





MARITZBURG COLLEGE | NEWSLETTER - 2025

TERM 1 - MARCH 2025

### HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT

2025 started with a bang! The holidays are now a distant memory. We started the year with the arrival of the "Borvers", our 2<sup>nd</sup> formers. After jumping on a bus and heading to Tala Game Reserve for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Form camp, the boys and prefects faced challenges and obstacles to test them as a group and as individuals. I was witness to their growth and camaraderie, to which they did themselves, as well as Nicholson House, proud. A real standout for me was how well all the boys performed and contributed to all the challenges. We currently hold the bragging rights to the tug-of-war competition.

The "Red Bulls", as we are affectionately known, started the House competition with the Virtus Challenge, where we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. We then went onto blast our competition out of the water in the Basketball, winning the entire event. We placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in overall at athletics with a special mention to Lian Bezuidenhout, who won the Top performer in U15 as well as Ruben Potgieter trophy for top performer in U15. We are super proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them grow throughout their years at College. The gala was another impressive event, with Nicholson finishing in 3rd place.

Overall, Nicholson House find themselves in 2<sup>nd</sup> spot overall for House competitions. Keep up the good work and hopefully we can climb a little higher.



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

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

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

A final thanks to you as parents and guardians of all our boys, for your support and commitment to Nicholson House throughout term 1. I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming term. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

#### Your Housemaster



Mr M Sanders

# NICHOLSON HOUSE LEADERSHIP 2025

- C Cherayi (House captain)
- J Odell (Vice captain)
- D Moodley
- C Jenkins
- C Gibbs
- P Louwrens
- S Hughes

## **SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### VIRTUS CHALLENGE



Taking a break









After a long day at the office

### **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS**







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

#### INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL

Seniors and Juniors 1st place

### VIRTUS CHALLENGE

2nd place

#### **ATHLETICS**

3<sup>rd</sup> place

### HAPPINESS WEEK

An annual charity event, Happiness week took place in March 2025. With several charity drives the boys of Nicholson got a several chances to 'give back' by supporting this generous endeavour. Societies helped to make sandwiches for at Bread Buddies. For a nominal donation boys wore Funky sox, all for a good cause.



Nicholson Proud



See you soon in Term two: 8 April 2025