Dube	R Fitz
9	M Smith	A Dlamini	J Smith
10	K Jenkins	N Mpanza	S Schirge
11	A Lembethe	S Zondi	D Arouca
12	R Van Der Vliet	S Deane	L Shelembe
13	H Hackland	M Borchers	G Hosking
14	C De Billot	G Motswadire	D Smal
15	C Francis	L Sishi	J Pembridge
16	S Mchunu	K Mngwengwe	N Lessing
18	K Botha	D LeClezio	N Jakatyana
COACH	M Sanders	R Coutts	K Emerson



NUMBER	Northwood 1st XI	Northwood 2nd XI	Northwood 16A
1	K Grobler	S Ramlackan	D Hart
2	A Chambi-Rocha	A Mhlungu	B Henwood-Fox
3	M Willis	A Germanus	C White
4	A Duncan	D Smith	J Fryer
5	G Henwood-Fox	I Jostrey	R Willis
6	K Reeves	J Searle	M Nicholson
7	M Norton	J Matthews	T Kubicek
8	K White (C)	J Rosettenstein	R Mbamba
9	N Murugan	K Ramsden	B Herselman
10	E Schilz	N Naude	C du Plessis
11	L Allen	N Calvert	J Hatcher
12	R Millar	N Lamusse	R Herselman
13	C Phipson	T Phetha	H Amla
14	T Goodwin	T Pearson	S Sibeko
15	L Boyall	D Manganas	R Palavar
16	A Potgieter		

MARITZBURG COLLEGE'S RUGBY AND SPORT

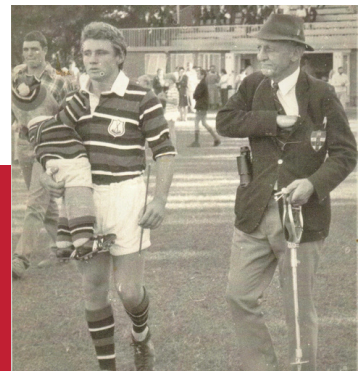
Founded in 1863, Maritzburg College (known locally as “College”) is the oldest boys' high school in KZN. It played its first rugby match in 1870, winning by two goals to nil against Hermannsburg on the Market Square in town, in the first recorded rugby match played in the old Colony of Natal. The College team was captained by George Macfarlane.

In 1870, George Macfarlane captained the College team to victory over Hermannsburg. By 1900, he was Col. GJ Macfarlane CMG, a past commanding officer of the Natal Carbineers and the mayor of Pietermaritzburg. In the photo on the right, Col. Macfarlane accompanies Field Marshal Lord Roberts, while the latter pays a visit to the colonial capital during the Boer War.



From 1944 until 1982, the school enjoyed the coaching services of the much-loved Mr JM “Skonk” Nicholson. In Skonk’s 35 seasons in charge of the First XV, 22 of his teams were unbeaten or lost only one match.

His stress unusually evident, Skonk Nicholson walks towards the field immediately before the return home match versus a strong Glenwood side in 1979, alongside his skipper, Craig Jamieson. The College XV turned around a record 6-33 loss in Durban into a 7-3 win on its beloved Goldstone’s.



Amongst College’s 340 international sportsman/officials, Philip Nel captained the “Greatest Springboks” to New Zealand in 1937, Kevin Pietersen (England) and David “Killer” Miller are bludgeoning batsmen of renown, and former Springbok lock, Cecil “Bill” Payn, earned fame as “the Man who ran the Comrades Marathon in his rugby boots”!

“KP” reminisces about his playing days for the 3rd XV at College with Naseer Hussein, during a visit to his Alma Mater.

Popular rugby referee, Bryn Emms, recently earned selection for the 2024 SA touch rugby team.

Jesse Kriel won his second RWC gold medal with the 2023 Springboks, and has thus far earned 71 Test caps and scored 16 tries for the Boks.

In 2024, up to 30 rugby teams donned the school’s proud Red-Black-White hoops.

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Jesse Kriel in action for the College First XV on Goldstone’s in 2012

Prominent Rugby Players from Maritzburg College

Amongst the school's 340 international sportsmen and officials at all codes, the following 17 Old Collegians have represented, or formally been selected for, South Africa at 15-man rugby:

- Ernest "Baby" Shum (1912), Walter Clarkson (1921-1924), Cecil "Bill" Payn (1924), Bertram "Beevee" Vanderplank (1924), Philip Nel (1928-1937) (captain), George van Reenen (1937), Keith Oxlee (1960-1965), Ormond Taylor (1962), Andy van der Watt (1969-1970), Joel Stransky (1993-1996), Jeremy Thomson (1996), Pieter Dixon (2000), Butch James (2001-2008), Peter Grant (2007), Craig Burden (2012), Jessie Kriel (2015-), Ntuthuko Mchunu (2022)

In addition, several Old Collegians have represented other countries, notably:

For England: Hubert Freakes (1938-1939), Geoff Appleford (2002), Don Armand (2018)

For United States: Juan Grobler (1997-2001), Chad Erskine (2005-2007), Matthew Hawkins (2010)

For Italy: Wim Visser (1999-2002)

For Germany: Frank Goedeke (2000-2001), Marcel Coetzee (2016-2019), Andrew Reintges (2023-)

For Zimbabwe: Brenton Catterall (1991)

For Cyprus: Andrew Binikos (2009)

For Spain: Andrew Norton (2019)

For Singapore: Warren Ansell (2016)

A further eight Old Collegians have earned selection for international teams in the popular seven-man version of the game:

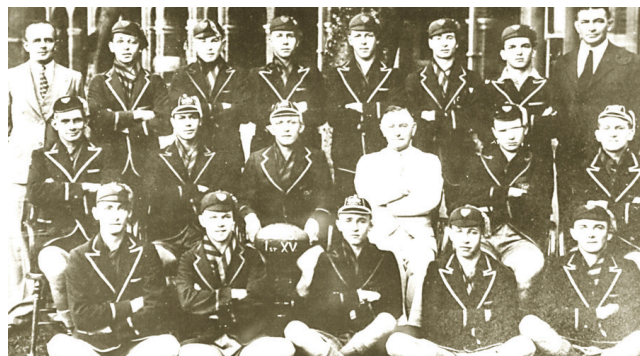
Frank Goedeke (Germany 1999), Wayne Munn (SA 1999), Geoff Appleford (England 2001), Justin Hundley (USA 2007), Grant Rees (SA 2007), Matthew Hawkins (USA captain 2008), Andrew Binikos (Cyprus 2010), Marcel Coetzee (Germany 2016).

Current Sharks players from Maritzburg College include prop Ntuthuko Mchunu (now on route to the Stormers), hooker Fez Mbatha and lock Jeandre Labuschangne.

Some Trivia about these players:

- The remarkably talented and versatile **Bill Payn** played sport for Natal in five disciplines, and also earned a Military Medal for gallantry in the Western Desert in World War II.

Bill Payn (back right) poses as the coach of the Durban High School First XV in 1935. The captain of the DHS team is the head prefect of "School" - Bill's cousin, none other than James Mervyn "Skonk" Nicholson.



- While a prisoner-of-war in Poland during the war, Bill coached burly prop, Okey Geffin, at goal-kicking. Geffin booted the Boks to a 4-0 series win over the touring 1949 All Blacks.
- When he died in 1990, aged 96, "**Beevee**" Vanderplank was the oldest Springbok.
- After leading the Boks to victory over the 1937 All Blacks, **Phil Nel** tossed his boots into the sea on the way home - "he had no more worlds to conquer".



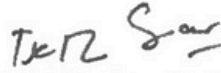
Retired Springbok captain, Philip Nel, on his farm in the Kranskop district.

To all parents and rugby supporters

Rugby is founded on principles of respect, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. It's crucial to remember that referees are volunteers who dedicate their time to ensure fair play on the field. They work hard to understand and apply the laws of the game to the best of their abilities.

Abusing match officials not only goes against the core values of rugby but also undermines the efforts of those who positively contribute to the sport. Instead of hurling abuse at the referees, let's channel that energy into becoming a part of the solution. Consider joining your local referee's society and contributing to the game in a more meaningful way. Becoming a referee not only enhances your understanding of the laws of the game but also allows you to play a vital role in the development and promotion of rugby within Kwazulu-Natal.

Let's work together to create an environment where respect and appreciation for referees are integral to the rugby experience. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to fostering a positive rugby culture in our schools and KZN.



Kamal Rugbar – President of KZN Rugby Referees



Graham Mackenzie – KZNRU President

Tackle safety law changes for school and club rugby

- Tackles in open play must be made at the base of the sternum (breastbone) or below.
- Double tackles (as per Law) are permitted in open play but must be made at the base of the sternum or below.
- The tackle height law does not apply to the tackle assist on condition no head & neck contact is made.
- The ball carrier in open play may carry the ball into contact in a forward bent body position, but must have head and shoulders above the hips, and must make the 'safe zone' between the sternum and mid-thigh, accessible to the tackler.
- The ball carrier in open play may not carry the ball headfirst into contact with the body fully bent and horizontal, or with head lower than the hips.
- The ball carrier may 'pick-and-drive' or "pick and go" with their head & shoulders lower than their hips (lower risk of danger).
- The ball carrier at the 'pick-and-drive' may not place a hand on the ground before contact to propel themselves forward into contact (the technique known locally as the 'cannon-arm').
- A player may only bind (latch) onto the 'pick-and-drive' ball carrier once they have already made contact with the defender.
- A ball carrier may have their head & shoulders below their hips when they are in a realistic position/opportunity to score a try.

50/22 Law applicable to all school and club rugby

- If an attacking team kicks the ball from anywhere in their own half and it bounces inside the opposition's 22 before then bouncing into touch, the kicking team gets the throw at the resultant lineout.
- If the ball is "taken back" into the attacking team's half, they cannot be awarded the resultant lineout in the 50/22 law unless a phase of play takes place (maul/tackle or ruck) and after which the kick is made.

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JOIN US FOR THE START OF WINTER SEASON SPORT

The Club 1863 committee extends a warm invitation to the Maritzburg College and Northwood communities to join us for **drinks** and a **lamb on the spit braai** after the 1st XV rugby match.

Date: 21 March 2025

Time: After the 1st XV Rugby game vs Northwood

Venue: Kent Pavilion

Cost for the spit braai: R160 per person



*Gin bar available
- cash bar*



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*Gin bar available
- cash bar*

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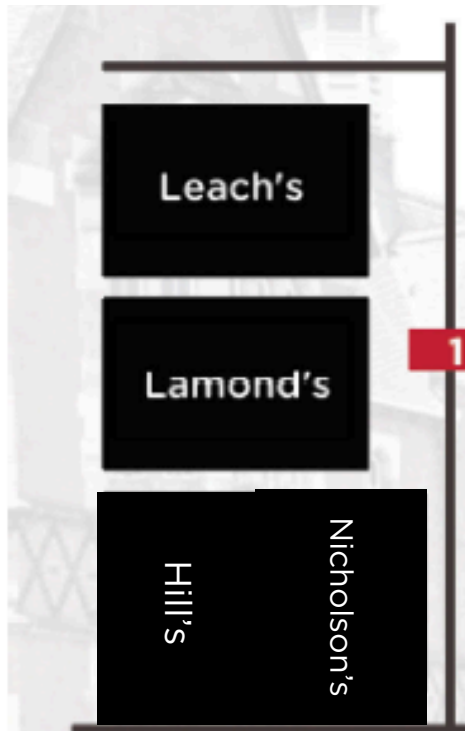
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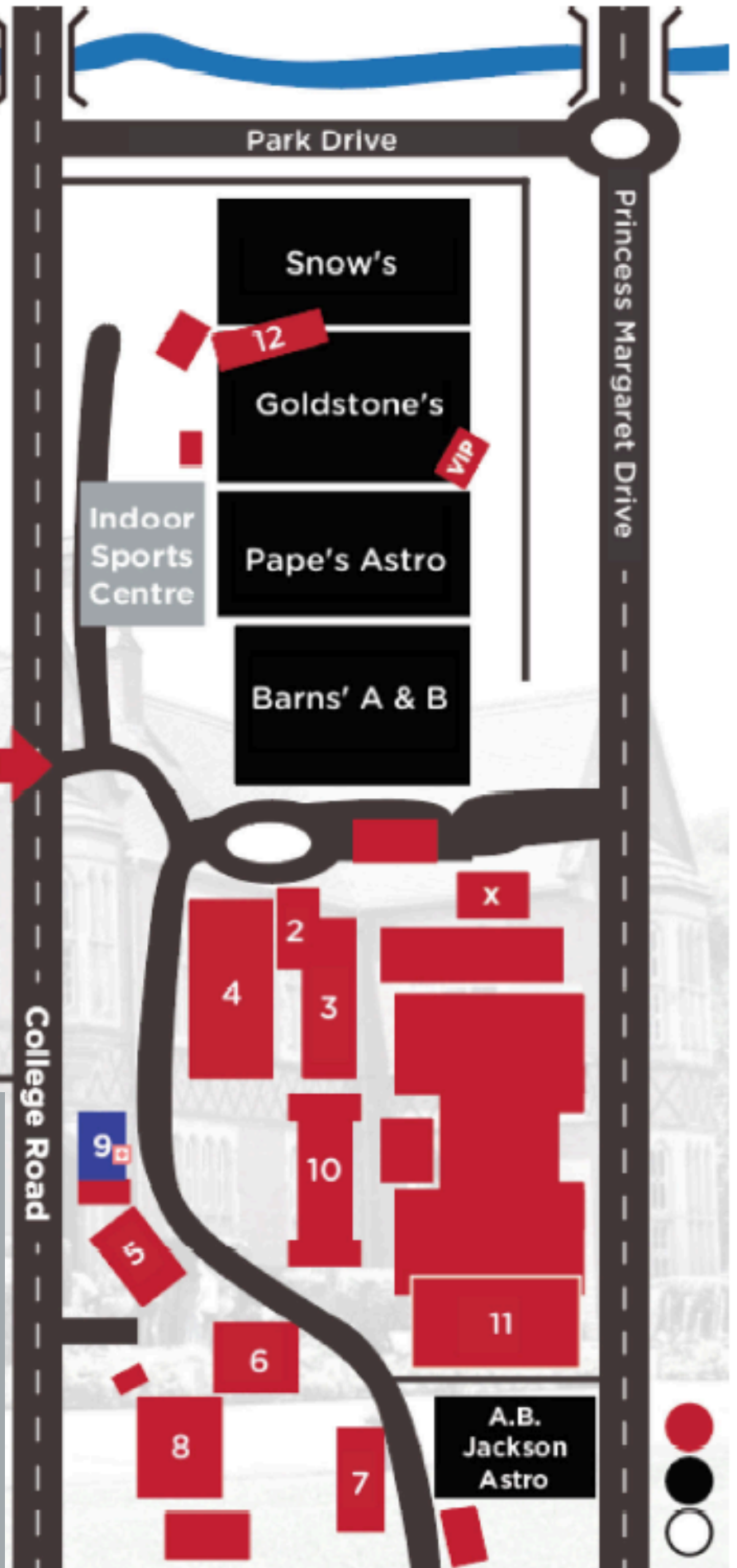


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- 1 Centenary Gate
- 2 Victoria Hall
- 3 BE Dining Room
- 4 Clark House
- 5 Nathan House
- 6 Elliott House
- 7 Shepstone House
- 8 Hudson House
- 9 Swimming Pool
- 10 Olivier Cultural Centre
- 11 Alan Paton Hall
- 12 Kent Pavilion



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