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GOVERNING BODY



MARITZBURG COLLEGE

Pro Aris et Focis

Vision

To provide an exceptional relevant educational environment that accommodates and challenges the individual, ensuring life-long learning and success.

Mission Statement

Maritzburg College

is a leading South African school, whose community manifests a strong sense of heritage and belonging. We empower every boy to fulfil his unique potential as a man of significance in the global community.

Maritzburg College

ensures a balanced, innovative learning environment; holistic care for every boy; an observance of a Christian ethos; and through our Core Values the pursuit of excellence in all endeavours.

A Prayer for Maritzburg College

Most gracious God,
your son Jesus Christ sat among the teachers
in the temple at Jerusalem,
listening and asking questions,
and all were amazed at his understanding.

Grant to College a like spirit,
that all who teach and all who learn
may together grow towards that wisdom
and love which come from you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

*[Composed by Old Collegian Elsie Ballot Scholar,
Bishop Michael Nuttall (1951)]*

Maritzburg College School Governing Body 2024

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K Smith, S Mhlongo, S Elliot
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S Colenbrander, A Kasambala, H Goslett, I Murgatroyd,
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From the College Archives

124 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine #4 – September 1900

The reappearance of the College Magazine after a long lapse, will be hailed with delight by every past and present member of the school.

* * *

On the 2nd of November, we were dispossessed by the Imperial authorities for hospital purposes, for which the College buildings were admirably adapted. A futile attempt was made to teach in tabernacles till Christmas, but in February of the present year, thanks to the good offices of the Minister of Education, himself an old High School boy, the new Native High Court was available for the holding of the day school, and collapse was averted. The school has re-opened this month with more signs of vitality than ever—nearly a hundred all told, thirty of whom are boarders.



Colonel Rawson, C.R.E., has kindly gifted the Sentry Box at the main entrance, College Road, as a memento of the military occupation, and the Headmaster intends to place a mural brass in the Victoria Hall to commemorate the fact of Her Majesty's sick and wounded soldiers being housed there during the war.

Interestingly, or perhaps serendipitously, this plaque was unveiled on 22 January 1901, the 22nd anniversary of the battle of Isandlwana and the date of Queen Victoria's death. [Ed]

100 years ago

Extracts from school magazine #50 – June 1925

As far as cadet work is concerned, 1924 is about the duller year the College has ever experienced. No camps, no Bisleys (shooting competition), and not a single public parade.

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The formation of a shooting club has met with a quick response, and already after only two weeks' life boasts membership of over 100 members. It is now in full working order and the range is open for practice every afternoon and on Saturday mornings. Spoon prize shoots are held once a month.

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With regards to band instruments becoming old and needing to be replaced:

But unfortunately there are no funds. Are there no wealthy old boys who would care to help in this direction? [a refrain still heard today - Ed]

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Some amusing rugby player critiques [edited]

Trifle slow, and inclined to hesitate when on his own.

Clever but erratic. Would be a great flyhalf if he could develop control and use his head more.

Inclined to be a little wild in the loose.

A player who lives offside, but is seldom penalised. [sounds like the current All Blacks – Ed]

75 years ago

Extracts from school magazine #85 – June 1950

The swimming baths are at last being built, but we need more money to pay for them. The original estimate, while building restrictions existed, was £4 000, the province and the school sharing expenses. Because of increased costs, the new estimate is £5 700, and it was at first feared that the baths might have to be smaller than 100 feet by 75 feet. The province, fortunately, has agreed to pay £2 850, and, since we have £2 100 on hand, we must raise a further £750. To do this, it is suggested:

(a) that every boy in the school make himself responsible for collecting £2, and

(b) that an appeal be made to Old Boys for the money.

49 years ago

Extracts from school magazine #110 – March 1976



Senior Prize-giving address: Professor ND Clarence, Vice-Principal, University of Natal, Durban.

Ninety-five percent of all Sixth Formers expect to find freedom when they leave school. But this, according to Professor Clarence, was an illusion. "All that has happened is that the responsibility for organising your lives has shifted from an outsider to yourself."

* * *

The recommendation of the National Monuments Council that the Clark House / Victoria Hall complex be declared a National Monument was approved by the Natal Executive Committee.

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From staff departures:

Mr R Andrews (resigned to "do his own thing" in leading a gypsy life in a Kombi).

* * *

As a recent Sunday newspaper feature warned, television now threatens nothing less than the literacy of our community. The College library will fight this dangerous trend as hard as it can; ultimately, however, the decision and encouragement to read must come from parents and children themselves. We hope the lamp of learning will not fail.



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Front row: N Haswell, T Orchard, R Kyle, K Smith, M Marwick, R Barbour, S Bosch
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Staff photo 2024

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TJ Orchard *Fuller House*
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ML Sanders *Nicholson House*
M Kritzinger *Pape House*
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MG Warr *Strachan House*

Boarding Establishment

Boarder Housemasters

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SL Bosch *Elliott House*
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Mrs M-CL Olivier (2020) *Senior Sanatorium Sister*
Mrs L Padayachee (2023) *Enrolled Nurse*
Mrs N Hansa (2022) *Enrolled Nurse*
Mrs N Steenkamp (2019) *Enrolled Nurse*

College Business

KLL Smith# (2013)

Director of College Business

NDip Fin Mgt (TechNatal)

Mrs JS Baptista (2021) *Foundation Administrator
BSc (UNISA), PGCE (cum laude) (UNISA)*

Miss SA Buchanan-Clarke (2020) *College Connect Administrator
BA (Stellenbosch)*

JB Lesur# (2024) *College Community Ambassador*

Ms JD Ponsford (2024) *Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association
Operations Manager
BBA (UKZN)*

Mrs LEA Barbour (2023) *Student Care & Well-being Officer*

Miss RM Barnard (2023) *Events Co-ordinator
BComm (Varsity College)*

Miss N Gumede (2021) *Khanyisa Outreach Co-ordinator*

Mr A Moodley (2014) *College Shoppe Manager*

Mrs AS Gasa (2000) *Shop Assistants*
Ms P Cairns (2019)

Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication (MARC)

Mrs SJ Upfold (2018) *Director of Marketing
MSc (Natal)*

Miss SA Campbell (2024) *Marketing Assistant*

SP Shange (2024) *Recruitment Officer*

Mrs R Ramdeen (2022) *Admissions Co-ordinator*

Mrs C Paterson (2023) *Admissions Secretary*

PM Gonlag (2023) *Admissions PRO*

Finance

WB Evans# (2022) *Commercial Director
CA(SA), BComm (Natal)*

Mrs L Roets (2006) *Accountant*

Miss Y Sarawan (2013) *Assistant Accountant
BBA (UKZN)*

Mrs OM Roets (2012) *Debtors Manager*

Mrs LM Munday (2024) *Debtors Collections Officer*

Ms ZD Mhlongo (2022) *Finance Clerk
Adv.Dip. Acc Science (UNISA)*

Mrs C van der Merwe (2021) *Debtors Clerk*

Human Resources

Ms V Chedie (2003) *HR Manager
BBA (UKZN)*

Miss CA Naidoo (2012) *HR Administration Assistant*



School Administration

Mrs SM Calmeyer (1996)	Headmaster's PA
Mrs EA Dewes (2012)	Editor: School Magazine / Administration
Mr B Somaru (2022)	Operations Assistant <i>BSocSci (UKZN), PGCE (UNISA)</i>
Mrs BJ Sparrow (2023)	Pastoral Care Secretary: Pupil Office
Mrs D Mitchell (1993)	Receptionist
Ms KM Roberts (1993)	Senior Administration Clerk
RG Gutteridge (2014)	Museum Curator & Archivist / Academic Support <i>MTech: Edu (DUT)</i>

IT Department

MJ Dibben# (2012)	ICT Manager <i>BA (UKZN)</i>
V Rajpaul (2019)	Network Administrator <i>BBA (UKZN), CompTIA A+, CompTIA N+</i>
T Tshabalala# (2019)	IT Technician <i>Networking/System Support, MCSE, MCSA, MCP</i>
LP Kistasamy (2023)	IT Technician

Sports Department

WJ du Plessis (2021)	Recruitment Officer
Mrs SL Emerson (2014)	Co-curricular Administrator

Miss Z Zweni (2022)	High Performance Centre Manager
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AA Landman# (2021)	HPC Personal Trainer
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Estates

Mrs SA Elliot	Estates Manager
KD Hackland	College Projects Manager
SA Crosson CB Fincham	Assistant Estates Managers
Mrs S Kanavathy PP Govender	Estates Administrator Driver

Grounds staff:
DJ Veitch# (Senior Grounds Foreman)
Ms CB Dlamini, MA Duma, MA Khumalo, HM Mthembu, MA Zondi, T Zondi

Maintenance staff:
SR Makhaye, BM Mkhize (caretaker/keyholder), V Munemo (electrician), E Rajah, M Seager (electrician), WP Zuma, JK Naidoo (BE handyman), ZS Hippolyte (BE handyman)

Dormitories:
AM Kheswa, OB Ngcobo

Kitchen:
WH Mbense

Laundry:
CN Gasa, Mrs TS Hlela, Ms RH Cole

Cleaning - High Performance and Multi-purpose Centre:
SA Zondi

Cleaning - School:
MZ Msomi



STAFF AND STAFF NOTES

Welcomes

In 2024, we welcomed several new staff members. We wish them all long and satisfying tenures at Maritzburg College.

First Term



Mr Rory Bremner
Physical Education, Life
Orientation



Mrs Bronwen Mantle
Afrikaans



Mr Simeon Goddard
English



Mr Sean Eva
Afrikaans, Life Orientation



Mr Brent Dodd
Day Housemaster, Creative
Arts, Life Orientation



Miss Samantha Campbell
Marketing Assistant



Mr Sameeth Soorju
EO Maths Intern



Mr Jerry Naidoo
BE Handyman



Mr Zane Hippolyte
BE Handyman

Second Term



Mrs Reshmika Budhoo
English



Mrs Mogany Pillay
Economics, EMS



Mr Darryn Joshua
Geography



Miss Charlise Ghirao
EO Maths Intern



Mrs Lara Wells
English



Mr Jacques Linde
Music, Choir master



Mrs Katherine Jackson
Mathematics



Mr Sbonga Shange
Recruitment Officer

Third Term



Mr Daivyan Thaver
English, Life Orientation,
Sound and Lighting



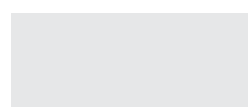
Mrs Lisa Munday
Debtors Collections



Mr Bruce Lesur
College Community
Ambassador



Ms Jackie Ponsford
MCOBA Operations
Manager



Ms Maxine Matthews
Woodwind (part-time)



Farewells

We bade farewell to the following staff members who left the school during 2024:

Second Term

Mrs Hayley Strachan
Mr Patrick Zuma
Mr Patrick Harty
Mrs Leigh-Ann Moffatt
Mr Bernard Kisbey-Green
Mr Shaun Sinclair

Fourth Term

Mrs Denise Mitchell
Mrs Claire Olivier
Mr Lethu Shongwe
Mrs Lara Wells
Miss Nonkululeko Gumede
Mrs Robyn Brunzlaff

Third Term

Mr Austin Landman
Dr Melba Nzimande
Mr Lungelo Shezi



Mrs Denise Mitchell with Dr Chris Luman and Mr Matthew Marwick

Mrs Denise Mitchell

Mrs Mitchell joined the College staff all the way back in January 1993. For 32 years, Mrs Mitchell has been the ‘face’ and ‘voice’ of Maritzburg College, as the school’s smiling, warm and accommodating receptionist and switch-board operator. For many College parents, when they made their first nervous enquiries about the possibility of their sons attending College, Mrs Mitchell would have been the first person to whom they spoke. Always professional and calm with parents and visitors, whatever the nature of their enquiry (and she has had to face some very irate people, at times!), Mrs Mitchell has been an outstanding ambassador for our school for more than three decades, and has been a bright, patient and generous presence in the Front Office for all this time. In her no-fuss way, she has always been an example of dedication, loyalty and quiet, behind-the-scenes service. She retires at the end of December after 32 years’ dedicated service to our school.

Mr M Marwick

Accomplishments

Long Service

Mrs Linda Roets and Mr Matthew Marwick, who have each served at the school for 20 years, are acknowledged and congratulated by Mr Andrew Clayton, President of the MCOBA.



Mrs Linda Roets with Mr Andrew Clayton



Mr Andrew Clayton and Mr Matthew Marwick

SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS 2024

Our Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony was held on Wednesday, 11 September 2024.
The guest speaker was Mrs Deshun Deyssel.



Guest speaker, Mrs Deshun Deyssel,
flanked by Mr Ryan Kyle (left) and Dr Chris Luman

Address by the Headmaster, Dr C Luman

Mrs Deshun Deyssel, honoured guests, staff, parents and boys. May I add my welcome to this special day of celebration. We have two ceremonies at College which laud academic achievements, namely Prize-giving and Speech Day, but today's function enables us to honour the boys who have excelled on the sports field and culturally.

In 2024 we experienced a successful and memorable series of events in the areas of sport and culture. On the cultural front, our Director of Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs, Mrs Kamany Thaver, along with the wonderful support of Messrs Patrick Harty and Jonathon Orton staged the Shakespearean play *Comedy of Errors* and the magnificent Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *The Pirates of Penzance* to appreciative audiences. Further to this we had our annual inter-house drama productions and the Afrikaans Society production. Drama is certainly alive and well at College.

We continued with our inter-school cultural exchanges with Affies and PBHS (both home and away), including the choirs and jazz band, which involved almost 850 boys. Our debaters continued to do well by making the finals of the Midlands league and one of our boys was selected to represent South Africa overseas. Our Interact Club continues to do sterling work in the community with several outreach initiatives. The year will conclude with the annual Christmas Carol Service at One Life in collaboration with GHS and hopefully one or two of our key feeder schools.

On the sporting front, a significant number of our boys and teams have excelled at international, national and provincial level. These details will be chronicled in the Headmaster's Addendum which will be available on Speech Day at the start of next term.

I would, however, like to draw your attention to a number of highlights:

- Ten OCs represented South Africa at the recent Paris Olympics
- Maritzburg College has in total 335 boys and Old Boys who have secured international selection – more than any other school in the country. This is certainly something of which we can be justly proud. Two of the most recent are Devon van der Merwe (hockey) and Dean Bruyns (sport climbing manager). Jesse Kriel and David Miller continue to excel and Andile Simelane is making a big impact at SA Emerging and SA A cricket
- Eighteen boys having been selected for national teams and 109 represented their province
- Our squash team won the KZN Top Schools tournament for the first time since 1993 and came fifth nationally
- Our golf team won the KZN Top Schools for the first time ever
- Our 1st soccer team won two trophies this year, namely the Raw and Cowie Cups, and are currently ranked No 1 in SA
- Our athletics team has won the Aquellé series for the second year in a row

- Our basketball 1st team won the Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament and are currently ranked second in SA
- Our 1st XV is ranked 18th with all our other age groups in the top 20
- Our 1st XI cricket are ranked in the top 20
- Our hockey teams remain among the best in the country, with all teams ranked in the top 20
- Our cyclists continue to excel as do our canoeists, and several of our swimmers excelled at national and international level.

Because of the many successes of our boys, it is very easy to talk about highlights, however the fundamental nature of involvement in co-curricular activity will always be the ongoing week-by-week commitment of our boys, to activities which will broaden and enrich their experience of life and enhance their personal development.

At College we would like to attribute these successes largely to the core values and beliefs – such as the five pillars of the school instilled in them while in the corridors, classrooms, on the sport fields and on the stage that is College and thereafter the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association.

Today, we celebrate not only individual achievements but also the collective spirit of our school community. Our sports teams and cultural groups have shown us that together, we can achieve greatness. Through sport, we learn valuable lessons about teamwork, discipline and perseverance. We develop physical skills, but also mental toughness and emotional intelligence. Our cultural activities – music, drama, art and more – inspire creativity, self-expression and empathy. They bring us joy, comfort and a sense of belonging. But most importantly, these activities bring us together. They break down barriers, foster friendships and create memories that last a lifetime. As we honour our award winners today, we recognise the hard work and dedication that have driven their success. We also acknowledge the supportive community that has cheered them on every step of the way.

For our boys to achieve these levels of success in so many areas there are dedicated people supporting them, such as their coaches, trainers, managers and of course their parents. While College has a policy of appointing teachers who will take part in the co-curricular dimensions of school life, we are exceedingly fortunate to also have some outstanding external coaches. There are many boys who do not have these advantages and I would encourage you all to make sure that between now and the end of the year, you take the time to say 'thank you' to those people who have coached, managed, resourced, transported or generally taken an interest in you.

I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Ryan Kyle, Deputy Headmaster in charge of our co-curricular programme and all the directors, masters in charge, coaches and managers for their endeavours and the way they have positively promoted these important areas of school life in our quest for an all-round holistic education. I also take this opportunity to thank the College Estates team, under the leadership of Mrs Shannon Elliot, for all their hard work. They take great pride in the standard of the facilities and grounds and their efforts are sincerely appreciated. No team or group can perform to the best of their ability unless they are well nourished. To this end, I pay tribute to Mrs Heather Lawson and her catering staff who look after the culinary needs of our boys, staff and guests.

I trust everyone will enjoy this occasion and the opportunity to celebrate the year in sport and culture at College. Congratulations to those who are recognised today through the awarding of prizes and trophies, but also congratulations to those of you, who in your supporting roles, have enabled the stars to shine.

All the boys who are recipients today will acknowledge that nothing comes easily and that there are no short cuts to success, but I would stress the importance of hard work, perseverance and resilience in achieving success in all walks of life.

Pro Aris et Focis



Address by the Guest of Honour, Mrs Deshun Deyssel, high altitude mountaineer and motivational speaker

Maritzburg College were very fortunate to welcome Ms Deyssel as the guest speaker for the evening. Ms Deyssel is a mountaineer, business coach, facilitator, director, innovator, entrepreneur, wife and mother. As a mountaineer, she has embarked on 17 high-altitude expeditions on five continents in the hope of completing her big dream – to climb the seven summits, the highest mountain on each of the seven continents.

Ms Deyssel has addressed over 500 audiences in 18 countries in Africa, North America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. She has contributed to two books on leadership and entrepreneurship and is a regular contributor to 702's Weekdays World @ Work show. Deyssel is also currently the Deputy Chairperson at the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation and has been for over 20 years. So, it was a real privilege to have a speaker of her experience and calibre join us for our awards evening.

Ms Deyssel spoke to the audience about how, at a young age, her love for mountaineering began and that she had to put in a lot of work to get to where she did. Her fascinating breakdown of the process by which individuals summit Everest had the audience intrigued and engaged. She used this as an analogy for tackling life's challenges, explaining that setbacks are to be expected and that we should draw on the advice of those wiser folk around us. Deyssel highlighted that with hard work, the desire to succeed and the will to work towards one's goals, anything is possible. She advised us not to panic, as calm people are more in control of the outcome. She also advised against comparing our achievements to those of others.

Deyssel's ability to use humour and real-life experiences made her talk very captivating, and we were fortunate to share the evening with her. A down-to-earth, kind and caring personality, we thank her for joining us at our Sports and Cultural awards ceremony.



Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman – L Newlands



Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport – W Galliers



Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship – G Mnyaiza



Joint winners of the Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year – P Kubheka and R Lottering



The Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College – C Zondi



The Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture – J Gasarasi

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SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL TROPHIES

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 and LW Ndaba
Director's Award	A Matshobozo and 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

INDIVIDUAL SPORT TROPHIES

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for the 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 and Victor Ludorum	ER Maynard
Greenhalgh Cup for the Most Valuable Basketball Player	LM Dlamini
Arnold Moseya Trophy for the Best Defensive Basketball Player	AM Ngcobo
Oscar Servant Trophy for the 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 the Junior Champion Canoeist	KG Clarke
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Most Promising Canoeist	MJ Rawson
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	KH Vogt
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for the Senior Champion Canoeist	MC van Heerden and KH Vogt
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Chess Player of the Year	R Motshoane
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for the 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 the 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 the Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	JR Werth
Hattons Cycles Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cyclist	CB Baxter
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Champion Cyclist	LA Newlands
Oscar Servant Trophy for the 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 the Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	BU Dlamini
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	IG Mosupye
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for the 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 the Most Competent Rugby Referee	SC Kapotwe
Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee	AD van Wyk
Skonk Nicholson Pin for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	R Maartens
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for the Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	P Kubheka
Olivier Trophy for the Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	NS Sithole
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Promising Shottist	E Hunter-Smith
Frank Lambert Cup for the Best Overall Shottist	M Naidoo
Shaun Olley Cup for the Most Consistent Shottist	JK Martin
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	M Naidoo
Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for the Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	BJ Middleton
Oscar Servant Trophy for the 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 the Under 14 Squash Champion	JA Wilson
Dan Smith Trophy for the Under 16 Squash Champion	T Nana
Smythe Trophy for the 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	JR 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 the Junior Table Tennis Champion	S Moodley
Maritzburg College Trophy for the Senior Table Tennis Champion	TS Royappen
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	TL Smith
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	LJ Puddu
Grant Morrison Trophy for the Most Improved Tennis Player	SJ Deane



SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	AC Tilbury	Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	G Mnyaiza
Maritzburg College Trophy for Most Valuable Volleyball Player	D Naidoo	Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	WP Galliers
Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Player in Fifth Form	NP Koller	Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	1st Basketball Team
Matt Kemp Trophy for the Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	JF Harley	Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	LA Newlands
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	C Robinson	The Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	JM Gasarasi
Oscar Servant Trophy for the Most Committed Water Polo Player	NP Koller	Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	C Zondi
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	JZ Jansen	Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	P Kubheka and RM Lottering



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SPEECH DAY 2024

Speech Day took place on Friday, 11 October and marked the final official school day for the Matric Class of 2024. The guest of honour was Mr Kelvin Watt (OC 1987), CEO of SuperSport Schools.



Head Prefect, C Robinson, was awarded both the Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship and the Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service. He is shown here with the Headmaster, Dr C Luman and Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics),

Address by Head Prefect, C Robinson

Good day Dr Luman, Mr Watt, special guests, staff, and most importantly, Men of College – my brothers.

Brother is a term used to describe someone who is a part of your family. To me, each one of you gentlemen seated here today is a part of my family. You are my brothers. My brothers who I would kill for, my brothers who I would die for and most importantly my brothers who I would cry for. Whether you are Keppler in Second Form or Khubeka in Sixth Form, you are a part of my family.

Now, if I were to go back a few years and even allude to a Sixth Former being related in any way shape or form to a Second Former, I would be crucified. But what these men of the past fail to realise is that everyone at College, whether it be staff or boy, falls under the Jimeloyo: the College *mndeni*, the College *familie*, the College family.

But as all families tend to do, we may fight with one another and even at times we may want to kill each other but ultimately, we love one another and if anyone were to mess with one of us, they would have to face 1300 boys. Like when the first team plays on Pape's Astro or Goldstone's, the opposition is not facing a team of 15 or 11 boys, but rather an army of 1300 College boys.

Our brotherhood is built on something far greater than just going to the same school. Our brotherhood is built on blood, trials, tribulations, history, and most importantly respect.

But the ultimate question is: What makes College, College? We make College, College.

From the respect we show, to the way in which we present ourselves and how each of us lives our lives, based on our core values, takes this great school from an ordinary institution like a Hilton, like a Michaelhouse, like a DHS, and evolves it into Maritzburg College – the greatest school in the world. We are College, but none of us are bigger than this great school. Yes, without us the school would fail, but without it, we would not have the brotherhood we do today. The brotherhood that binds us together through the badge. The badge that is etched into the heart of every College boy, where an imprint of an assegai and carbine is left behind. Where the journey from Second to Sixth Form turns our blood red, black and white.

This leads me on to the Class of 2024: My day-one brothers.

Our journey together has come to an end and many people are asking, what was better, the journey or the destination? Personally, what makes or breaks a trip is the company. Yes, we may have lost one or two brothers and gained a few on the way, but what we are left with is a group of 240 boys who I would not exchange for anyone else.

As we leave our jerseys, badges and these red-bricked walls behind, as we don our old boys' blazers, we look to each other for comfort in this sad time, reminiscing about the past. It feels as though we will never be part of the College army again, but we will always be a part of the College *Mndeni*. Yes, we may be leaving these great brick walls, but the lessons we learned, the memories we made, and the brotherhood we forged will remain with us forever.

During this five-year journey, we have watched each other grow. From screaming our lungs out for the first team on a Saturday on Basher Ridge, to us being the ones shouted for by the boys. From us fearing higher Formers, to us being respected by the lower Formers, and finally from us starting a new chapter in our lives with 'Borver Week', to us ending this chapter having arrived, ending our College career.

And as we stand at the precipice of our high school careers, we look down into the abyss of the unknown. The future. But we do not fear, as in the back of our minds we remember the street: College Road, the place where our brotherhood was born. Our home.

Pro Aris et Focis

Address by the Headmaster, Dr C Luman

Mr Kelvin Watt (OC 1987), our guest of honour, staff, parents, the Sixth Form of 2024 and boys of College who are returning in 2025, may I add my word of welcome to you all. Mr Watt – who is an enthusiastic and dedicated Old Collegian – thank you very much for your attendance here today, as we honour the academic achievements of the class of 2024, and we look forward to your address. On a personal note, thank you and SuperSport Schools' for what you have done for school sport in this country, and particularly Maritzburg College, your *alma mater*. Mr Watt will be formally introduced by Deputy Head Prefect, Jikijo.

My address today will focus on our Sixth Formers. I wish to acknowledge the significant contribution by the senior leaders of the school. The leadership role for the prefects is an onerous one – an inexperienced 18-year old has to perform a balancing act between that of setting the benchmarks in all that they do, being a mentor to their peers and lower Formers, being a policeman to ensure good order, being the custodian of appropriate College tradition and core values, and has a significant pastoral responsibility both in the school and boarding establishment.

Our Head Prefect, C Robinson, has been superbly supported by his deputies, Jikijo and Slevin, as well as the rest of the 2024 prefect body and the RCL. They have done sterling work this year and have led from the front in all aspects of College life. Thank you for your commitment and endurance in seeing things through to the end and finishing strong. You took up the challenge with gusto and you have been excellent examples of what servant leadership is all about.

I acknowledge and thank the house leaders for the various roles that they have fulfilled within the Houses. I know that the housemasters have appreciated their commitment and dedication, and the inter-house competition has been a huge success.

All the achievements are chronicled in the Headmaster's Addendum for further information which will be emailed to parents and placed on the website. The whole College community can be collectively proud of the significant achievements for 2024 to date.



Today your academic achievements are being honoured at this ceremony – a wonderful way for the school to recognise and celebrate the choices and sacrifices that you have all made. However, I challenge you not to be idle, but to continue to strive to be the best that you can be in your NSC final exams, confirming one of the goals for 2024 namely 'to challenge every boy to realise his potential'. These are the first steps to your future. Entering a new chapter in life after school can be an exciting and challenging time as you continue your good man journey.

Today, I wish to discuss the importance of embracing the future with confidence and courage.

You have come to the end of another chapter in your good man journey, specifically your high school career of five years. You are now about to embark on the next chapter of your life, and we trust that you will have gained sufficient courage and confidence to be excited about the future and what it may hold for you.

As you stand on the threshold of this new chapter, remember:

- Confidence and courage are not the absence of fear, but the willingness to face it head-on
- Your future is not defined by your past; you have the power to create the life you want
- Focus on progress, not perfection
- Do not be afraid to take calculated risks to achieve your goals; that is where growth and learning happen

- Believe in yourself, your abilities, and your instincts; you are capable of more than you think
- Take ownership of your dreams and make them a reality
- Stay confident, stay courageous, and never give up on your aspirations.

Your journey will have twists and turns, but with the required confidence and courage, you will navigate them with ease. Surround yourself with positive influences and supportive networks. Keep pushing forward and make your mark on the world.

I conclude with the poem 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley which sums up the message for today.

Tonight, at a special Old Boys ceremony you will be inducted into the Maritzburg College Old Boys Association – a legacy which spans over 127 years, and you will be addressed by your head prefect of that year, Chris van Heerden, as well as your valedictorian for 2024, I Jikijo, and the MCOBA president. Enjoy this very special and unique occasion with your parents.

Gentlemen, I congratulate you on your resilience, determination, effort and achievements. I commend your parents, teachers, mentors, coaches and all who have supported you on your College good man journey and pay tribute to them.

I wish you a bright future as you continue your lifelong journey to being a good man.

Pro Aris et Focis



L-R: Dr C Luman (Headmaster), J van Huyssteen (Second in Form), J Werth (Dux 2024), C Ferraz (Third in Form), Mrs Jeanette Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics), and guest speaker, Mr K Watt

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Kelvin Watt

Good morning to the Headmaster, staff, members of the SGB, parents, students, fellow Old Boys, and most importantly, the matriculants of Maritzburg College 2024. It is an honour to stand before you today as we celebrate your achievements. Your hard work, dedication and resilience have brought you to this milestone but today is also about looking ahead—to a future filled with both opportunities and challenges.

We live in an era in which traditional career paths are shifting. Many of you will not only be employed but also self-employed, likely holding multiple roles across various industries, including side hustles. Research suggests you will have 15 to 18 jobs across six different industries in your lifetime.

Entrepreneurship is the engine of global economic progress. Former US President Barack Obama put it best, "Entrepreneurship remains the engine of our economy, giving individuals the ability to turn their ideas and

passions into something tangible and valuable." This is true whether you are in Silicon Valley or the Msunduzi River valley.

South Africa presents unique challenges including high unemployment and economic inequality, but also immense potential. The entrepreneurial spirit, marked by resilience, creativity and determination, can drive meaningful change. However, the skills needed to succeed in this new world are often not taught in traditional classrooms. Adaptability, creativity, problem-solving and emotional intelligence are now as critical as textbook knowledge.

Growing up, how many of you were asked, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Now, how many of you have been asked, 'What problems do you care about solving?' Educational innovator Linda Zhang highlights this in her TED Talk, *Why Schools Should Teach Entrepreneurship*. She argues that education should focus on fostering problem-solving mindsets rather



than just preparing students for specific careers. Entrepreneurship is not just about business—it's about tackling real-world issues.

At Maritzburg College, we are shaped not only in classrooms but also on our sports fields, stages and courts. Here, we learn lessons essential both for life and entrepreneurship—teamwork, perseverance and calculated risk-taking. Success in sport is not just about talent but resilience, the ability to bounce back after failure, to work harder after a loss and to keep showing up. These same principles apply to entrepreneurship. Whether making a split-second decision in a rugby match or taking a calculated risk in business, the mindset is the same.

Entrepreneurship is not only about starting a business, but also about learning how to adapt, innovate and take calculated risks. It is about having the courage to try new things, pivot when necessary, and trust in your ability to find solutions. Most importantly, it is about solving the problems you care about.

Boys, you are not alone on this journey. Your classmates, teachers and the vast network of Maritzburg College alumni form an invaluable support system. Our Old Boys are not just successful individuals, they believe in giving back through mentorship, investment and opening doors to new opportunities. This network is your competitive advantage. Entrepreneurship and life can be lonely, but they do not have to be. With the right support, obstacles become easier to overcome. The Maritzburg College Old Boys Association exists to ensure that every College boy, past and present, has access to this wealth of knowledge and experience. The *College Connect Tool* empowers you to tap into this collective wisdom at any time, ensuring you always have support at your fingertips.

As a community, we must rethink how we prepare you for life beyond school. While Maritzburg College provides an excellent academic foundation, we

must expand our focus to fostering entrepreneurial skills. Future careers will not follow a straight path but will involve evolving opportunities to create new solutions.

Education should not be about memorising facts for a test, it should be about discovering your passions, developing curiosity and applying knowledge to real-world problems. This is a responsibility not just for the school but for alumni, parents and the broader community. Whether through mentorship, internships or workshops, real-world experience is essential.

As Richard Branson said, 'opportunities are like buses; there's always another one coming.' Success belongs to those who are willing to take risks and think differently.

I leave you with a message from Apple's iconic *The Crazy Ones* campaign: 'Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you cannot do is ignore them—because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as crazy, we see genius.'

As you step beyond these school gates, remember you are not just men of Maritzburg College, you are the future entrepreneurs, innovators and leaders. The road ahead will not always be easy, but with the strength of this incredible community behind you, success is inevitable. Perhaps, one of you sitting here today will be one of *the crazy ones* who change the world. And when that happens, we will be cheering you on, not just for your individual success but for our collective progress.

Congratulations, Class of 2024. Go out and make your mark!



The Dux of Maritzburg College in 2024, Jonathan Werth, is congratulated by OC Mr Siyathokoza Magubane of PKF and was recipient of a certificate to accompany Werth's PKF Trophy for Economics.



Jikijo was awarded the Mike Brown Five Pillars Award, the prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture as well as a subject prize for Life Sciences



R McKean received the prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport.

SIXTH FORM PRIZE WINNERS 2024

The Ian McAllister Prize for Academic Progress

SNU Zungu

Merit Certificates

S Bridglall, JK Chetty, GJ Egberink, BM Gademan, S Majozi, ER Moodley, SM Ngcobo, SR Norton, AH Pretorius, SJ Tredgold

Sixth Form Subject Prizes

Prize for Business Studies	CI Mason
Prize for History	DJ Becket
Prize for Information Technology	R Essa
Prize for isiZulu	A Mthethwa
Prize for Mathematical Literacy	NS Sithole
Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing	A Mahomed
Merit Certificate and the PwC Prize for Accounting	RF Jacobsz
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences	BL Zuma
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Computer Applications Technology	LJ Walker
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Dramatic Arts	A Matshoboza
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	DP Pieterse
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	EB Taylor
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music	J Klopers
Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	OR Haasbroek
Merit Certificate and the Shaun Olley Prize for History and English	J Foster

Special Prizes

Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prizes for Service to the School	IO Jikijo, JP Slevin
Phelps-Cannon Prize for Service to the School	C Robinson
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport	RD McKean
Merit Certificate, the Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship and the Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service	C Robinson
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Life Sciences, the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture, and the Mike Brown Five Pillars Award	IO Jikijo
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Engineering Graphics and Design, Geography, and the Colenbrander Accountants Prize for THIRD IN FORM	CBI Ferraz
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Afrikaans, Physical Science and the Nedbank Proxime Accessit for SECOND IN FORM	J van Huyssteen
Merit Certificate, the PKF Trophy for Economics, the Prize for English, the Epoch Optima Prize for Further Studies Mathematics, the 1880 High School Memorial Prize and the Levinsohn Trophy for the	
DUX OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE	JONATHAN R WERTH



Prize-giving 2024

Prize-giving took place on Friday, 24 January 2025 and celebrated the academic achievements of College boys during the 2024 year. The guest of honour was Mr Mtunzi Jonas (OC 1999), Chief Commercial Officer of Cricket South Africa.



L-R: Mrs F Dlamini (Circuit Manager – Department of Education), Dr C Luman (Headmaster), guest speaker Mr Mtunzi Jonas, Mrs J Finnie (Deputy Head: Academics)

Address by the Headmaster, Dr CJ Luman

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, invited guests, parents and boys of Maritzburg College.

I extend a special word of welcome to our Guest of Honour, Mr Mtunzi Jonas (OC 1999), Chief Commercial Officer of CSA, who will be formally introduced by our Deputy Head, Steyn. A warm welcome also to Mrs Dlamini, our Circuit Manager. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to celebrate the academic endeavours of our Second Form to Fifth Form boys as well as our Sixth Formers who excelled in the National Senior Certificate examinations.

It is appropriate on this public occasion to thank the Chairman, Mr Steve Colenbrander and members of the School Governing Body (SGB) for their commitment and service to College over the past year. We are indeed fortunate to have such an ardent group of people looking after the best interests of the boys and staff. I wish to single out the Chairman, Mr Colenbrander for his support and significant commitment to College – his efforts are sincerely appreciated.

We also thank Mr Hermann Goslett, who is unfortunately ineligible for re-election to the SGB as his son matriculated last year. Mr Goslett served as the Deputy Chairman of the SGB and the Chair of the Boarder Parents' Committee. He has served on the SGB for several years. We thank him for his commitment and service to College.

As you are aware we did not have our normal prize-giving at the end of last year, as we had to finish school earlier than normal and the boys and staff enjoyed an extra week of holiday. We said farewell to all departing staff and thanked them accordingly at the end of term 4. We also acknowledge all the College staff for their contribution in ensuring that we remain at the top of our game in all that we do.

Thank you to Mr Marwick for acknowledging and celebrating the incredible success of our top NSC young men for 2024 with Jonathan Werth standing

out among many, being placed fifth in the district and the school placed third. I share the poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson with you on the topic of 'Success' as we are here today to celebrate the incredible success of our boys in Second to Fifth Form.

We continue to be active participants in the ongoing research being conducted by Schools of Tomorrow, in which research data is shared from an international and national perspective. It is through the current research project: Excellence in South African Schools, that we as a school can continue to benchmark how well we are doing, particularly in the very important aspect of mentoring and wellness. The most recent data from the research actioned at the end of 2024 will be shared and communicated in March when Professor Cummins visits us again, and we discuss the way forward.

I would like to share a few words of wisdom and encouragement with you for the road that lies ahead and your personal wellness. Many of you may not be familiar with Robin Sharma, the Canadian author, one of the world's leading authorities on leadership, a motivational speaker and an expert on personal development. I recently read his book 'The 5am Club' and he makes several very pertinent points. Most folk that I know are not part of this club, and they prefer to lie in and enjoy a few more hours of shut eye. Teenage boys are notorious for sleeping in late and generally struggle to get up at 7am, never mind 5am. One needs 7-9 hours' sleep each night to be well rested, but since the advent of the internet and devices, this is not always possible and may be almost impossible. There are too many distractions. Serious, stringent self-discipline is required.

I have conducted my own straw polls over the years into this and I always ask our top performing boys about routines and study schedules. Many of them belong to the 5am club and perhaps this is their secret to success? So why the need for you to be part of the 5am club provided you have had the required hours of sleep? The key benefits are improved mental

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clarity and focus, increased productivity, enhanced creativity and better time management. Waking up early allows you to start your day with a clear mind, making it easier to focus on your daily chores and goals. You get a head start on the day, allowing you to accomplish more before the distractions and interruptions. This is a good time for creative thinking and problem-solving. The time allows you to prioritise tasks and manage time more effectively.

How do you build this routine into your daily routine?

- Establish a consistent sleep routine ensuring whereby you get 7-9 hours a night
- Avoid screens for at least an hour before bedtime as the blue light emitted can interfere with your sleep
- Set an alarm and establish a consistent wake-up routine
- Exercise for 20-30 minutes. Many of you are doing this already as you are part of High-Performance Groups – it will get your blood pumping and energise your body
- Personal growth time (20-30 minutes) – read, reflect, pray or practice mindfulness
- Plan and prioritise your day (10-15 minutes) – review work completed / test, review schedule, set goals and prioritise
- Be flexible – don't be too hard on yourself if you miss a day or two
- Focus on establishing a consistent routine and making progress over time.

By following these few key pointers and adapting them to your lifestyle, you can develop a routine that sets you up for success and helps you to realise your goals.

Focus on your personal development, it is part of the journey that we all undertake. Embrace College's core values and credo, and those that particularly resonate with you, and let them continue to guide you on this journey to success. South Africa needs compassionate, strong and principled young men and women as future leaders. Believe in your ability to make a positive impact and never underestimate your influence on those around you.

In conclusion, today we have gathered to celebrate the excellent results of our most academically competent and hardworking boys. You and your parents can feel collectively proud of these achievements. Those of you receiving awards today have certainly seized your opportunities and have earned our admiration and respect. To excel at school takes determination, effort and a positive attitude. To all prize-winners, congratulations on your success.

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Mtunzi Jonas

This article presents a condensed version of the full speech.

My time at Maritzburg College was filled with memorable experiences and relationships that have shaped who I am today. I was fortunate to be part of a community that encouraged me to my passion of sport which helped me develop teamwork and leadership skills. Overall, Maritzburg College gave me the foundation to confidently step into adulthood with a strong sense of purpose and ambition.

There are key messages from my experiences that I would like to share with you that are founded on the principles and ethos of this school as well as the broader community of Maritzburg College.

I would like to talk about something that affects all of us – our immediate environment. Your environment is your starting point, but it is certainly not your final destination. The power to define who you are lies not in where you come from, but in the choices you make every day and the people with whom you surround yourself.

As you progress through life in your field of interest, it is important to be memorable in how you announce yourself to the world and retain your relevance in people's minds.

Focus on the key moments that will progress your journey through Maritzburg College and the rest of your lives. There will be key lessons from failure that will teach you resilience, encourage growth, learning and build character. The key differentiator will be how you pick yourself up and try again.

Just get it done. Many people are good at explaining why something cannot happen or reasons why it cannot be done. What will distinguish you from your peers and get you noticed is a positive 'can do' attitude.

Embrace the experiences all around you at Maritzburg College. There is a great deal of learning that takes place outside the classroom so be open to new experiences and make an effort to explore beyond your immediate comfort zone.

Maritzburg College will have a significant impact on various aspects of your lives going forward. Embrace it, leverage it as a trusted community.

In closing, congratulations to all the prize winners. Today is recognition for all your hard work and I wish you all the best going forward. Thank you to Dr Luman for the opportunity to be part of this special event, and thank you to the Governing Body, the staff and the parents of the boys of College.

Lastly, to the boys of College, you are part of something special, although you may not realise it now. However, one day you will return as an Old Boy and truly appreciate the #5yearsforlife that you spent at this exceptional place.



1st in Second Form –
K Mkhwane



1st in Third Form –
S Banda



1st in Fourth Form –
D Pillay



1st in Fifth Form –
S Naidoo



PRIZE WINNERS

for the 2024 Academic year

Academic Progress Prizes

Third Form	V Nkomo
Fourth Form	ST Makhaye
Fifth Form	HL Mdabe

SECOND FORM

Merit certificates

LD Borchers, C Frank, SA Gumbi, JA Luridsamy, NQM Luvuno, CJ Mackay-Leslie, QL Madlala, M Makhado, NS Mthabela, ZS Ndlovu, NG Ntshingila, Z Singh, D Smart, JD Sparrow, TJ Stone, H Storm, MR van der Merwe, SC Wessels.

Subject prizes

Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	Y Singh	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	JAS Smith
Merit Certificate and the Prize for English	CT Linley	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Natural Sciences	MD Clark
		Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Economic Management Sciences and Technology	AS Bagirathi
		Merit Certificate, the Prize for Afrikaans and the Prize for Third in Second Form	AM Linde
		Merit Certificate, the Prize for Life Orientation and the Prize for Second in Second Form	T Addison
		Merit Certificate, the Prizes for isiZulu, Social Sciences and the Prize for First in Second Form	KS Mkhwane

THIRD FORM

Merit certificates

R Badenhorst, Y Budhu, Y Dhai, OK Gengan, QR Heyns, Y Hoolasi, E Hunter-Smith, WP Khumalo, Y Maharaj, SM Msomi, JAJ Pembridge, LJ Puddu, A Ramlall, HJ Reitz, NA Saville, J Sewlall, L Venter, JI White.

Subject Prizes

Merit Certificate and the joint Prize for Afrikaans	D Dry and MT Venter	Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	AE Hlongwa
Merit Certificate and the Prize for English	A Madlala	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	DT Lewis
		Merit Certificate, and the Prize for Third in Third Form	R Madhan
		Merit Certificate and the Prize for Second in Third Form	JJ Baptista
		Merit Certificate, the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts, Prizes for Economic Management Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Technology, and the Prize for First in Third Form	S Bandu

FOURTH FORM

Merit certificates

A Dladla, N Dlamini, DS du Toit, ML Kader, IM Lindeque, R Motshoane, A Naidoo, SZ Ngcobo, L Redman, OB Samuel, BC Sing, T Sivenarain, BA Zuma.

Subject Prizes

Prize for Agricultural Sciences	JS Gotte	Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	SB Simamane
Prize for History	DS Colenbrander	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Sciences	CE Wilson
Prize for Music	P Mncwabe	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Mathematics	BC Cook
Prizes for Computer Applications Technology and Mathematical Literacy	CJ Francis	Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	MM Msimango
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	B Barnard	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Geography and the joint Prize for Information Technology	ML Askham
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Business Studies	SA Mohamed	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Further Studies Mathematics, Physical Science and the Prize for Third in Fourth Form	SB Wiggill
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Dramatic Arts	L Dlamini	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economics, English, Life Orientation and the Prize for Second in Fourth Form	K Moodley
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Engineering Graphics and Design	FN Kunene	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Accounting and the Prize for First in Fourth Form	D Pillay
Merit Certificate and the joint Prize for Information Technology	DG Gademan and VY Ramdeen		



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FIFTH FORM

Merit certificates

A Akoonjee, TW Ambler, LN Bhengu, S Durgaparsad, KJ Ekstrand, K Govender, BN Hlophe, J Maharaj, A Mkhize, DC Naidoo, D Naidoo, M Naidoo, NRK Pembridge, KS Phungula, GN Thomson, CPJ van Heerden

Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Visual Arts CS Gibbs

Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu BI Pepu

Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Engineering Graphics and Design, and Mathematics D Brunkhorst

Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Afrikaans, Dramatic Arts, English and Life Orientation JD Moneyvalu

Subject prizes

Joint Prize for Agricultural Sciences JO Odell

Prize for Business Studies TD Naidoo

Prize for Computer Applications Technology JC Steyn

Prize for Mathematical Literacy L Uhlmann

Merit Certificate and the joint Prize for Agricultural Sciences AD Taylor

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Geography EJ McAllister

Merit Certificate and the Prize for History A Beni

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music CTB Gould

Merit Certificate, the Prize for Accounting, and the Prize for Third in Fifth Form CM Mundell

Merit Certificate, the joint Prize for Further Studies Mathematics, Prizes for Information Technology, Physical Science, and the Prize for Second in Fifth Form M Brunkhorst

Merit Certificate, the joint Prize for Further Studies Mathematics, Prizes for Economics, Life Sciences, and the Prize for First in Fifth Form S Naidoo



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SR Adie, AS Bagirathi, DJ Becket, D Clifton, TT Cox, O Da Costa, N Deyzel, BU Dlamini, L Dlamini, GJ Egberink, JM Gasarasi, CJ Goslett, I Hansrod, NI Holmes, K Hopkins, ME Jewaskiewitz, MA Knoetze, EP Knox, A Kritzing, AL Leclezio, CI Mason, LK Matsoghe, SAA Mkhwanazi, IG Mosupye, A Mthethwa, NG Mthiyane, LW Ndaba, OS Ntuli, HM Pelser, AB Roopai, JK Samuel, NR Setipa, A Sidimba, Sive Sithembu, EE Stafford, K Trollip

Lapel Badge:

Choir: BN Hlophe, L Luthuli, ML Mfusi, NU Mntungwa, LQB Ngubane, MMP Shabalala, C Zondi, I Zwane

Ensemble: JM Gasarasi, YU Mchunu, SK Mkhize, NU Mntungwa, SM Redlinghuys

First Aid: TT Cox, F Moula

Marketing: NW Brown, DB Davies, L Dladla, MM Maphanga, LL Mavimbela, ST Mazibuko, NM Meisegeier, LN Mkhize, SAA Mkhwanazi, NU Mntungwa, S Ngobese, C Nohiya, O Ntombela, OL Ntombela, C Zondi, A Zuma, SNU Zungu

Rugby Referees: E Bester, SC Kapotwe, HL Mdabe, KS Phungula, AD van Wyk

Service to Basketball: N Gwala, TMB Mbhele, SAA Mkhwanazi, O Ntombela, OS Ntuli

Sound & Light: C Zondi

Tech Squad: LG Khumalo, T Murugen, M Naidoo, M Singh

Tennis: ST Mazibuko, YV Mohammed

Large White Badge:

Athletics: L Shangase

Basketball: JM Gasarasi, NB Ngcobo, NA Ngobese, NR Setipa

Canoeing: J Jansen van Rensburg, SR Norton, JO Odell

Chess: JK Martin, DC Naidoo

Cricket: KL Dedekind, CBI Ferraz, SJ Hughes, JH Konigkramer, RD McKean, D Naidoo, NRK Pembroke

Cross-country: ET Hamadziripi, LA Newlands, SR Norton, L Shangase

Cycling: HA McIntyre

Esports: C Wassink

Golf: ME Howells, JG Nelson

Hockey: MT Gibson, BN Hosking, ER Maynard, Siwaphiwe Sithembu

Rugby: R Maartens, SS Oosthuizen, LH Sinkfontein, JP Slevin

Soccer: TA Hlophe, JI Marais, MAN Mncwabe, K Mthembu, TT Myeni, A Nzimande, B Parak, W Zondi

Squash: KK Jones, SP Kleu, KH Pillay

Swimming: DJ Becket, CS Gibbs, SG Redman

Table tennis: M Chetty, J Maharaj, T Murugen, RD Padayachee, SM Redlinghuys

Tennis: TO Armstrong, MR Borchers

Volleyball: L Dlamini, JN Murekezi, D Naidoo, JK Samuel, M Singh, R van der Merwe

Water polo: JL Combrink, JF Harley, NP Koller, R van der Merwe

Colours:

Academics: A Akoob, S Bridglall, M Brunkhorst, JK Chetty, R Essa, J Foster, A Mahomed, ER Maynard, NM Meisegeier, NL Mkhize, JD Moneyvalu, ER Moodley, CM Mundell, D Naidoo, DC Naidoo, S Naidoo, N Narain, Z Ndlovu, SM Ngcobo, NRK Pembroke, KS Phungula, AH Pretorius, EB Taylor

Athletics: R Bernstein, JM Gasarasi, ET Hamadziripi, MR Thomson, JR Werth

Choir: K Makhanya

Cross-country: CTB Gould, EJ McAllister, JR Werth

Cycling: MJ Barnardo

Drama: L Luthuli

Ensemble: CL Harrichand, GLR Jordan, EM Mitewu, EE Stafford

First Aid: SN Khumalo, C Zondi

Golf: J Perumal, FC Pillay

Gospel Choir: L Luthuli, K Makhanya, NL Mkhize, N Ndawonde, C Zondi

Hockey: GA Askew

Marketing: DJ Becket, L Dlamini, AL Leclezio

Music: J Kloppers, LW Ndaba

Rugby: N Isaacs, IC Kemka, SM Nyathi, C Robinson

Service to Basketball: VSAS Cele, MJ Roberts

Shooting: M Naidoo

Sound & Light: JM Gasarasi, VJ Kasambala, JR Stead

Swimming: R Khan

TechSquad: C Zondi

Tennis: SJ Deane

Colours and Scarf:

Academics: OR Haasbroek, RF Jacobsz, A Matshobozo, LS Myeza, SR Norton, C Robinson, LJ Walker

Athletics: TB Ekerold, UO Gamede

Choir: J Kloppers, LW Ndaba, N Ndawonde

Cricket: LC Sutherland

Drama: C Zondi

Ensemble: S Govender

Hockey: TC Fulton, AT Mthlangane

Music: S Govender

Rugby: S Mbatha, S Vyambwera

Squash: TJ Kufal, T Nana, V Premchund

Tennis: AC Tilbury

Honours:

Academics: CBI Ferraz, IO Jikijo, J Kloppers, S Majosi, RD McKean, DP Pieterse, SJ Tredgold, J van Huyssteen, JR Werth, BL Zuma

Basketball: K Sibankulu

Canoeing: MC van Heerden

Cricket: S Dzanibe, CI Mason, DC Nadasan

Cycling: BC Foster, ME Jewaskiewitz, CA Sellick

Ensemble: S Bridglall





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Hockey:	EUA Dlamini, DC Jackson, KR Jenkins, JH Konigkramer	Soccer:	BJ Middleton, MB Momple, MS Qasha, CJ Sukraj
Marketing:	IO Jikijo	Squash:	WP Galliers
Music:	S Bridglall, EE Stafford	Swimming:	PR Lamb, MS Lancaster, TS Pillay

HEADMASTERS' CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Grade 7 boys were awarded a Headmasters' Closed Scholarship to attend Maritzburg College from 2025:

S Browning	Cordwalles
A and S Volans	Cowan House
C Rees	Richard Neave Closed Scholarship (DPHS)
K Ramsamy	Glenwood Prep School
L Coetzee	Highbury Prep School
L Ngake	Howick Prep School
J Keppler	Laddsworth Primary School
C Emerson	David Beetar Closed Scholarship (Merchiston)
Q St John-Ward	Louis Botha Closed Scholarship (Pelham)
D Moyo	Scottsville Primary School

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PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2024

Senior Prefects

Head Prefect	C Robinson
Deputy Head Prefect	IO Jikijo
Deputy Head Prefect	JP Slevin

Prefects

R Bernstein	JH Konigkramer	J Klopers	A Mohamed
A Botha	JD Knoetze	MA Knoetze	MH Moosa
O Da Costa	RF Jacobsz	R Maartens	JJ Mumford
CBI Ferraz	JZ Jansen	JA Marcus	LA Myeza
NI Holmes	KU Jele	CI Mason	N Narain
NJ Jackson	P Khubeka	ER Maynard	JR Werth

Barns House

House Captain	P Kubheka
Vice-captain	Z Ndlovu
House Leaders	
TC Fulton, E Govender, SR Norton, LJ Johnstone, KWD Lamb	

Fuller House

House Captain	A Botha
Vice-captain	JM Wolter
House Leaders	
BN Hosking, YU Mchunu, A Mornet, MB Roberts, MJ Roberts	

Snow House

House Captain	JH Konigkramer
Vice-captain	JJ Mumford
House Leaders	
JI Marais, I Masinga, ER Moodley, O Thabethe, RJ Tocknell, SNU Zungu	

Calder House

House Captain	CBI Ferraz
Vice-captain	LS Kunene
House Leaders	
DJ Becket, TB Blackburn, LW Ndaba, JK Samuel, KC Wichmann	

Lamond House

House Captain	JD Knoetze
Vice-captain	CJI Higgins
House Leaders	
J Foster, NM Meisegeier, A Ngcobo, ML Rubuluza, S Sithembu	

Strachan House

House Captain	C Robinson
Vice-captain	BM Gademan
House Leaders	
NA Dumakude, MT Gibson, JK Martin, LK Matshoge, SJ Tredgold	

Commons House

House Captain	NI Holmes
Vice-captain	L Dladla
House Leaders	
WP Galliers, DT Haines, M Mkhize, DP Pieterse, EB Taylor	

Nicholson House

House Captain	JM Gasarasi
Vice-captain	SC Kapotwe
House Leaders	
W Beauclerk, S Bridglall, B Maphisa, P Mchunu, MEB Nkwanyana	

Forder House

House Captain	JA Marcus
Vice-captain	JA Galtrey
House Leaders	
SR Adie, OR Haasbroek, A Kritzingar, M Kritzingar, SM Nyathi	

Pape House

House Captain	IG Mosupye
Vice-captain	SS Oosthuizen
House Leaders	
MM du Toit, D Ferguson, LC Hart, IC Kemka, JG Nelson	

Sport Captains

Athletics	M Kritzingar
Basketball	JM Gasarasi
Canoeing	MC van Heerden
Chess	JK Martin
Cricket	CI Mason
Cross-country	JR Werth
Cycling	LA Newlands
Esports	LC Wassink
First Aid	SS Khumalo
Golf	J Perumal
Hockey	IG Mosupye
Rugby	P Kubheka
Shooting	JK Martin
Soccer	LK Matshoge
Squash	WP Galliers
Swimming	RM Lottering
Table tennis	SM Redlinghuys
Tennis	TL Smith
Volleyball	JK Samuel
Water polo	JZ Jansen

Cultural Leaders

Afrikaans Society	E Bester (Fifth Form)
Art Club	EM Mitewu (Fifth Form)
Camera Club	BM Gademan
College Choir	LW Ndaba
College Cues	LW Ndaba
Debating	MH Moosa
Enviro Club	BM Gademan
Gospel Choir	NL Mkhize
Hindu Society	S Govender
Interact	SS Khumalo (Fourth Form)
Jazz Band	S Bridglall
Marketing	IO Jikijo
MC Ink	L Dladla and M Soorajdin
Media Centre Monitors	L Khumalo
Muslim Students' Assoc.	A Mahomed
Nguni Society	O Thabethe
Sound & Lighting	JM Gasarasi
Speakers' Circle	C Robinson
Tech Squad	C Zondi (Fourth Form)
RCL	RF Jacobsz
College Youth Council	IO Jikijo

Shouting Captains

NJ Jackson, LJ Johnstone, ML Rubuluza

Heads of Boarding Houses

Clark House	JP Slevin (Senior Boarder Prefect)
Elliott House	SS Oosthuizen
Hudson House	NJ Jackson
Nathan House	JH Konigkramer
Shepstone House	JZ Jansen

Boarder Prefects

W Beauclerk, JK Samuel, SM Nyathi, B Maphisa, IG Mosupye



Leadership

Our young College men have all taken strides along their Good Man Journey throughout 2024. Each Form has been on their various leadership camps, starting with Borver Week in January and ending in our prefect camp early in term 4.

This year's Borver Week began with much excitement. Our annual trip out to Tala under the watchful eye of Spirit of Adventure, began without a hitch, but torrential rain over night meant midnight moving of boys and rapid adaptation. But in every cloud there is a silver lining and the maturity and adaptability shown by our young prefects was wonderful to see and left a treasured memory for many. Rain and mud taken in their stride, Borver week went off without serious incident and was a wonderful way for us to start our year.

In the week leading up to the first free weekend of the year, our Fifth Form boys went on a 3-day survivor style camp in the Umkomaas Valley. Our young men roughed it and in true College style came out stronger and more united for the experience. This year, for the first time, our boys were supplied freshly hunted Nyala and were tasked with skinning and butchering the carcass for their dinner.

The Form as a whole showed immense maturity later on in the year when they applied and voted for leadership roles in 2025. It was clear both from the applications and the voting itself that a great deal of thought went into the process.

Our young acting leaders, both prefects and house leaders, were invited to chat to the young Merchiston boys during a 'Merchie Mates' session in the second to last week of term 3. During this session, groups of young Merchiston boys from Grade 1 to 7 form circles under the indoor centre roof and are given the opportunity to share and learn. Our acting leaders were each assigned to a group and spoke to boys on the topic of respect. Our young men rose to the occasion and the Merchiston staff were impressed by the manner in which our boys were able to engage with their groups. To see seven youngsters sitting with the 2nd rugby team captain and hanging on his every word was something special and we will certainly arrange this event again. The last week of term 3 is taxing for the staff but also a wonderful opportunity. The Fifth Formers go off on work experience and

matrics are finishing off trial examinations, leaving many teachers free to assist and attend the various camps for Second, Third and Fourth Formers.

Our Second Form boys had a great trip to Shongweni Dam, the headquarters of Spirit of Adventure. Here boys spent time getting to know one another while being taught leadership skills through various fun activities.

The Roseland camp for Third Formers is a tough camp, but one that the boys enjoy. Many boys are somewhat shocked by the difference between their memory of a primary school trip to Roselands and the College version that they experience.

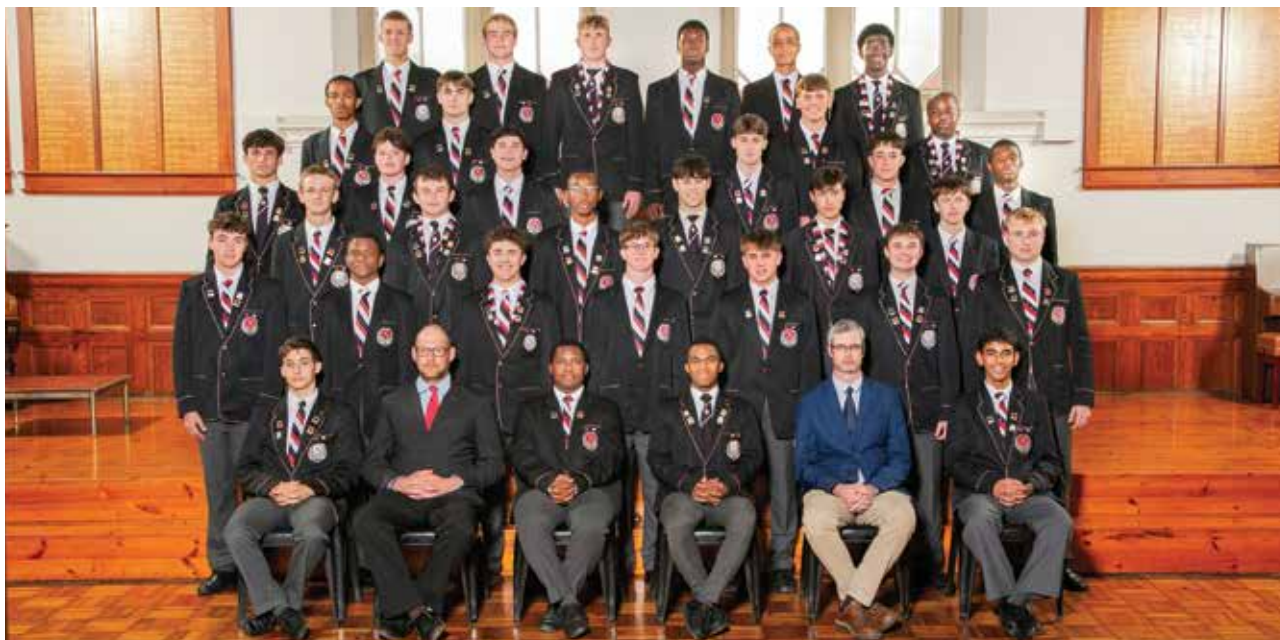
The Fourth Form trip to Cobham pushes our boys out of their comfort zones. Where many have never had to cook their own food, now they had to do everything for themselves while carrying everything that they needed on their backs. Boys grow through this experience and while many do not enjoy the event at the time, they are able to reflect on their achievement and in hindsight see the benefit of the hardship. This year saw us beat a hasty retreat from the mountains on the Thursday afternoon to avoid the heavy snowfall that had been predicted. We were thankful to all be safely home when we woke to the winter wonderland on Friday morning.

The prefect camp started at the end of the previous year, 2023, when they were taken out to Tala to plan and prepare for Borver Week. This allows them to get a feel for what the young Borvers will be expected to do during 'Boys to Men' activities and gives the staff time to have a good chat to our future leaders. The young prefects took some time to get to know each other and decide on the division of portfolios for 2024, and went so far as to run the Boys to Men course the Borvers would be running.

Late this year the position of Assistant HoD of Leadership was formed, and it is with much excitement that we welcome Mrs Courtney Sanders to our Leadership team. We wish her well in her new role.

We would like to thank all the parents and staff for their active engagement in the Good Man Journey. Without it the whole process would not be as successful as it is. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Nathan Bam and the staff at Spirit of Adventure and Maharaj's Coaches for always getting us safely to and from camps.

Mr J Tyler



House Leaders

Back row: J Wolter, D Haines, W Galliers, S Kapotwe, J Marais, O Thabethe

Fifth row: L Dladla, K Wichmann, L Johnstone, L Ndaba

Fourth row: S Oosthuisen, J Nelson, T Fulton, D Pieterse, J Galtrey, S Zungu

Third row: A Kritzinger, S Tredgold, J Gasarasi, B Gademan, J Martin, S Adie

Second row: E Taylor, M du Toit, M Kritzinger, L Hart, T Blackburn, D Becket, N Meisegeier

Front row: O Higgins, Mr J Tyler, Z Ndlovu, I Mosupye, Mr A Sparrow, E Moodley

Absent: A Mornet, Y Mchunu, MB Roberts, MJ Roberts, S Nyathi, O Haasbroek, M Gibson, N Dumakude, L Matshoge, R Tocknell, K Lamb, E Govender, J Samuel, M Mkhize, B Hosking, J Foster, A Ngcobo, M Rubuluza, Sive Sithembu, W Beauclerk, S Bridglall, M Maphisa, P Mchunu, M Nkwanyana, D Ferguson, I Kemka, I Masinga, S Norton







Prefects

Back row: P Kubheka, C Ferraz, N Holmes, A Botha, J Jansen, M Moosa, A Mahomed, J Mumford

Third row: R Jacobz, J Koningkramer, J Kloppers, J Marcus, C Mason, O Da Costa, M Knoetze, R Bernstein

Second row: N Narain, K Jele, J Werth, N Jackson, J Knoetze, L Myeza, E Maynard, R Maartens

Front row: Mr J Tyler, J Slevin (deputy head prefect), Mr O Kajee, C Robinson (head prefect), Dr C Luman, I Jikijo (deputy head prefect), Mr A Sparrow

From daily updates to dealing with the Third Form, morning prayers to manic Saturdays, compulsory attendance to collegiality within the prefect study, from servant leadership to Goldstone's superstars, Form Focus to final assemblies, staying strong until the end and the passing of the drum, that is the life of a prefect.

With our prefect goal of respect as the foundation of brotherhood, we began 2024 with ambition and purpose. The flooding at Tala Game Reserve forced us to think on our feet and complete the Borver Week adventure as we welcomed our Second Formers. We put our goals into practice and began to enjoy the experience of guiding potential.

The winter season brought Saturday afternoons on Basher Ridge, with the stands filled for most home games. Reunion Day approached, greeted by arguably one of the finest blazer displays and a superb performance from our 1st XV. As exams drew closer, sporting commitments persisted, and prefect duties multiplied. Yet, we stood firm, balancing our commitments with long nights and early-morning gym and study sessions. A magical James Bond-themed Leavers' evening reminded us that, while we are firm and fair, we also know how to have fun.

Term three dawned, and with it came the realisation of 'lasts'—the last exchange, the last time on Goldstone's or Pape's Astro. As the sporting season concluded, it was time to focus on academics, with trial examinations looming large. Multi-talented and versatile, our prefects excelled, with many earning places in the Top 10.

Reflecting on the year, I wish to thank each of the prefects for their dedication and commitment to the prefect body. Although we may not have achieved all our goals or excelled in every portfolio, our collaborative effort as a body was significant. I have seen them grow as individuals. We had good days, tough conversations and challenging days, but through it all, we were there for each other.

To summarise our year, I turn to the ocean as a metaphor. Our journey had its crashing waves, which we had to learn to ride. It also had tranquil moments, like walking in soft sand left behind by the ebbing tide. The prefect privileges and recognition we enjoyed were like the elegant aroma

of the sea, a scent we will cherish for the rest of our lives, steeped in the history books of the red, black and white.

Sincere appreciation must go to those who played a pivotal role throughout the year: Dr Luman, for his support and guidance, which have been invaluable; Mr Marwick, for always being readily available to assist with any school-related queries—a walking College encyclopaedia, I might add; Mr Sparrow, for his words of advice and sound judgment, which provided fresh perspectives and viewpoints in the prefect study; Mr Sutherland, for his wisdom and insight, which always gave us much to ponder. His time and dedication to the prefects have been deeply appreciated; and last but certainly not least, our immediate 'boss', Mr Tyler. We thank him for allowing us the freedom to exercise discretion on many occasions. His assistance with all our activities is sincerely acknowledged

Mr O Kajee



Senior prefects 2025

From left: E Bester, C Cherayi, A Hadebe and J Steyn,



REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS



Representative Council of Learners

Back row: M Canham, M Myaka, S Wiggill, J Baptista, F Kunene, J Steyn

Fourth row: R Heslop, M Barnardo, A Haasbroek, L Khumalo, B Pepu, D Nadasan, K Moodley

Third row: T Addison, A Barnes, V Kasambala, A Madlala, M Makhado, H Mdabe

Second row: A Lembethe, S Wessels, T Lekhobo, A Anthony, A Ngcobo, N Luvuno, A Mncwango

Front row: M Knoetze, Mr L Shongwe, R Jacobsz, N Narain, Mr A Sparrow, S Kapotwe

Absent: D Swanepoel, P Wilson, N Folscher, B Briggs, S Bernstein, J Worthman, F Starling, R Madhan, S Khumalo, B Bryant, C Khumalo, A Mhlanzi, L Bhengu, S Danisa, H McIntyre, J Samuel, D Mabutho, J Galtrey, M van Heerden, M Khumalo, T Motaung, S Zungu, M Gibson

The 2024 year has been both a challenging and rewarding one for our RCL body. Throughout the year, their leadership in guiding their peers has been remarkable. The RCL members have not only taken the initiative to implement meaningful change within the school but have also consistently advocated for what their fellow students need. Their proactive approach in addressing various concerns and suggesting improvements has shown great foresight and responsibility. The ideas and proposals they have put forward have been met with enthusiasm by the school's management, reflecting the trust and respect they have earned within the school community.

The impact of the RCL body is undeniable, as they continue to be a vital structure that helps to keep the school running smoothly. Their ability to work collaboratively both with students and staff has proven that they are capable and dedicated leaders. The RCL body plays an essential role in shaping the direction of the school, and their commitment to leading with dignity and integrity is commendable. As they move forward, their example of leadership will continue to inspire others, and we can be confident that they will remain a strong and influential force in the school community.

Mr L Shongwe



Passing the drum: A Hadebe and C Robinson



Shouting captains 2025: N Koller, S Mazibuko and M Qasha



SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

This year built upon the transitions and initiatives from 2023, focusing on strengthening the foundation of our Accounting Department and embracing opportunities for growth and development.

Continuing the tradition of fostering student exposure to the world of finance, the top performing Fifth Form Accounting students attended a prestigious South African Reserve Bank Conference held at Maritzburg College earlier this year. The event provided critical insights into financial markets and the evolving regulatory framework. Special thanks to Mr Pillay and the SARB for organising another enriching and well-executed event.

While challenges persist due to the shift in subject lines observed last year, this year saw incremental improvement in addressing these gaps, especially in the lower grades. Collaborative efforts among the staff, paired with innovative teaching methodologies, have begun to reflect positively on student engagement and understanding.

This year marked my second year as the subject head of the Accounting Department, and I am very proud of the team's perseverance and adaptability. We implemented strategies targeting weaker areas in the curriculum, and the results are beginning to show promise.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Mr J Wilcock, who has been an invaluable member of our department during 2024. His expertise, enthusiasm and unwavering commitment have greatly contributed to the department's progress this year. On behalf of the team, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Wilcock and wish him all the best as he moves into the Business Studies Department.

As 2024 draws to a close, our focus shifts towards fostering a culture of resilience, creativity and excellence. We are optimistic that the upcoming year will bring further growth and stronger results, especially as we refine our approaches to address the ongoing trends in accounting education.

The department is extremely proud to announce the remarkable achievement of the Accounting Class of 2024. This cohort has demonstrated exceptional dedication, hard work and commitment throughout their academic journey, culminating in an outstanding 100% pass rate in the National Senior Certificate examination. Furthermore, we are thrilled to report that 13 students from this class achieved an A grade, displaying their exceptional understanding of accounting principles and their ability to apply this knowledge in various assessments.

In closing, I would like to thank each member of the department for their hard work and dedication. Together, we are laying a robust foundation for continued success in 2025 and beyond.

Ms L Campher

Afrikaans

The year 2024 was challenging for the Afrikaans Department as many teachers faced personal trials and health constraints. Despite these challenges, the department remained a close-knit team, offering unwavering support to one another with care and compassion.

At the end of term 1, Mrs Brunzlaff stepped down as the Afrikaans FET Subject Head. I was privileged to resume this position, supported by the experienced Mrs Landsberg, who extended her tenure for another year. Mrs Landsberg's invaluable guidance, particularly in assisting matric students who sought to improve their Afrikaans results or required additional support, was greatly appreciated.

The capable Ms Cilliers, as the Afrikaans GET Subject Head, significantly lightened my workload by enabling me to focus solely on the senior phase. Her dedication was evident in her efforts to assist junior learners with extra lessons after school. We welcomed back Mrs Mantle, who returned to Maritzburg College after eight years at St Anne's Diocesan School. Her expertise greatly enhanced the Afrikaans Academic Enrichment programme, which catered to Second to Fifth Form pupils requiring additional support in the subject.

This year also saw the arrival of enthusiastic young teachers who brought fresh energy and innovative initiatives to our classrooms. One such teacher, Mr Sean Eva, made remarkable contributions to promoting Afrikaans culture. In September, he directed his first Afrikaans play, *Die Drie Varkies*, and enrolled eight junior pupils in the ATKV Digi-Gedigte competition in the Afrikaans First Additional Language category for Grade 8 and 9 learners. We are delighted to report that two pupils, A Madlala and J Badenhorst, achieved A+ grades, five earned A grades, and one received a B+. These achievements reflect the dedication and talent of our pupils and teachers.

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad in May featured 14 participants, with notable performances by J van Huyssteen (82%) and L Dreyer (85%). In September, 18 learners participated in the Junior Afrikaans Olympiad. Special congratulations go to J Badenhorst (Second Form), who achieved 80%, and D Dry (Third Form), who earned an impressive 84%, securing first place in KwaZulu-Natal and receiving a R1,000 cash prize for his exceptional performance. These Olympiads remain annual highlights for the department, and we commend all participants for their commitment and success.

In August, Maritzburg College hosted the External Oral Moderation for Afrikaans. One matric learner from each class was selected to represent the school. Our representatives, including J van Huyssteen, A Bagirathi, M Gibson, C Sellick, L Matshoge, and J Murekezi, were exemplary in their conduct and presentations. Van Huyssteen's speech was particularly commended by the external moderators, who described it as the best Afrikaans presentation they had encountered in their careers. We are immensely proud of these Sixth Formers for their dedication and achievement.

The Afrikaans Department celebrates the achievements of the Class of 2024 in the NSC final examinations. This group exceeded our expectations, delivering exceptional results that reflected their hard work and dedication. We were particularly proud to see significant improvements across the board, with many learners achieving far better outcomes than in their trial examinations. Special recognition goes to the 19 students who attained A and A+ symbols, a remarkable achievement. The top three performers in Afrikaans were J van Huyssteen (93%), J Werth (91%), and R Jacobsz (90%). Furthermore, we were thrilled to have four students ranked in the district's top 20: J van Huyssteen - 1st, J Werth - 5th, R Jacobsz - 8th and J Kloppers - 19th. Their dedication and hard work reflect the high standards we uphold, and we celebrate their success with great pride.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Ms Cilliers, for her unwavering support and enthusiasm. I am also deeply thankful to my colleagues in the Afrikaans Department for their loyalty, dedication, and enthusiasm. Their willingness to go the extra mile has been instrumental in ensuring the success of our students and the department.

Mrs C de Wet

Agricultural Sciences

The Agricultural Sciences classroom is never dull place to spend time. From plants growing on the window ledges to chickens being brooded and reared in the classroom, there is always some aspect of the farm finding its way into the classroom.

2024 saw us welcome our first Agricultural Sciences student teacher, Mrs van Heerden, who chose College to do her teaching practice, and we are thrilled for that. We are fortunate to have Mrs van Heerden join our team as a permanent staff member from the start of 2025. Mrs van Heerden is a proud product of UKZN and after graduating with a BSc Agric, she worked in pig production for many years. We welcome her to the team and wish her many happy years with us here at College.

Our 2024 numbers increased and we have had to introduce a second Fourth Form class in 2025. The classes will run on the same line, making it possible for the classes to combine whenever either teacher is away. We are hopeful to see this continue in the coming years.

Our boys continue to give of their best in the subject, producing work that shows an enthusiasm and commitment to Agriculture. We congratulate



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B Zuma on winning the subject prize for Agricultural Sciences in Sixth Form and for the excellent result he achieved in his final NSC exams. The Fifth Form prize was shared by J Odell and A Taylor, and J Gotte took the Fourth Form prize. Congratulations gentlemen, keep up the good work.

We eagerly look forward to seeing what 2025 has in store for us as a subject and we hope to continue creating dedicated young agriculturalists.

Mr J Tyler

Business Studies

The 2024 academic year was yet another successful and memorable one for the Business Studies Department. We witnessed the growth and success of one of our proudest initiatives – the Street Store Initiative. It grew even bigger and better, with sponsorships from staff, pupils and corporate partners. This year, the initiative provided not only clothing but also groceries to the underprivileged in the Jika-Joe informal settlement. The Sixth Formers transformed their random bags of donations into beautifully and creatively set-up stores. Their warmth and welcoming attitudes created a memorable shopping experience for their 'customers'. This initiative continues to be a powerful learning opportunity and a way for our boys to make a positive impact in the community.

This year saw the return of Mr B Madiya, author of Flora Study Guides, who visited our school to guide the boys with invaluable insights and techniques to prepare for the final exams. His expertise added immense value to the boys' preparation, giving them the confidence to excel.

We are also thrilled to welcome back Mr Wilcock to the Business Studies Department. Though he briefly explored other roles, he is not a new face and has been instrumental in the subject's success in the past. His return is sure to strengthen our team and further inspire our students.

The dedication of our teachers deserves special recognition. The Fourth Formers were introduced to the basics of business and entrepreneurship, and the Fifth Formers displayed remarkable progress in their understanding of business principles. Throughout the year, the teachers ensured that lessons were engaging, informative, and tailored to the needs of our students. Special thanks to the Business Studies team for their enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication which are the backbone of the department's continued success.

As the year drew to a close, the department also celebrated the appointment of Mrs W Khan as the Subject Head of Business Studies for 2025. Mrs Khan brings a wealth of experience, having previously served as Subject Head and with over 13 years of teaching expertise. She is known for her innovative approach to teaching, her unwavering commitment to achieving excellence, and her ability to foster both academic and personal growth in her students. Her vision for the department is sure to elevate its success further, and we warmly welcome her leadership.

The class of 2024 excelled in the NSC examinations producing a 98% pass rate as well as 10 subject distinctions. Their dedication and hard work deserve high praise, and their achievements stand as a testament to their perseverance and the support of their educators.

Mr O Kajee

Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

Computer Applications Technology (CAT) has invaded almost every sphere of our lives, and it is, therefore, inevitable that it would feature as a major component of education. CAT continues to grow as a subject, with some pupils taking an interest in learning the fundamentals required to equip them with the new technological skills that are needed in today's world. Judging by the number of students who are choosing CAT, one can deduce that it has become a popular subject choice at College.

Computer Applications Technology is the study of the integrated components of a computer system (hardware and software) and the practical techniques for their efficient use and application to solve everyday problems. The solutions to problems are designed, managed and processed via end-user applications and communicated using appropriate information

and communication technologies (ICTs). ICTs are the combination of networks, hardware and software as well as the means of communication, collaboration and engagement that enable the processing, management and exchange of data, information and knowledge.

CAT is considered a 3-year curriculum, and unlike some other learning areas, each year builds on the previous one, and the skills required are cumulative. There are pupils who change to CAT at the end of Fourth Form, and they do find it difficult. It is therefore imperative that they choose their subjects carefully at the beginning of Fourth Form. It is also important that learners have a computer on which to work at home to complete any practical tasks and to re-enforce skills learned during class. Various resources and materials are readily available for the boys on Teams and Moodle.

Our 2024 matric results boasted a 100% pass rate with three students obtaining an A symbol. The many hours of studying resulted in pleasing results.

Special thanks to Mr Jeewan who teachers CAT (Fourth to Sixth Form), Mr Eva who teachers Digital Technology (Third Form) and Mr Whatmore who teachers Digital Technology in Second Form, for their sterling work in keeping the department running efficiently.

On the staffing front, we look forward to welcoming Mr Soorju and Ms Mudely who will be teaching CAT (Fourth and Fifth Form) while I am on sick leave. I would also like to place on record our thanks and appreciation to Mrs J Finnie, and Messrs J Maistry, V Rajpaul, T Tshabalala and L Kistasamy for their assistance in ensuring that our department runs efficiently. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year in 2025..

Ms K Moula

Dramatic Arts

"Theatre is a mirror, a sword, a fire; it reveals, it challenges, it uplifts." – Edward Albee

This sentiment perfectly encapsulates the spirit of the Dramatic Arts Department as we reflect on an inspiring year in 2024, marked by collaboration, resilience and creativity.

The beginning of 2024 saw our Drama pupils diving back into the vibrant world of performance. The Second Form classes eagerly engaged in ensemble work, exploring the intricate dynamics of teamwork through the classic dramatic forms of verbal dynamics, choral poetry and storytelling. This experience fostered their performance skills and their ability to listen, share points of view, negotiate and communicate effectively. The Third Form classes explored Feasts and Festivals and enjoyed the challenge of performing Shakespearean monologues as well as creating radio commercials. These activities allowed the boys to further develop their group work skills.

The status of Dramatic Arts as an eighth subject continues to gain momentum, with the 2024 intake showing remarkable enthusiasm and dedication. Our pupils are embracing the rigorous syllabus demands, and their hard work is reflected in their outstanding results. We are excited about the potential of this dedicated cohort.

The National Senior Certificate (NSC) Performance and Theory exams again demanded a high level of creativity and critical thinking from our boys this year. They presented thought-provoking theme-programmes in which they explored mature content with intelligence and sensitivity. The boys were encouraged to push their creative and artistic abilities to new heights, and as a result further enhanced and developed their soft skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours. The Dramatic Arts Department is extremely proud of the NSC results produced by the Sixth Form class of 2024. The class achieved 9 distinctions (53% of the class) and attained an average of 78.2%. A Matshoboza topped the class with an overall result of 92%.

We also had the invaluable opportunity to attend live performances of the prescribed networks for Fifth and Sixth Form. Our Sixth Formers were inspired by the performances that sparked innovative ideas for their own work. We believe that having done so, the boys were better equipped to manage the final theory examination with confidence.



This year, many of our students participated in both major school productions, namely *The Comedy of Errors* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. Boys who were not in the cast had the opportunity to be part of the production crew. Special mention must be made of L Ndaba who performed lead roles in both productions.

The Dramatic Arts Department remains committed to nurturing creativity and collaboration. With every performance, we strive to challenge ourselves, uplift our peers and inspire our audiences. As Edward Albee reminds us, the theatre's power lies in its ability to reflect and transform, and we are eager to continue this journey together

Mrs K Thaver

Economics

The year 2024 was just as successful as previous years for the Economics Department. The year has seen the subject grow. With the departure of the experienced of Mr Zuma in January 2024, we welcomed Mrs M Pillay, an experienced teacher to our Economics team. Central to the success of the department was the commitment and collegiality of the staff, namely Mr N Pillay, Mrs N Singh and Mrs M Pillay. Special thanks to Mr S Mazibuko who substituted for Mr Zuma in the first term.

Academically, our performance was better when compared with 2023. Of the 48 pupils who wrote the NSC examination, 15 boys achieved A symbols, and 12 boys achieved B symbols. This translates to more than 50% of the learners achieving above 70%. Overall, the results were commendable when compared to the other subjects. The average mark was 71% which was very encouraging and compared favourably with our performances over the years. Six pupils attained more than 90%, with J Werth achieving 98%. These results placed Maritzburg College among the best performing schools in the district and province.

The JSE Schools Challenge is a game in which students from Grades 8 to 12 learn about the stock exchange, the economy and have a 'real world' experience of share trading. The aim of the challenge is to educate, encourage and allow the youth of South Africa to understand the JSE and its role in wealth generation. Each team of four members is given R1 000 000,00 in virtual money to invest on the stock exchange to produce the highest growth.

This year 22,000 students from across the country participated. Over the years College has been very successful in the challenge. Team Alpha Q, comprising of E Hamadziripi, J Maharaj, S Redlinghuys and M Greef won the Equity Portfolio for the month of August. Each member of the team won R500.

College's Sixth Form pupils participated for the second time in the Reserve Bank Challenge. The team had to examine economic data during the year and then present a monetary policy committee report to the Reserve Bank in which they explained the reasons for their decision to increase, decrease or keep the repo rate unchanged. The team presented an excellent report and received positive feedback, but unfortunately did not progress to the finals.

This was the fifth year of the Economics Proverto Olympiad. A Acoonjee (Fifth Form) achieved 100% in the second round. He was placed third nationally over the two rounds because of a tie among a few learners. He received a special certificate and cash voucher for R500. C Mundell (Fifth Form) also produced commendable results, achieving 77% in Accounting and 97% Economics.

The Fifth Form Economics Tour in 2024 to Johannesburg/Pretoria was a resounding success. Twenty young men made the trip and gained valuable exposure to the world of business and received practical advice from prominent business leaders about career opportunities.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Economics team for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to the teaching of Economic

Mr N Pillay

Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

Engineering Graphics and Design is a graphical language used to convey ideas, thoughts and design. The emphasis in this subject is to teach pupils to draw within the context of Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. The curriculum ensures that they are exposed to the fundamentals of drawing and, in recent times, they are introduced to CAD (computer-aided design) drawing which is not, at this stage, part of the examinable content taught.

While the subject content is quite difficult, we are fortunate to have the calibre of boys who thrive on a challenge. College is recognised as a school that is a big contributor to the success of the subject in the Department of Education and in the NSC examinations. Our results have always been amongst the best in the country. 25% of our learners achieved a distinction pass in EGD in the NSC examinations.

The success we achieve in preparing our boys for the career of their choice in the various fields of Engineering and related fields is testament to the quality of teaching in the classroom. Our teachers are constantly challenging themselves to ensure that they are at the peak of the delivery in the classroom. Our team comprises Mr Lucky Tshabalala, Mr Sheldon Bosch, Mr Liam Smorftt and myself.

This year we welcomed Mr Jaco Taljaard to our team. He has proven to be very knowledgeable in the subject content and he will add value to our team which will be of great benefit to our boys. He brings a fresh new perspective coupled with some newer teaching methodology.

Part of the learning experience we offer is to make the content we teach relative to real life situations. Actual drawing problems are presented in class with the boys providing a variety of sound solutions.

Our boys are exposed to engineering developments throughout the world which are incorporated into their classwork. Current events and newer trends related to the subject are included in the daily teaching of the subject. Research in technology and engineering always brings a new dimension to the content taught. Hence, we are always introducing different and newer perspectives. These new challenges make for some vibrant class discussions.

Boys who show a flair for drawing and are excelling in EGD are offered the opportunity to work with a CAD package. This sparks a fair amount of interest in the boys. These boys provide their own devices, and they complete selected drawings on CAD.

3D printing is an ongoing component of EGD. Boys design and print their own creations with assistance from their teachers.

Renewable and sustainable energy topics are a major part of the content. Our practical tasks include this as a major component of the design process. We encourage our pupils to be aware of the impact of negative issues that affect our environment.

My sincere appreciation and gratitude to my staff and the boys who work so hard to keep the name of our school and the subject at the forefront in the DoE. It is indeed a privilege to work with such a committed team.

Mr G Govindasamy

English

The English Department has had a productive year which kicked off with the Sixth Formers watching an exciting production of 'Othello' produced by ThinkTheatre at Hilton College.

Maritzburg College has a long-standing and productive involvement with the De Beers English Olympiad. Surpassing the number of entrants in 2023, this year there were 29 participants. We are pleased to report that 11 boys received merit certificates, a further 13 bronze certificates and three silver certificates. We are proud to announce that A Matshoboza was awarded a gold certificate.

Maritzburg College in association with the English Academy of Southern Africa held the sixth MCEASA Conference for English Language Teachers in October 2024. The conference focused on the role of English Language Teaching in promoting literacy in the English classroom. The theme for this

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year's conference was 'Literate learners have no limits.' We had a range of speakers on the day and our Headmaster, Dr Luman offered a keynote presentation. We also had a presentation by the remedial teacher, Mrs Lara Wells. We hosted approximately 200 attendees from across the country and representatives from the Department of Education (Mrs Fortunate Dlamini – Circuit Manager), Mr Bulara Monyaki, Mr Mpumelelo Thobela and Ms Nonhlanhla Mzila, SACE and various other stakeholders. Professor Mbongeni Malaba (former President of EASA) has been pivotal in spearheading this initiative and we acknowledge his valuable support, along with Professor Rosemary Gray and other members of the Academy.

The English Department has had a few changes in staffing. We welcomed Mrs Reshmika Budhoo as Subject Head of English, Mr Simeon Goddard, Mrs Lara Wells and Mr Daiyyan Thaver this year – all of whom have adjusted well. Sadly, we wish Ms Gumede a fond farewell at the end of 2024. Ms Gumede has been an integral part of our team, and we wish her well as she takes up a position teaching English at TWC.

The Class of 2024 excelled in English Home Language in the NSC examinations. We achieved nine distinctions. The average mark for English HL was 65%. Our quality of results continues to be the pride of our department and the district. This cannot be achieved without a dynamic, engaged and motivated team of teachers who start prepping our boys for this significant year in their school careers, from Second Form. We take this opportunity to wish the Class of 2024 the very best as they continue with their endeavours post-school. They have shown tremendous commitment and dedication during the academic year and we are confident that the skills learnt in our subject will hold them in good stead for the years to come.

On this note, we look forward to a year of growth and determination in 2025.

Mrs R Budhoo

Geography

The Geography Department at Maritzburg College has had a whirlwind year and thankfully the foundations of department have withstood the gusting winds of change.

Unfortunately, the first term of the year saw the stalwart storyteller of Geography – Mr N Sutherland – unexpectedly hospitalised and unavailable to teach in the classroom. Thankfully, he was willing to assist with moderation of assessments from the comfort of his home and to advise about geographical matters when guidance was needed.

Another blow to the department occurred at the end of term one when Mr G Dorling retired to enjoy a well-earned rest travelling between the rolling hills of KwaZulu-Natal and the majestic fold mountains of the Western Cape.

Fortunately, the second term saw the return of Mr Sutherland, and Mr D Joshua, who had been the Geography locum from the start of the year in Mr Sutherland's absence, officially joined the ranks of the Geography Department.

Once again, the dedicated teachers of this dynamic subject, Mr K Emerson, Mr R Kyle, Mr S Siwila, Mrs M Kritzing, Mrs C Sanders, Mrs C Singh and Mrs J Stoute continued teaching with commitment and enthusiasm, working in collaboration with the seasoned Mr Sutherland and the energetic Mr Joshua, to provide informative and critical-thinking content for all geography classes.

To further extend the College Geography boys, the 2024 South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO) was opened to all Geography pupils who wished to voluntarily take part. The Olympiad was once again undertaken online, and this year six determined geography pupils took part. Special mention must be made of A Mkhize (Fifth Form) who received a Bronze Certificate for being ranked in the top 15% of the candidates who took part.

As the dust from the teaching timetable settled and the examination sessions were in full swing, the opportunity to review the past two years was provided at strategic planning meeting held in November. From this meeting it was evident that each Geography teacher in the team was

providing quality teaching, assessments and marking for their respective classes. It was also noted that as the diverse group of teachers have settled into their respective roles within the department, additional development and preparation will commence in the new year to further enhance this extensive subject.

Regarding the NSC Final Examination results for Geography in 2024, the general improvement seen in the previous year has thankfully been maintained. It is also pleasing to note that those pupils who had been achieving high results in the subject throughout the year, coupled with the boys' self-disciplined and coachable work ethic, did well despite the rigid marking of the NSC final examinations.

I would like to thank the entire Geography Department once again for the roles they have played in the 2024 results. Each Geography student has been fortunate to be taught by knowledgeable and dedicated teachers.

Mrs K Bartholomew

History

The History Department was saddened to say goodbye to Mr Christopher Nevay at the end of 2023. Ms Maryke Bailey stepped in as Subject Head, and she has thoroughly enjoyed her first year in this position. We look forward to welcoming Mr Simeon Goddard in 2025 who, in addition to his English classes, will take three junior classes.

The relevance of History was particularly evident this year if we consider both local and international political events. The Sixth Form History curriculum focuses on the latter half of the twentieth century. The international history component examines the Cold War and its effects on Europe, Asia and Africa and aids in bringing depth to any analysis of current affairs and the rise of tensions internationally this year. The South African section considers South Africa from 1967 to 1998. It was exciting to study South Africa's transition to democracy between 1967 and 1994 while our national elections were taking place, and to trace the development, continuities and radical changes in our political landscape in the last thirty years.

The group of 40 Sixth Form History students worked very hard throughout the year and their results testify to the success of their efforts. 41% of the boys attained 70% or higher in their final examinations, with seven boys achieving distinctions. We are very proud of all the boys.

We were fortunate to be able to take two of our Forms on History outings this year. Our Fifth Formers considered the role of eugenics and social engineering in early twentieth century Europe, and we looked at Nazi Germany as a case study. In the third term they were able to enrich their knowledge of this era by visiting the Durban Holocaust and Genocide Museum. The displays and presentations were thought-provoking, and a highlight was most certainly the scale replica of one of the rooms of the Annexe in which Anne Frank lived in hiding during the Second World War.

The second organised outing under the guidance of Messrs Marwick and Orchard reintroduced the Second Form walking tour of Pietermaritzburg in the third term. The boys visited a variety of sights including the Old Prison, Garden of Remembrance and Cenotaph. This was exceptionally well-received by many boys and we thank the parents and guardians for their positive and supportive feedback of this initiative.

Ms M Bailey

Information Technology (IT)

Information Technology encompasses the study of the interconnected physical and non-physical technologies utilised for data capture, processing data into valuable information, and managing, presenting and disseminating that data. This field focuses on activities aimed at solving problems through logical and computational thinking, incorporating both physical and virtual components for the electronic transmission, access and manipulation of data and information.

In 2024, pupils continued to have access to a shared IT folder on platforms including MS Teams, Google Drive, OneDrive, and Moodle. Resources such as notes, past examination papers and lesson materials were uploaded



to Moodle and Microsoft Teams. Additionally, students had access to educational videos on our Maritzburg College YouTube channel.

We extend special thanks to Ms K Moula, Mr M Jeewan, and Mr M Dibben for their dedication in teaching Computer Application Technology and Computer Literacy to Second Form through to Sixth Form. Furthermore, we appreciate the valuable contributions of Mrs J Finnie, Mr V Rajpaul, Mr L Kistasamy and Mr T Tshabalala for their support in ensuring the efficient operation of our department. We look forward to an exciting and challenging 2025.

Lastly, congratulations to our matriculants on their outstanding results in the National Senior Certificate examinations.

Mr J Maistry

Life Orientation

It was another busy year in the Life Orientation Department. With a clear vision of what we hoped to achieve in 2024, and a clear path laid out by the Department of Education, we set off on another challenging but rewarding year. We welcomed back our regular, experienced core staff but this year also saw the addition of some new members, who played leading roles in ensuring the many requirements of each Form were successfully met. 2024 also saw the introduction of netbooks as a learning tool for the Second Form group. Under the guidance of Mr Bremner, this Form's co-ordinator, and Mr Smorffitt, the school's educational technologist, the department experimented with the many available technological resources. Various, important lessons were learnt during the year and LO will be implementing these well-tested strategies.

Early in the year members of the LO Department attended the first Just in Time workshop presented by the Department of Education. In this workshop, guidelines were given as to how the LO curriculum needs to be implemented and the challenges that may arise as we progress through the year. A specific focus was placed on the Fourth to Sixth Form courses and the importance of formalising assessment and moderation procedures was emphasised. As College boys are involved in such a wide variety of activities at such competitive levels, the team had to work closely to ensure each boy receives the best possible learning experience, whether it be during normal lessons or when accessing an on-line learning activity when on a tour bus, international flight or being unable to attend school for any other reason.

Overall, the LO Department, as any other academic department, cannot function without the ardent contributions of its teachers. The biggest thank you must go to all the teachers who give of their energy and insights to make the programme come to life for our boys. Not only are LO teachers professionals who teach content, they are willing to go off script at any time to provide opportunities for learners to explore sometimes very sensitive, but always relevant issues. The programme does not just deliver content, it also engages pupils on matters that are relevant and of genuine importance to their young lives.

In 2025 we also look forward to further collaboration with the Media Centre in terms of developing academic research skills as well as with Mr Rob Gutteridge who manages issues around plagiarism at College. We also thank Mrs Liesel dos Santos, the school's career counsellor for her talks on study and career options which play a vital role in guiding learners toward their chosen career path.

Finally, a word of congratulations to the matric group of 2024 who achieved a 100% pass rate and an overall aggregate of 70% for the year. Our best wishes accompany these young men as they take their first steps in the world that awaits them. We hope that the values and lessons learnt in their five years of LO at College will assist in their future endeavours

Mr F Maritz

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences Department had a vibrant and successful year in 2024, packed with learning, discovery and growth. This year, our enthusiastic group of students explored the wonders of life through classroom lessons and engaging practical sessions. Life Sciences is a challenging subject,

filled with content that requires time and dedication to achieve well. Our students rose to the occasion, working hard to achieve commendable results. By finishing the syllabus early across all Forms, we dedicated ample time for revision, helping students prepare confidently for their exams.

Fourth Form introduces students to essential topics in Life Science, such as cellular biology, anatomy both of plants and animals, ecology, biodiversity and the history of life on Earth. This broad array of topics sets a strong foundation for further study in Fifth and Sixth Form. Notable achievers in Fourth Form included C Wilson with 91%, K Moodley who achieved 88% and M Msimango with 87%.

Moving from Fourth to Fifth Form, the subject deepens in complexity. Students explore varied areas such as biodiversity in micro-organisms, plants and animals, as well as population ecology and human environmental impact. These challenging areas prepare students for the rigorous content they will encounter in their final year. Top performers in Fifth Form included S Naidoo who achieved an impressive 92%, A Akoonjee with 89% and D Naidoo with 88%.

In Sixth Form, students delve into more specialised topics, focusing on DNA and genetics, plant and human responses to the environment, and evolution. We are extremely proud of the 2024 matric class, who achieved a 100% pass rate in the subject with 10% of the Form achieving A symbols. Special mention must be made of S Majozi and J Kloppers who each achieved an outstanding 90% and J van Huyssteen with 89%.

Our success in the department is rooted in a collaborative and supportive environment. Thanks to the commitment of our dedicated teaching and support team, Mrs Finnie, Mr Paterson, Mr Stopford, Mr Greying, Mrs Kyle and Ms Green, who continually inspire and engage our students through their innovative teaching methods. The continuity of our team into the next year promises even greater benefits for our students.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are excited for the challenges and achievements to come. A heartfelt thank you, both to our students and staff, for their hard work and dedication this year. Here is to another year of curiosity, discovery and success.

Mr M Warr

Mathematics

The worldwide decline in mathematic literacy and academic achievement both in Mathematics and literacy among children of school going age is an urgent issue. This trend can be attributed to several factors, including outdated teaching techniques, a shortage of educational resources, and socio-economic barriers that limit access to quality learning. Additionally, insufficient focus on foundational mathematic skills and a lack of personalised instruction that adapts to individual learning needs further compound this problem. Since mathematic literacy is essential for success in today's fast-changing world, it is crucial that teachers and parents work together to implement strategies that strengthen learners' grasp of math concepts and improve their overall literacy.

At Maritzburg College, we are deeply aware of these challenges and have taken proactive steps, in collaboration with other leading KwaZulu-Natal schools, to address the educational gaps that arose during the Covid-19 period. This year, College invested heavily in Reflective Learning, a programme specifically designed for Second and Third Form boys. Reflective Learning involves a series of short assessments and engaging activities in both English and Mathematics, helping boys to identify and address gaps in foundational skills. We are confident that, with the boys' full participation, this initiative will lead to improved performance across subjects. We are also grateful for the support of an external sponsor who has pledged funding to continue this programme next year, giving boys an extended opportunity to benefit from it.

To support ongoing learning, we implemented shorter, more frequent tests and tutorials across all grade levels this year. This approach has resulted in a noticeable shift towards consistent study habits, and we have seen encouraging results as boys respond with increased effort and dedication. Well done to the young men for their commitment.

In the FET phase, our top-performing students continue to compete for the highest results. To assist in their exam preparation, we provided



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online revision videos, which were widely utilised and made a significant impact on their learning. Maritzburg College is committed to a balanced, hybrid education model that integrates academics and sport to develop well-rounded students. As a result, these videos have allowed boys to participate in sport and watch the videos in their scheduled study time.

When comparing Sixth Form National Senior Certificate results from 2023 to 2024, we are pleased to report that our matric pass rate went from 96% to 97,6%. Seventeen boys achieved A symbols and 37 achieved a B.

As part of our partnership with Epoch Optima, we are fortunate to have four interns in the Mathematics Department who provide valuable teaching support. The department emphasises mentorship as a critical component in the professional growth of teachers. It is College's contribution to teach the new generation of teachers in their pursuit of excellence.

In closing, we encourage all boys to continue pursuing excellence in Mathematics, recognising that proficiency in this subject opens doors to a wide range of career possibilities. With dedication, collaboration and persistence, we believe our students can reach their full potential and succeed in the evolving educational landscape.

Mrs L Boucher-Pieterse

Mathematics Literacy

The current year has shown steady performance, marked by the successful achievement of various goals and positive overall results.

The team comprising Mr Ntenezi, Mr Sherriff and Mr Zuma has effectively engaged students in the Mathematical Literacy curriculum, resulting in notable academic achievements among the students they have supported. Throughout the year, our team received valuable assistance from Mr Whatmore, Mr Maharaj and Mr Sparrow. After being ill during 2023, Mr Zuma returned to continue his sterling work with his pupils in Forms Four to Six.

A group of 81 students participated in the 2024 National Senior Certificate Examination, with 12 achieving A symbols and 18 achieving B symbols. The percentage of students who successfully passed Mathematical Literacy was 96%. The school can be proud of these outstanding results. There is hope and confidence regarding the expected performance of the matriculants in 2025.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are confident that things will proceed as planned. With the increasing number of students enrolling in the course, we are proactively preparing to ensure that all students can use Microsoft Teams and have easy access to necessary resources. Additionally, we will begin providing academic support to those who continue to face challenges with the material. Even though we have achieved many of the goals that we had set for this year, there are some which we need to prioritise for the new year.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers, including our Head of Department, Mr J Maistry and Deputy Headmaster: Academics, Mrs J Finnie, for their invaluable support during this academic year.

Mr M Jeewan

Music

The year 2024 was a good one for the Music Department, with a strong Sixth Form group. There were some excellent performances given by the matrices, with several boys receiving well-deserved distinctions. It has been a pleasure to watch the boys grow over the years that they have been at Maritzburg College.

There were some changes to the music staff this year. Mr Patrick Harty left the staff in April. During his time at College, he left an indelible impression on the boys and staff alike. Mr Kisbey-Green also left in term 2 for the Western

Cape, and we wish him success in his endeavours. Mr Jacques Linde is the new choir master and has already been working hard with the boys in preparation for a full 2025. Ms Maxine Matthews joins us as the new woodwind teacher, and we look forward to what she can give to the boys.

It was a relatively quiet year in terms of external exams, primarily because of the new additions to the teaching staff. We are happy to share the following results:

Trinity College of Music: Piano

S Bridglall and E Stafford	Distinction for Advanced certificate duet
C Gould and C Zondi	Distinction for Foundation certificate duet
E Vengai	Distinction for Trinity College Grade 1
S Bandu	Distinction for Trinity College Grade 2

Rockschool Drums:

S Govender	Merit for Grade 8
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We look forward to a year of further growth for the Maritzburg College Music Department in 2025 with a good number of boys taking subject music.

Mr D Solomon

Physical Science

The year 2024 has been an eventful one for the Physical Science Department. The department proudly celebrates the success of 104 boys who undertook the challenge of two difficult Physical Sciences papers in the 2024 National Senior Certificate Examinations. The boys achieved 11 As and 19 Bs. These achievements reflect the hard work and commitment of the pupils and their teachers.

Sincere thanks go to Mrs M Kyle for her tireless efforts in maintaining order and safety in the science laboratories. Her dedication has been invaluable both to pupils and staff. A highlight of her work this year was facilitating the donation of much-needed surplus equipment to schools in the district.

We bid farewell to Mr L Shongwe, who will be joining The Wykeham Collegiate in 2025. Mr Shongwe began his journey at Maritzburg College as a student teacher in 2019. Such was the impression he made that this led to a locum position later that year, which became permanent in 2020. Over the past five years, he has grown alongside the school community, refining his teaching skills and inspiring pupils both in Physical Science and Natural Science. The department is deeply grateful for his contributions and wishes him every success in the future.

Mrs K Storm

Visual Art

Visual Art is increasingly being recognised by parents as a subject that will round out their son's character and give him a unique and valuable set of tools for the future as a creative thinker, innovator, entrepreneur and leader. This is specifically because art teaches boys the courage to be vulnerable. Nowhere was this more evident this year than at the Matric Exhibition where a number of artists boldly explored new media – painting on unusual objects, painting with unconventional substances like sunblock, combining collage, print and paint, using digital art and creating large installations. Some explored deeply personal themes relating to family and relationships. All made art that resonated with sincerity and bravery.

Second Formers were taught foundational drawing skills, then challenged to create sculptures out of soap. The Third Form began with exploring colour through watercolour painting and then went on to woodcuts which introduced them to the possibilities of printing.

Fourth Formers studied art from pre-historic times up to the Renaissance. We climbed up the Kamberg in the Southern Drakensberg to view one of the most significant Rock Art sites in the world. Self-portraiture using chalk and charcoal was the focus of the first term. Boys explored style by looking at San Rock Art, Egyptian and Greek art, and then translated this into figure



paintings of their own using acrylics. Dry-point intaglio was taught in the last two terms, when boys chose buildings of significance to themselves, and then applied their knowledge of composition to create a powerful message.

Fifth Form art theory looks at European Art from the mid-1700s to the 20th century, and links this to the art of South Africa. A visit to the excellent collection of local and international artists at the Tatham Art Gallery enriched this study. They began the year making landscapes using linocut. This was followed by a study of the power of the pose to express emotion, and a resulting oil painting. By the end of the year, boys were able to choose their own medium and encouraged to disrupt their own practice, interpreting the theme Movement and Mayhem.

We are very proud of our Sixth Form artists, nine of whom achieved an A in the National Senior Certificate exams.

So much exciting work has been produced this year, and we look forward to expanding on this in 2025. We are privileged to have a full complement of four well-qualified art teachers who are also artists in their own right.

Mrs S Osborne

isiZulu

The year 2024 has been a wonderful journey, filled with laughter, learning, growth and adventure. As we close this chapter, we are excited about the possibilities that 2025 will bring. We had our uncertainties as a department,

yet in life every pain gives a lesson, and every lesson changes a person. Out of all the challenges we experienced, the result was strength and growth.

The department staff have been admirable in all that was expected from them. We hope we managed to impart our knowledge to our pupils in the manner that will grow and benefit them. The one notable achievement we gained this year was the growth in pupil numbers in our subject. The Zulu Department is almost half of the school enrolment, and we are very grateful for our noticeable growth.

The increase in our staff complement is also pleasing. We secured the services of Mr Shezi who unfortunately did not stay with us long, as he took a decision to return to his old school. Nonetheless, we thank him for his contribution and the positive outlook he presented to the team. We wish him all the best on his new journey. After the departure of Mr Shezi, we were lucky to sign Mr F Malinga from Gauteng province. As Mr Malinga must serve his two terms notice with his current school, we had to source a locum. Mr X Ngubane, an experienced teacher and someone with great impact in the isiZulu sphere, impacted positively to the growth of isiZulu as he introduced the isiZulu speech contest, which is doing very well and the students are enjoying the project. We wish Mr Ngubane all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for stepping in at a time when we needed someone.

We had a wonderful group of academically solid matrics this year and we expected excellent results. The students did not disappoint us. Out of 91 boys who wrote the exam, 56 achieved high As and 20 attained B symbols. We wish them all the best for the next chapter in their lives.

Mr J Mhlongo

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Careers and Tertiary Studies

"Only those who risk going too far, can possibly find out how far they can go." TS Eliot

The start of a new year is always extremely busy as College is inundated with several tertiary institutions addressing our senior boys on various career and post-matric study options. In addition, a number of returning students in Fourth and Fifth Form sometimes need to rethink their subject packages without jeopardising their long-term career options.

The month of April marked our annual Careers Expo in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall. This bustling and popular event is compulsory for all Third and Fifth Form boys. Students and their parents interacted with over 25 stands representing a wide range of diverse careers. These organisations also set up informative displays where knowledgeable staff were on hand to answer numerous questions. We have found this expo to be particularly helpful with boys' queries regarding prospective career paths as well as opportunities for job-shadowing.

In July, College held the much-anticipated Third Form Subject Information Evening. As always, this is an important event and is compulsory for all Third Form boys and their parents as critical information is shared to aid in the process of choosing elective subjects for the following year. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Finnie and the respective subject heads who presented and participated to ensure that this was a successful and informative evening.

Late September saw our Fifth Form students participate in a compulsory work experience programme through-out all provinces of the country. As always, boys are encouraged to find work for five days within any career field that interests them. There are very few restrictions. For the second year running, we worked in partnership with College Connect and Ms Buchanan-Clarke is thanked for her sterling input and assistance. From feedback received, this was an extremely successful exercise and many of our boys received wonderful reports from the respective corporates that hosted them.

Finally, for the eleventh year running and through our good relationship with UKZN, the University's scholarship committee again approved scholarships to 15 OCs currently studying at UKZN, irrespective of which campus they attend. Each scholarship was to the value of R15 000 and is drawn from the Prof. Hattersley Scholarship fund. These scholarships are for entrant students only in the specific disciplines of Science, Engineering, Commerce and Education.

Mrs L Dos Santos



College Business

The year 2024 must go down as the busiest year to date for the College Business team. The incredible ethos of the team, that strives to make a difference and add value, no matter what the personal cost, has once again come to the fore.

Close on a hundred events were held at the school this year and it goes without saying that this would be impossible without the team pulling together and ensuring their success. Compliments to Ms Rachael Barnard, our Events Co-ordinator, whose planning and attention to detail is outstanding.

The Foundation once again has proved to be critical to the financial stability of Maritzburg College in these turbulent times when support from Government is diminishing. The focus on fundraising and projects financed by the Foundation has been a large part of the College Business focus. The Aquatics Centre was one of these projects and has created a facility of which the school can be proud. While Giving Day was instrumental in raising close on R1.3 million on the day, it encouraged a further R1.2 million in donations from abroad to be invested in the ever-growing Endowment Fund. Mention should be made of our Foundation administrator, Mrs Jenny Baptista, whose focus and energy is an inspiration to the entire team.

The College Shoppe has once again broken records in performance and continues to push the boundaries in quality and service. There is hardly an event at the school that does not have a pop-up shop for customer convenience, ably manned by Mr Anand Moodley and his skilled team. Outstanding work by Anand, Adelaide and Pam.

The MCOBA office is always busy dealing with our alumni. We have had some changes in personnel during the year as we bid farewell to Dr Melba Nzimande and Ms Thandekile Mthlane. We welcomed Ms Jackie Ponsford who has hit the ground running and made an instant impact on the Association.

College Connect has become a major area of focus, concentrating on connecting our Old Boys and community in all areas of life. The focus is on business, recruitment and growth of the data base and this has been under the sharp eye of Ms Sue Buchanan-Clarke. She has made great strides in making College Connect a reality and her tireless efforts are truly appreciated.

The Khanyisa outreach programme has once again been Maritzburg College's shining success for our community service department. Ably lead by Ms Nonkululeko Gumede, both the senior and junior programmes have done well. Ms Gumede will be leaving us to further her experience. We once again thank our generous donors who make these programmes possible. Hulamin have been a long-standing partner in the senior programme, and we look forward to a continued relationship as the new two-year cycle begins in 2025. Our junior programme is financed by the Joan Anderson Trust and Standard Bank. We thank them both for making it possible to add so much value to the lives of these bright young minds. Education makes all things possible.

The Scholarship Mother role has grown under the caring Mrs Lauren Barbour. Mrs Barbour has brought a special level of engagement to the role and has grown the department in all areas. She attended the Penreach Symposium in October, and we are already seeing her organisational skills coming to the fore.

The Goldstones Club has been through a year of change and growth. The new committee has been busy with new strategies and increased community engagement. A strategy session held recently included all role players and the 'blue sky' thinking has brought about some exciting new ideas to be implemented in 2025 and beyond. Thank you to Mr Andre du Toit (chairman) and Mrs Mel Klute (marketing) for their energy and insight.

A special thank you must go to the leaders of the various associations who give tirelessly of their precious time to ensure that Maritzburg College and its community continue to grow from strength to strength: Messrs Steve Colenbrander (Chairman of the School Governing Body and College Foundation), Sven Jager (Chairman: MCOBMT), Ian Murgatroyd (Chairman: Finance Committee), Craig Cook (Chairman: Facilities Development Committee), Andre du Toit (Chairman: Goldstones Club), Craig MacKenzie (Chairman of the Board), Jon Hoatson (President: MCOBA).

Mr K Smith



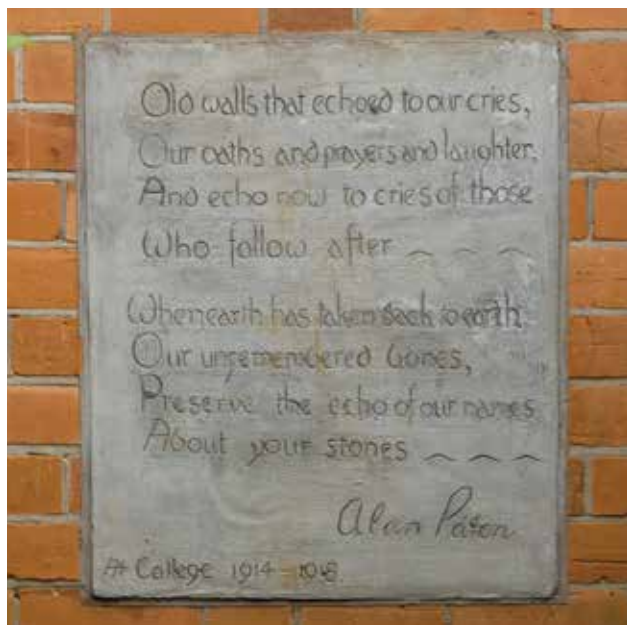
College Museum and Archives

The Maritzburg College museum and archives bid farewell to Mrs Strachan in April 2024 and Mr Gutteridge took over. We continue to provide an important service to the broader school community, including current pupils, parents and the thousands of Old Collegians. We received a number of queries covering a range of issues, such as when past students were at College, copies of old team photos and details from magazines. We had visitors from as far afield as Isle of Man, Charlotte USA, Vancouver Canada, Auckland New Zealand, and as close as Scottsville and our own History Department. Reunion Day saw a lot of traffic, and the Marketing Department often bring visitors through.

The Reunion Weekend in May 2024 was a great success for the museum and archives. There was significant foot traffic through the museum from OCs and their families. The Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on Monday, 11 November 2024. Unfortunately, the inclement weather caused many people to cancel their visit, but for those who did brave the weather, an enjoyable ceremony was held in the Memorial Chapel. The theme this year was the *SS Mendi*, and we paid tribute to and honoured the 616 Zulu dead from the South African Native Labour Corps, who were sunk enroute to France, where they were due to serve as essential labour support to the ongoing fighting. Mr Mhlongo arranged an ensemble who performed the death drill, accompanied by a voice-over of the events of that day. The Headmaster paid tribute to the 31 Old Collegians and staff who perished in 1917. We proceeded to the World War I memorial for the laying of the wreaths, by which time most of the rain had cleared. We unveiled 14 plaques on the Wall of Remembrance, four of which honouring fallen comrades from the Class of 1969. It is heartening to see the number of people honoured at the Wall of Remembrance.

We had a temporary display commemorating Philip Nel, displaying the original rugby ball from the 1937 third test against the New Zealand All Blacks. Also included are Philip Nel's 1st XV photo from 1921, the team photo of the 1937 Springboks, and excerpts from the school magazine of 1921 and from the relevant page of *Jimiloyo-Jil*.

Work has begun on the Academic Board and thus far, 220 names appear dating back to 1884 when Cuthbert Moodie was awarded the Home University Exhibition Scholarship. Data for the Academic Board has come from For Heath and Home, Old Walls, New Echoes, school magazines and the admission registers. Progress is being made on this ongoing project, and next year we would like to call on the College community to provide any details they may have for inclusion.



We have embarked on a beautification project around the Alan Paton *Old Walls* plaque outside the AJ Wiblin Boardroom. The sign describing Alan Paton's significant contribution to College and country has already been resurrected, and we are currently busy with plants and flower beds, which we hope to clean and spruce up.

The Archives Committee enjoyed a luncheon meeting after the Remembrance Day Ceremony, and as always, it was a delight to host these distinguished veterans of the College community. In accordance with the school's commitment to recognising distinguished OCs and long-serving former staff members, the DM Anderson scoreboard was established to great acclaim on Reunion Day this year, and during the rugby game against Glenwood the James Hill Memorial Deck was unveiled by his family.

Mr R Gutteridge

Counselling

As I reflect on the year, I never forget the privilege I have to offer our College boys a soft landing space, where they can share their vulnerabilities, in a world in which society places so much pressure on our teens to thrive at everything, to do better, to be better, to work harder.

The world faces a mental health pandemic, but no amount of hand sanitizer, face masks or staying out of public spaces can protect us from this pandemic. We all soldier on and even try to hide that we are infected or affected. Why do we do this? Mental health conditions are not something you can catch like Covid-19. We do not get to choose how we are designed, and mental health does not discriminate as to who it targets. The stigma of mental health conditions continues, however, the more we talk about it the more normal it will become for our young men to speak up, acknowledge and ask for help.

I am proud of the strides that College has taken this year. During a staff-driven workshop our male staff courageously encouraged one another to open up and say, "I am struggling with something, is anyone else?". It starts with US as parents of College boys, US as an all-boys school to normalise that men can talk about their feelings. With all the latest developments in artificial intelligence, breaking news medical advancements and treatments for mental health conditions, nothing would work without an authentic trusting relationship. While the Counselling Department deals with many pupils with diagnosed mental health conditions, who need medication and specialised therapeutic intervention, much of the time our focus is also on being present, allowing the feelings to be accessed in this non-judgmental space, and allowing our boys to leave feeling a little lighter than they did before they stepped into the room. Jesse Dog our Furr-therapist, does a great job of rolling onto his back, belly up, taking a deep breath in and letting out an exaggerated sigh. The boys and I have had many laughs over this as we replicate this ritual and feel the relief as the body's nervous system resets to baseline after a huge, exaggerated SIGH! Try it, try it with your children, laugh, make memories when we can forget about the world's expectations for a moment and just be present for that moment.

This year the Counselling Department continued with the Go Green for mental health initiative during the month of October – world mental health awareness month. Throughout the month we fundraised for the PMB Mental Health Society, a non-profit organisation. We raise awareness of the relevance of mental health matters and how they impact not only the individual, but also the families of these individuals. We once again sold green ribbon pins to our boys in their respective day houses which they proudly wore on their blazers. A Comrade's Marathon runner and a social worker from PMB Mental Health Society addressed our boys about the organisation and where exactly their fund raising goes, in keeping the organisation afloat. Our Goldstone's Club moms surprised and impressed us by baking and donating hundreds of delicious cakes and treats for the Go Green cake sale, a first this year and an absolute hit with our boys and staff alike! To end off the month, of course we all went GREEN in our annual 5km Colour Run around the College estate. All our boys participated, and the day was a festival of green powder paint. This year we also acknowledged cancer awareness month in October, by throwing some surprise bursts of pink powder all over our participating runners. College could not be prouder, as our boys raised and handed over R20 400 in funds raised for the PMB Mental Health Society.

Thank you, College, thank you for being a community that cares. A community that comes together to support one another, and a community that sees those less fortunate and acts to make a difference.

Ms L Davies

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Estates



L-R: Mr J Naidoo, Mr V Munemo, Mrs V Kanavathy, Mrs S Elliot, Mr E Rajah, Mr Z Hippolyte

A number of capital and maintenance projects have been successfully completed or initiated across the school campus to improve facilities, enhance learner experience and support ongoing operations.

In the boarding houses, Hudson House saw the completion of a new prefects' room and upgrades to one of its dormitories. Nathan House underwent significant improvements, including the removal of tiles and floor preparation for new laminate installation in all passages and stairwells, the addition of a new prefects' room in Dorm C, newly painted passages, upgraded lighting and the installation of honours boards and framed photographs. At Shepstone House lighting has been installed in the foyer, while Clark House had fitted furniture and wiring removed in preparation for new study desks. A new common room has been created in both Hudson and Nathan Houses, alongside the addition of a prefects' dormitory in Nathan House. The High-Performance Centre saw the installation of new solar cables, part of the school's broader shift towards sustainable energy. In terms of transport, two new Sprinters were purchased to support sports and academic logistics.

Around the school, numerous cleaning and refurbishment efforts were undertaken following the exam period. Desks and chairs were returned to classrooms, and staff room furniture was professionally cleaned. The carpet behind the main reception and all classroom windows were thoroughly cleaned. The Elliott House carpets were washed, and repairs were carried out on various boarding establishments after the matric marking. Additional work included moving furniture for staff, installing shelving in the English book room, waterproofing the Shoppe and kitchen storage roofs, and replacing cupboards in classrooms Q1A and Q1B.

Grounds maintenance remained a priority, with continuous mowing, weeding and the fertilisation of Barns, Goldstone's and Snow's. The long jump pit on Barns was removed and grass planted. Trees across the campus were professionally trimmed or removed, though this work is ongoing due to weather delays. Refurbishment of the outdoor basketball backboards and poles near the NUC Gate was completed, and the obstacle course was inspected and secured.

Additional major projects include the renovation of the school pool, construction of the James Hill viewing deck at Goldstone's, installation of disabled toilets and new concrete steps at Goldstone's, and handrails behind Pape's dugout. Visitor seating was added by converting tiered seating at the back of Pape's, while new dugouts were fabricated and installed at Goldstone's. Further upgrades included extended seating at Pape's, the painting of all roofs at Goldstone's and improvements to the garden and stormwater bridge near the main security hut.

Classroom renovations were completed in the October holidays. Security infrastructure has been enhanced through CCTV upgrades and the installation of electric booms at the main entrance, ensuring the continued safety of the school community.

Mrs S Elliot

Finance



L-R: Mrs C van der Merwe, Mrs Z Mhlongo, Miss Y Sarawan, Mrs L Roets, Mrs O Roets, Mrs L Munday

The 2024 year proved to be an eventful one for the Finance team, with some highlights and several unexpected changes.

It was business as usual, as the team continued to put into practice all the experience they have gained over the years in handling the exemptions process, the budget process and the daily running of the commercial side of Maritzburg College.

One of the highlights of the year was that during the Reunion Assembly held in May 2024, Mrs Linda Roets, the school's accountant, was honoured to receive a commemorative certificate from the MCOBA, recognising 20 years of service to the school. She has worked in the finance department since she started and has seen several bursars/commercial directors and headmasters come and go. Her many years of historical knowledge are invaluable in the finance department, where she oversees the day-to-day management of the staff and produces the monthly management reports for the school's management teams, amongst other duties.

In July of 2024, Ms Lisa Munday was recruited to join the finance department as Debt Collections Officer, to oversee all credit control functions. Lisa had worked at a school previously and is experienced in all finance-related matters with regards to debtors. She has proved to be a dynamic addition to the team.

The team also had a temporary staff member join them for six months to assist with debtors accounts: Ms Nompilo Zuma joined the finance team in July 2024 as the finance receptionist and temporary debtors clerk.

In November 2024, the team was sad to bid farewell to Mr Wayne Evans, who left for personal reasons. The team wishes him well in his new venture. Mrs Linda Roets stepped in at the headmaster's request as Acting Commercial Director until further notice.

The year ended with the team working hard to prepare for the busy start of the new year in January, before taking a short break at mid-December until the beginning of January in the new year.

Mrs L Roets

Information, Communications and Technology

Maritzburg College recognises the critical importance of Information, Communication and Technology both within our school environment and the broader community. We have seamlessly integrated technology into all aspects of the academic curriculum, co-curricular cultural activities and sporting environments. To support the various needs of the College community, we offer a number of digital resources.

Maritzburg College offers a comprehensive and well-integrated digital learning environment to support both students and staff. Wi-Fi access is available across academic blocks, boarding houses and the Indoor Centre to ensure constant connectivity. Learners and teachers benefit from the



use of Moodle, a learner management system that provides access to past exam papers, PowerPoint presentations, video lesson links, examination schedules and sporting highlights.

Microsoft Teams plays a central role in classroom management and is accessible via a range of devices including computers, tablets, iPads and smartphones. It supports file storage for educational materials, enables classroom discussions and offers video lessons for students who cannot attend in person. In addition, it allows for assignment creation and grading with instant feedback and includes a daily planner to help students organise their academic activities. Complementing this is the school's YouTube channel, which features academic content, sporting highlights and promotional videos.

The printing needs are met through Papercut, ensuring all students have reliable access to print resources. The school also boasts three computer labs equipped with modern technology, alongside full access to Office 365 tools such as OneDrive, OneNote, Word, PowerPoint and Excel. A robust digital infrastructure supports both computer and mobile devices, safeguarded by an advanced firewall to protect against inappropriate content and cyber threats.

Supporting the technological ecosystem is a dedicated IT Support Team consisting of a Senior Network Administrator, Junior Network Administrator, IT Development Assistant and a TechSquad that provides assistance to staff and students. Professional development is prioritised, with regular training sessions for teachers on integrating technology into their lessons. Additional resources include a student and parent portal via the Edana app, and a digital library offering online access to a range of magazines and newspapers.

Looking ahead, the 2025 academic year will see the introduction of netbook classes for all Second and Third Form students. This initiative will be supported by a hybrid teaching model designed to enhance learning, promote digital literacy, and equip learners with vital future-ready skills.

We are committed to ongoing research and the implementation of new technologies to maintain our leadership in educational technology. To support our Netbook Project, we welcome Mr L Smorfitt, our Educational Technologist, and extend our best wishes to him in his new role. Teachers at Maritzburg College are equipped with laptops, iPads or desktop computers, with 80% receiving laptops and iPads. This ensures that teachers have the necessary tools to deliver a modern and effective education, bridging the digital gap between students and educators.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated IT team, namely Messrs Michael Dibben, Vishal Rajpaul, Thingo Tshabalala and Lemuel Kistasamy, for their unwavering commitment and hard work in advancing our technological initiatives.

Mr J Maistry

Margaret A'Bear Media Centre

In striving to be the information hub of our school, the Media Centre has witnessed another busy year. It continues to be a well-utilised resource especially at tea-breaks and after school when our space is often full of both juniors and seniors, dayboys and boarders packed together enjoying the widespread area. Our decision to install a further 24 plug points to the existing six has boosted the hot spot counter significantly. This new facility is extremely popular with students who plug-in throughout the day to recharge phones, laptops and netbooks. The ongoing challenge, however, has been to find a balance for the varied demands of quiet individual study to boisterous group work, as well as downtime leisure reading and noisy board games.

During the year, the following informative and eye-catching displays were set up for our users to enjoy:

January	Welcome to Maritzburg College
February	Love Bites and World Reading Aloud Day
March	St Patrick's Day
April	Have you read a good movie lately?
May	Reunion Day
June	Exam tips and preparation
July	Trivia : Did you know?
August	The Olympics : Paris 2024 and Women's Day
September	Study skills; and October – Mental Health Awareness

Our Media Centre was fortunate to enjoy a healthy budget. Much of this was used to promote readership and we were able to buy a wide range of titles both for boys and staff to enjoy. Our selection is drawn from local bookshops as well as overseas suppliers. A concerted effort has also been made to promote our Wheelers e-platform which has excellent books and audio titles.

The Media Centre also subscribes to PressReader which delivers a wide range of international newspapers and magazines to one's computer, mobile device, tablet or eReader. It recognises our IP address which means that one will be authenticated as soon as you log in through our server on campus.

Finally, we ran a comprehensive and accurate stocktake in late October through to November. This exercise is conducted annually and is a necessary yardstick to weed out redundant stock as well as to account for every title in our collection. The library staff are to be thanked and commended on a job well done, particularly considering that this was the first time we ran the stocktake on our new Ed-Admin library system.

"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvellous adventures anyone can have." – L Alexander

Mrs L Dos Santos



Literacy Day



Heritage Day



OTHER DEPARTMENTS

MARC (Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication)



L-R: Mr S Shange, Mr P Gonlag, Miss S Campbell, Mrs S Upfold, Mr M Marwick, Mr M Sanders

Bringing together the Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication roles at College, MARC has a key role in securing the school's future. The team is made up as follows: Mr Matthew Marwick (Senior Deputy Headmaster), Mrs Sally Upfold (Director: Marketing and Communications), Miss Samantha Campbell (Marketing Assistant), Mrs Reshmee Ramdeen (Admissions Co-ordinator), Mrs Charmaine Paterson (Admissions Secretary), Mr Wian du Plessis (High Performance Recruitment), Mr Sbonga Shange (Recruitment Officer), Mr Paul Gonlag (Admissions PRO) and Mr M Sanders (Director of Hockey).

Our overarching objectives include managing school-wide marketing, including brand custodianship and reputational management. The team manages the full admissions process from recruiting quality boys to College, the detailed application process, through to admission into the school. We are also focused on telling the 'College story' using innovative and effective media tools and platforms, and on co-ordinating effective and strategic communication within College, internally and externally, to a diverse stakeholder target group.

The team also provides marketing and communication support to the associated bodies including the College Foundation, Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association, College Connect and Club 1863 (formerly Goldstones Club).

Mrs S Upfold

Staff Wellness

The Wellness Department enjoyed a fruitful year, organising events and activities aimed at creating an awareness of and engagement in personal ownership of staff health. The year kicked off with another highly successful and fiercely competitive Step Challenge, with staff choosing one of four categories where they felt confident to compete. All staff who participated did extremely well, with several people pushing themselves hard to achieve their goals.

The start of the second term saw healthy and affordable recipes being circulated to staff, to inspire and guide them in making healthier lunch choices at work, while College's first ever Ladies Event was a huge hit. A variety of local health, wellness and fashion experts took to the stage to pass on invaluable information and answer pertinent questions from our female staff.

Weekly themes in the staffroom were much engaged with (and created quite a stir!) over the year and ranged from 'Veldskoen Friday' to 'At the Olympics'. October saw Mental Health month celebrated with a flurry of activities, all aimed at highlighting the importance of safe-guarding our mental health. Special mention must be made of our first ever cake sale, with the assistance of some amazing College moms (and the support of our College boys of course) which saw us raise much needed funds to add to our annual donation to PMB Mental Health.

In November, the staff kitchen was transformed into a Smoothie and Health Juice bar, where staff were treated to some delicious and healthy treats, in support of Diabetes Day, and to combat the stress of exams and the many deadlines due towards the end of the year, a hugely successful Music Quiz was hosted in the staffroom. Two teams battled it out, attempting to identify songs from a variety of genres.

And finally, to end a very stressful yet successful year, all staff participated in a General Knowledge quiz. The entertaining quizmaster did a fantastic job of ensuring all aspects of the quiz were fair and the winners were finally announced after a tense few rounds of 'sudden death'. Well done to the top three teams who received generous vouchers to spend in the festive season!

Special thanks to MediClinic hospital and Hilton Life for visiting the school during the course of the year and offering their invaluable services to our staff, free of charge. Staff had the added benefit of attending a Discovery Wellness session in the comfort of the school's premises.

Mrs M Kyle



Friday Fun



Diabetes Day





Khanyisa Outreach Programme

Back row: E Knox, N Zwane, A Matshoboza, S Tredgold, E Moodley, J Gasarasi

Second row: K Makhanya, N Mkhize, S Khumalo, A Sidimba, L Ndaba

Front row: Mr H Ntenezi, Mrs S Kritzing, I Jikijo, N Ndawonde, Ms N Gumede, Mr L Shongwe

Absent: Mrs L Mtembu

In 2024, the Khanyisa Outreach Programme 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 both for educators and learners to support socio-economic development.

Key achievements include the introduction of technology, where basic computer skills training was offered by Mr 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 Finnie, recognised academic excellence through CoffeeBox vouchers, enhancing both motivation and cultural exposure.

The Khanyisa Junior Programme focused 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.

Miss N Gumede



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Social Awareness Council (SAC) and College Youth Council (CYC)

The Social Awareness Council continues to play an integral role in the school. The advisory panel of the SAC has dealt with a number of matters reported by either staff or boys. This transparency and trust in the processes available in the school suggests that College is leading in promoting a culture of diversity and positive transformation. While we understand the highly sensitive nature of investigating such matters, we pride ourselves on the objectivity, impartiality and altruistic manner with which we have dealt with issues.

In summary, the SAC advisory panel (Chair: Mrs Rodelle Govender, Deputy for Pastoral Care: Mr Anthony Sparrow, HoD Pastoral Well-being: Mr Lethu Shongwe, Senior Deputy Headmaster: Mr Matthew Marwick and Deputy for Behavioural Management: Mr Ralph Paterson) is tasked with investigating matters concerning staff and boys and making a recommendation to the Headmaster and/or the School Governing Body. The Headmaster has the final decision to act and is, at most times, bound by his responsibilities to the Department of Education. The investigative report the panel presents to the Headmaster documents the school's adherence to procedure and fairness for all concerned. It outlines all evidence collected, the processes applied in collecting evidence and, based on the policies that apply (SASA, SACE Code of Ethics, and the internal policies of the school for example the Social Media Policy), the actions that should be taken by the school to address the matter. It also allows us to keep a record of how matters are handled so that we ensure fairness and lack of bias.

Matters that we deal with are brought to our attention via email, on the anonymous reporting app or by meeting with one of the SAC panel members. A matter is only pursued if the complainant provides a written account of the complaint to the SAC using the channels provided.

This year, Mrs Govender facilitated the social awareness and diversity-training workshop for the prefects, as well as for leaders in boys' and girls' schools in Pietermaritzburg. Learners were involved in discussions aimed at providing them with the tools required to deal with sensitive matters. Another key aspect of the training is to initiate a spirit of servant leadership and tolerance in a diverse SA community.

We also hosted interesting and dynamic speakers like Miss Puno Selesho (performance poet), Mr Fabrice Nahimane and Mr Logan Moodley (CEO of Conlog).

The College Youth Council, under the leadership of Mr Lethu Shongwe and Ms Nonkululeko Gumede, hosted and attended a number of school diversity workshops. Several CYC boys attended the Pietermaritzburg Gandhi Memorial Youth Symposium in term 3. The SAC also initiated the collection of over 100 Rape Survivor packs for LifeLine and Rape Crisis during Women's Month.

Once again, we would like to acknowledge the continued support of the SGB in supporting a culture of social justice in our school.

Mrs R Govender



Back row: E Moodley, S Tredgold, J Gasarasi, A Hadebe
Front row: Mr L Shongwe, I Jikijo, Ms N Gumede

CREATIVITY AT COLLEGE

ENGLISH WRITING

SIXTH FORM

Libby

Libby sits in her playroom. Around her stand her delicate toys, her doll, her teacups and her plane. She picks up the blue brush from her bedside box to comb her long ethereal locks of golden hair. Thin threads dance onto her crimson carpet, and waft through the afternoon breeze. She picks up her aeroplane.

Mommy comes into the room. "Libby, come outside" she exclaims, as she invites Libby with open arms. Mummy's strawberry scent runs into the playroom, and searches for the nooks and crannies of Libby's little nostrils. Her snowy dress tangoes with the summer wind as she lifts the girl into her motherly embrace. "Come, I have a surprise for you" she laughs as her indigo iris sparkles with joy.

Mommy is wearing more makeup than usual today.

The pair run outside into the garden. It is vast, and the mango tree has birthed its first offspring. Adam's apple hangs from the tree behind the shed, and grass coats the serene landscape in a lush icing of green. Libby dances out into the garden, and her sunshine dress brushes the wiry bushes as she talks to the mockingbird.

She is safe, and that is all that matters.

Libby spins around to see the rainfall of bubbles. The ephemeral spheres glide through the fresh air as they push and pull the sunlight into different shapes and sizes. The soap pops onto Libby's nose and she flashes a winsome smile that lights up the whimsical garden surrounding her.

She giggles as she flies her plane around the garden and, when encountering a bubble, shatters the crystal lattice with its nose. The bubble cries down its ingredients to quench the thirst of the summer grass below. Mommy hoists Libby into the sky and spins her around like a dancer on ice.

"Do you like it?" she asks, and the little angel bobs her head up and down with delight.

All they need are each other. They are perfect together, forever.

But when the sun goes to sleep, and the bubbles settle on the floor, the bad man wobbles in through the kitchen door. The pungent smell of the devil's juice hisses and spits out of his mouth, and turns the home into a dark, nebulous mess.

"Go inside your room," Mommy says, while her trembling voice attempts to hide his sly behaviour. He yells, and shouts, and hits.

Mommy cries, and begs, and screams. The living room goes silent.

And Libby sits in her playroom.

J Kloppers (Sixth Form)

Two hands to heaven

Charity case. Unwanted. Useless. These are the words that describe my entire existence. Growing up in the Red River Orphanage has shown me the cruelty of life. From my empty palms to my wounded heart, where hope sits and waits for brighter days. The strict and harsh path of life has taught me that no matter how much love you have to give, do not expect any miniscule piece in return. So, I continue to extend my two hands to heaven, praying for the miracle of love.

Since my untimely inception into the chaos that is life, I have been kicked to the curb and forced to share the same love I have been deprived of with numerous other children in foster care. Borrowed clothes, crowded rooms and an absence of affection are all realities I have had to come to terms with. Being alone has become merely a figment of my imagination,

with the bustling noises of cries and screams that fill the entirety of the rooms at Red River Orphanage. The abstract ideas of peace and love run away relentlessly merely by the thought. Still, I hold out my two palms for a brighter future.

Potential parents and caregivers visit the orphanage from time to time, looking for their new hope. They see the dirt under my nails, the scars that attacked my face and the darkness of my past within me. They immediately see their new hope lost in my gaze and they automatically seek other candidates to fill that void within them. These incidents shape my view of love as being a mere transaction. One that I cannot afford. I am constantly a victim of circumstance, but I still hold out my hands to the rare reciprocation of love.

Poverty has been my childhood best friend. Holding my hand through every life experience. It has always made me to reluctantly rely on others and be dependent on their love. Even if it is superficial and conditional.

My every thought has been programmed to cater for everyone but myself. In the hope that they will care for me or adore me profusely and in sacrifice of my own identity. Although I have never had much, the thought of giving and receiving floods my psyche, so again, I hold out my hands in manifestation of a better retelling of my story.

Although my life as an orphan has consistently made me succumb to the darkest perceptions of myself and other people, it has taught me to undoubtedly find the strength of love within myself and to not search for it in others. This is the gift I have acquired from holding out my two hands to heaven and saying a prayer of love.

K Makhanya (Sixth Form)



O Haasbroek (Sixth Form)



We sat in silence, the unspoken truth hanging heavily between us

Two hundred and fifty odd matrics entered the exam room. All that could be heard was the sound of shoes scuffling and sliding across the room, chairs screeching as they were being pulled back and tables thudding as they were pushed in. After a few minutes of commotion, the room fell to a heavy silence. There was a slight muffle coming from the speakers and suddenly a voice from the speaker said, "Your reading time has begun." I did not open my paper but instead began looking around the exam room and analysing the students in the room.

I tilted my head to my left and my eyes fell upon the astute, hardworking and resilient A level student. He looked cool, calm and collected, as always, while reading his exam paper. The colours on his heavily decorated blazer were evidence of his intelligence and work ethic. He continued to flip through the exam paper with confidence and speed and then all of a sudden he looked up and began to stare into space. I was confused until I realised that he was done reading the paper and was now mentally planning what he was going to write about. His aura reeked of confidence suggesting he had prepared exceptionally well for this paper. He, unlike most of us, was very likely to get a great mark for the exam.

I shifted my head from my left to my right and my eyes fell upon the student who was lazy, always rambunctious in class and cared very little about school. His dull and plain black blazer was no sight for sore eyes. Truly evidence of his couldn't care less attitude towards school and academics. There were, however, similarities between him and the A level student. He too swiftly brushed over the paper. He also looked very cool, calm and collected. The differences came in the moment he chose to put his head down and sleep. This action perplexed me until I realised that he was not stressed because he knew he would fail as a result of not putting any effort or time into studying. He was almost guaranteed a bad mark for the exam.

My focus quickly shifted back to my paper as I realised that I was like neither of the two students. I was average, mediocre and had done the bare minimum just to get by over the years. My blazer was moderately filled with a few basic accolades, but in all honesty, nothing major. My blazer is a perfect representation of how much effort I had truly put into school and life in general. I, unlike the two students previously mentioned, was stressed about my exam. My palms were sweaty, my heart was beating in my throat and my brain felt like it was banging against my cranium. To make matters worse, I had spent most of my reading time analysing other students instead of reading my own paper. I was in deep waters that would be difficult to escape from, but not impossible.

The muffle of the speakers came again and this time in a more serious and deeper tone the voice said, "You may now begin." We sat in silence, the unspoken truth hanging heavily between us. One would definitely pass, one would definitely fail, and I would hope the teacher marking this essay would've enjoyed marking my essay with leniency and fairness.

A Nzimande (Sixth Form)

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you

There is no greater agony than holding an untold story inside you. People look, watch and stare. They all judge you, but do they really know your story? People see a man trapped inside a jail cell and just assume that it was a life of crime that got him there, but do they really understand that person's circumstances? Well, I don't agree with this mentality and think that it is truly unfair. My name is Vuzi Mkhize, and I have a story to tell, a story that has been burning deep inside me and that just wants to come out. This is how it all begins.

While some people's dreams were about to be burned to the ground mine were about to be scorched alive. I had found a four-leaf clover and two identical snowflakes, I had seen not just one but three shooting stars, made many wishes and was about to be struck by lightning for the second time. It was only a matter of seconds.

As from today there shall be no more stink on me, I shall smell of perfume and the finest fragrances. My stomach shall dictate as though I am a king, I shall eat all things sweet, Weetbix and Cornflakes, eggs and bacon, bread

and butter, apples and oranges. Who knows? Maybe even a mango or two as I've got a sweet tooth now. As for my daughter, Princess, I know that she would love one of those dolls. What do you call them? I think they're called bob, barb, barby, ... barbie ... oh yes that's it, Barbie dolls. At least now she won't have to stare at the other children in heartbreak while they play with their ragged toys and she has nothing. As for my son Sibonelo, I know that he would love one of those Hot Wheels cars.

Today is a day that demands authority and respect, as of today they shall have no say over me. They shall not say, "Vusi sweep the floor, Vusi clean the garden." There will be no such thing! Those days are over.

Bang! Bang! Crash! The sound of broken glass hitting the floor, and in a matter of seconds the fence marking the perimeter of the Brookside Mall lies there like a pale, dry dog aching for a sip of water on its deathbed as it is trampled over by hordes of people from the nearby township. They all run like a group of gazelles being chased by lions except that they are the lions. They sprint in the direction of the building which by now looks like a chimney.

I remarkably chase my goal, the big fat trolley with four functional wheels. Let's go shopping!

The scene is a mess! The shopping centre is congested with young boys and girls, teens, middle-aged adults and even the occasional gogo. Boom! Crash! On my left there goes the Liquor Store, a flurry of trolleys flying out, each filled with the most refined alcohol, Blue Label, Black Label, Red Label, Flying Fish and Heineken. They have it all, you name it. I lick my lips; I know that I am missing out but keep moving forward. On my right there goes the clothing store, people choosing their garments as though it were Black Friday.

The doors to Checkers are huge and bold. I reach the entrance at the speed of light. I immediately begin tossing anything into the trolley, big and small, short and tall, pretty and ugly, at this point it doesn't seem to matter. I grab two bags of mealie meal, a pack of apples, some cornflakes, a few loaves of bread and some milk – into the trolley they go. I continue to fill my trolley until it reaches its peak. The only thing now on my mind is Princess and Sibonelo. A dash forward followed by a sharp turn left. Into the toy aisle. I grab a Hot Wheels car and Barbie doll at random, into my pocket they go. I now head for the exit.

Shriek!! From out of the flashes of blue and red, my life flashes before my eyes. I stare in the direction of the officers, sizing them up, looking to take a chance with the weakest one. I gaze for a second too long and he stares right back at me, our eyes meet. The bull sees the colour red and sends its horns prowling at me.

Paralysed by fear my heart chases freedom like that of a compass chasing North. However, unfortunately for me, these men dressed in blue are much stronger and certainly fitter than me, and so sadly, but unsurprisingly, I hit the ground like an asteroid after tripping over my shoelace and it's not long before they are all on me punching and kicking.

As I lie on the floor with my hands now cuffed behind my back, I watch as others try to escape. Some do and some are caught, but unluckily for me, my four-leaf clover turned out to be fake, my snowflakes melted, my shooting stars burned out and the lightning chose someone else.

My name is Vusi Mkhize and that is my story.

E Stafford (Sixth Form)



F Kunene (Fourth Form)

FIFTH FORM

A mosaic of memories

Tick. Tock. Tick. Tock. The monotonous, perpetual song of the clock echoed within the walls of the amnesiac mental asylum and was the only sound breaking the otherwise dead silence of the white walls. The man sat poised on the ivory white lightly cushioned chair, which he had deliberately, though warned against it, strenuously dragged to the rightmost corner of the cubicle chamber he was imprisoned in.

He had time and time again sought desperately to end his life, but "they" had even snatched that away from him. There were no curtains, no windows for that matter, and even the forks were a grey rubber material. He had nothing left to his name, he didn't even remember his name, no belongings, or ambitions, but one abstraction and he held onto that dearly. The visions that frequented him suddenly, of a young girl, though a hazy indistinct figure of her. In his hopeless amnesiac condition, the man clutched that one image with what sanity he had left and solemnly forbade himself from ever forgetting that ethereal picture from heaven.

Suddenly, a tall white door, with no handle on the inside of the room, creaked open to reveal a short, middle-aged man in a cool-white coat, who with a disdainful, scrunched face, beckoned the man towards him with a long, twig-like finger.

"Your usual, come fetch it, mister", before hastily scurrying down the whitewashed hallway.

The asylum had an area where the patients would eat a cold, greyish white, supposedly nutritious sludge and speak to each other. A select few, whose minds hadn't deteriorated as much as the rest, formed small groups, and snickered and laughed literally uncontrollably at the other, more dire patients, others, like the man, curled up in their own lonesome world, the man having only himself and his treasured memories.

All of a sudden, he slipped into his subconsciousness, and another vision began to play. In this trance he saw a young girl, who clumsily jumped up and down on short, stubby legs, who let out excited squeals of joy. Pure bliss was what the man felt as he lived out the vision. The vision suddenly stopped, and he found himself sprawled on the cold white floor, surrounded by a company of white-coated men who deliberated to calm him down. The man was overcome with a flood of despair and grief, the

realisation that it was not a real experience depressed him and was what happened after every episode.

After several reoccurrences of these in the past, and frequent diagnoses, the doctors named his unique condition the 'Mosaic of Memories' and was essentially different elements of a memory that was shattered into pieces after a devastating event. The dreams and visions were some of the pieces of the memory that together, would form one 'Mosaic.' The man, whose heart was at this point in a dark lonely valley, was being guided to his chamber, when he heard a pair of footsteps behind him. He quickly corrected himself when he heard another pair. The uneven clacking of wooden sandals, as though a newborn baby close by were trying desperately to follow her mother. He, solely out of curiosity, looked back to see who the newcomer was, and was changed by what he saw.

Before his eyes, he beheld a little girl, who shyly clung to her mother's legs. Her plump, pink cheeks pressed softly on the mother's knees and complemented her avocado-green frilled dress. The man, suddenly in a daze was shocked, he hadn't seen so much colour in an eternity, and the sight of her alone was not only refreshing but confusing, he swore that he had seen that picture before, and just as he slowly began turning back around, he caught a glimpse of a minuscule brown teddy bear she was caressing. Suddenly the man started bawling uncontrollably. That was it. His mosaic of memories was complete.

The man, by the name of Sean Mshiloane, remembered his adorable, young daughter who was the only thing he had after losing everything to his evil, divorced wife. She was his light, and he cared only for her until she tragically passed away in a freak accident. Her death caused him to lose his grip on reality, and he found himself in the asylum soon after. Now, he remembered, and was surprisingly no longer in despair about it. He would soon be leaving the asylum, with two things, his memory of his little daughter, and an ambition, an ambition to shed light on his mental illness to the world and help those without hope to find their pieces of their 'Mosaic of Memories.'

E Mitewu (Fifth Form)

The final moments before the war

"You may now kiss the bride," says the priest. Jack is for once, happy. Life as a poor farm hand is difficult, but he will now live his 'happily-ever-after.' He has a partner whom he is bound to by marriage, a soulmate who will stay by his side for an eternity. And soon, he will have a son and a daughter to complete his dream.

"Hark!" bellows the messenger, "The king sends news of great misfortune! The ungodly French have seized the once peaceful southern pastures of England. In such times of bitter global betrayal, the king, from his high and mighty throne, declares that every man should fight for the glory of his country and his king."

"Why?" asks the newlywed husband. His heart is poisoned by bitterness. All expectations of happiness have been demolished by the delivery of a single letter. "Why should I serve?" he continues with an outpouring of rage, "These kings sit at the very top of their hills, unstained by the brutally obtained blood of grim warfare. Tell me, how is it fair that the king is able to live out his life's desires while sitting on a throne of gold and being fed the bread of Heaven, yet I do not even get the chance to suffer happily with a wife and children? I am not bound to serve the king, whether it be the king of England or the king of France. To Hell with the both of them!"

"Listen, my love," responds the newlywed wife, "I am deeply saddened by the world's affairs. Fate has decided to intervene on our joyful living, and it seems there is no escape. You will soon leave us and meet Death on your brimstone-brick road. Yet it is not cause for worry. Such is the fate of every man. Every man is robbed of the fate he is due. Every man expects to see a bright future ahead of him, but why does he expect to see in a world of darkness?"

"You may now kiss the bride," says God. Months after his wedding, Jack readies himself for battle in the final moments before the war. He is comforted by the words of his wife and the hope that his children will be safe. He prepares himself for life beyond the flesh, where he will stay for an eternity, for he is about to kiss Death at the altar.

J Moneyvalu (Fifth Form)



A Barnes (Fifth Form)





C Ender (Fifth Form)

The sudden sound sent shivers down my spine

I remember the day so vividly, the sound that had sent shivers down my spine. Gunshot noises which surrounded us in the dense smoke that moved directionless, like a helpless ant on a burning piece of timber. I feel like that ant.

The muffled Zulu voice crackled over the radio and woke me up. I heard my dad's keys turn in the gun safe and the decision was quick. My veldskoen shoes were on and I found myself sitting in the beaten-up farm bakkie. I remember looking into my dad's hardened, excited eyes which reflected the early morning's mist perfectly. I was thinking about everything he had taught me. How poaching had become all about gambling and betting on the right dogs, how they took advantage of the full moon and the mist.

We got to Willow Fountain, the home of the poachers, a restless border settlement. Straightaway we saw the path that had been made from the dew that had been brushed off the dying ngongoni grass. We could not assume the number of them or their dogs in case they had simply walked single file. We sent the two forest guards on horseback down the path and raced off along the farm roads, to some unkept fire breaks, one of their favourite places to run their dogs.

Nearing the fire breaks, I notice my dad's eyes fix on the horizon and witness a drop of sweat run down his forehead. "Fire" he says. The radio comes alive as the flames grow higher and race towards us. Fire Hawk repeats to us, "You must get out of there," the heat intensifies through the windows, "the fire has jumped." My dad turns around slowly as he fumbles changing the gear. "Bang!" the loud sudden sound sent shivers down my spine. It was not a gunshot. The fire was now above us in the tops of the tall gum trees. The wind gusted, too strong to call the bomber planes.

With the fire in every direction we looked, the heat became unbearable. A once beautiful little dam called "Mahlala Enyoni", meaning place of the birds, was now just to right of us. With a rush of heat, my dad had opened the windows and turned into the small dam. Our seatbelts were never on. We clambered through the fast-filling bakkie's windows. I once again look into his hardened eyes, this time seeing the reflection of smoke along with guilt and fear, and I forget about the heat for that moment. We stayed in the dam for another thirty-two hours before being rescued.

Neither of us died but rather lived with the terrible scars and burnt lungs. I jump at the sound of a closing door. The smell of a freshly lit match reminds me of those hardened eyes filled with guilt and fear. I long for the days before the sound that sent shivers down my spine. Before I felt like a helpless ant on a burning piece of timber.

J Odell (Fifth Form)

FOURTH FORM

One last time

He stood on the edge of the camp. His uniform heavy like the weight of stone on his shoulders. He had once been a man who craved books and quiet thoughts, who found solace in philosophical poetry. Until, he had become something else, a soldier in a war that he despised, walking the march to annihilation for the glory of Germany and facing a reality he could barely look in the eye.

Near the fence, lay a boy no older than eight, his cheeks hollow and his body bruised, clutching a worn out, wooden toy horse.

The man knelt down to be at eye level. "What's your name?"

The boy hesitated, "M-mercy."

"Mercy," the man repeated, a name sounding like a prayer. "Why aren't you with the others?"

"I was just thinking, I miss home, I wish I could ride on my stallion and see my mother one last time," the boy whispered. The man swallowed, he felt a lump in his throat. The man had also missed home, his former self wishing he could read one last time.

"I'm sorry." His words felt brittle under the weight of what he wished to convey. "If only the world was not lost in the haze of war. If only man walked through eternity without hatred. Maybe then, blood would be washed off my hands." The man realised that his pain was nothing compared to the boy's loss. Two strangers bound by sorrow.

"I understand, time is a funny thing, you will never know how precious moments were until they become nothing but memories, always hoping that you would get to live it just one last time," the boy murmured. His face showing too much understanding for an innocent child.

"Maybe, with time, you could be that man you missed," said the boy, clutching his toy fighter.

"Maybe," said the man, though he did not believe it. He wished he could be somewhere else, someone else. He knew that the minute he turned away from Mercy, he would return to the endless cycle of obedience and be eaten by the machine that turned man into monsters.

The man left Mercy where death held his small hand.

"If only I could speak to that boy one last time. The boy who reminded me of who I was and who I could never be again."

K Moodley (Fourth Form)



R van der Merwe (Fifth Form)

One last time

The beach, a vast expanse where the land meets the sea, a place where the concept of freedom takes the form of nature. As I step onto the soft, warm sand, barely able to stand, my world starts to expand. I know I do not have a lot of time left in this world and yet my thoughts continue to roam as freely as the horizon that stretches out before me.

The beach, with its endless shoreline representing boundless potential, where all the possibilities of life mirror the infinite nature of the sea. The rhythmic crashing of the waves create a symphony of sound, each rise and fall a reminder of the cyclical flow of life. Here, time seems to slip through my grasp, just like sand. The sea, vast and untamed, its deep blue expanse embodying the very essence of freedom. The water constantly in motion, knowing no bounds, flowing endlessly toward uncharted territories. In the waves, there is a sense of wildness, shedding light on the fact that freedom is often found in unpredictability and adventure.

As I walk along the shore, I feel the salty breeze caress my skin, accompanied by the scent of freedom. It stirs my soul, invoking a feeling of liberation that transcends the physical realm. The breeze dances across the water, rippling its surface, reminding me of the lightness found in unburdened truths. The seagulls glide effortlessly overhead, their cries blending with the wind, adding to the beach's symphony and evoking the pride of belonging to something greater.

At the beach, the horizon line is a metaphor for my dreams and aspirations. It beckons, inviting me to explore what lies beyond, to embrace the unknown. As I stand at the water's edge, my toes deeply sinking into the wet, cool sand, I become painfully aware that the sea represents the ultimate freedom, the freedom to dream, to explore, and to let go.

This is the place where, for one last time, I feel the sensation of my freedom being as immeasurable as the ocean itself, where, for one last time, I see the sky converge with the sea, and where, for one last time, there is no limit to what can be.

D Pillay (Fourth Form)

When the mist clears

Whoever said that hiking was one of the most breathtaking experiences, they were right! My breath was gone, literally! How do people enjoy this? My legs felt as if they were about to fall off from all the climbing and everywhere I looked was just mist. I sat on a rock wondering if I could make it back down and go home when all of a sudden, the mist began to clear.

A beam of light shone through a hole in this wall of mist right onto me. "Oh Lord, come, come take me out of this horrible place," I thought to myself. I half expected to be lifted up and taken to the source of that light. And then, as if the mist were never there in the first place, a view too beautiful for man's eyes appeared in front of me.

I looked down and I saw that I was standing on a mountain. A mountain! I had actually made it! I slowly lifted my head, and my jaw immediately dropped. Right in front of me this whole time was an incomprehensible sight. At the bottom of my mountain was a valley with a river snaking its way along to the sea. On the other side of the valley was a colossal mountain. It stretched so high that I could not see the top. No picture nor photo could do justice to what I saw.

I took a deep breath and, oh my, I have never breathed in such fresh air. This was air that was untouched by the foulness of man. I stopped to listen, nothing! Had I gone deaf? I clapped my hands. No. I could still hear. Whew!

Peace and quiet, a luxury one could not afford in the city, was right here. All this beauty and wonder right here for us to see, yet no-one notices as their eyes are stuck behind the misty walls of social media and everyday life.

S Wiggill (Fourth Form)

THIRD FORM

The joys of teenage life

How I miss the good old days. My youth is now in the past, but I will never forget it. My teenage life was one filled with incredible, nerve-wracking and stressful rollercoaster rides.

Even now I look back on my teenage life and wish I could live it once more. I miss the never-ending happiness and energy that I had. One of the things that brought me these emotions was my best friend. He was always like a brother to me, the brother I never had. We were always there for each other. We did everything together, walking home, playing sports and pranks on people. He filled me with life and joy and that made me realise the value of those special people around me.

My first time being peer-pressured was one of the stressful rollercoasters. I had just started at my high school and already found myself with the wrong crowd. Many boys in my school smoked and drank alcohol, so when my new group of friends invited me to a party, I knew trouble was going to stir up. Every day they would try to convince me to go but I continued to refuse. After some time, they decided to abandon me but that was when I met my best friend. He made me realise that true friends always want the best for you.

Whenever I look back at my teenage life, I realise I am not the same as I was then. But then I always remember what my best friend said, "life changes you for the better."

T Motsoeneng (Third Form)



T Taylor (Third Form)



E Mitewu (Fifth Form)



SECOND FORM

A day to remember

War began twenty-two years ago when Britain invaded France. My friends and I were nearly six years old when the war broke out. Back then we were just children playing Call of Duty, hoping to be Lieutenant Ghost and Captain Price. This foreshadowed the rest of our lives.

I, now Lieutenant Luvuno, fought on the front lines of the battlefield every single day to protect France from the engaging British troops. I was poor, jobless and a fascist. France was my everything.

The heart and soul of France was Paris. The Brits yearned for it, they spread effective propaganda that made the United States of America want to see the French empire fall. The Brits had just taken over Marseille and occupied a stronghold within Northern France.

On December thirty first, two thousand and twenty-four, Britain travelled inland from the outskirts of Monaco and headed south targeting Paris. They were leaving terror in their wake. We rushed out to clash in Lille, however, twenty thousand Brits were destroying the city. Only ten battalions of fifty troops, each ready to be deployed. We had already given up hope after two hours in battle.

Suddenly, I saw British troops retreating. I looked up and saw the United States Marine Corps. We now had the upper hand. We attacked the Brits ferociously with fifty soldiers on the ground.

That night was legendary, we reclaimed Marseille, Monaco and Lille. After a strenuous battle and war our country was ours once again. We eventually won the war after Britain waved the white flag. That was a day, a night, a year to remember.

N Luvuno (Second Form)



S Wiggill (Fourth Form)

Climbing the mountain called "Rags to Riches"

I was raised in a poor family where resources were always scarce, but I was always called smart. The people in my community used to call me the next Elon Musk. I could never have known that claim would turn into a reality.

I was always fond of robotics. Building machines always made me happy, it made me feel like all my worries had ceased to exist. I created an energy converter machine when I was eleven years old. I was very confident in my creation, so I entered it into my local robotics competition at the time. I ended up coming in first place. The prize was that I got the opportunity to work with the prodigal Elon Musk to produce new energy software for the power company Zefron.

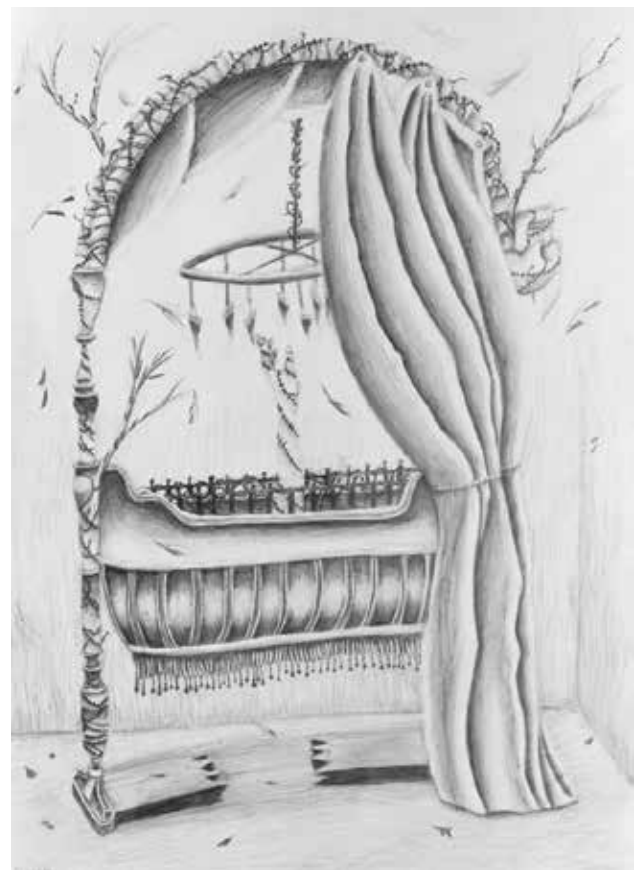
I knew that as a young individual from a poor family in a trailer park outside Washington that this was my only chance at success. I had signed the contract Mr Musk's lawyer gave me, a signing-on payment of an excessive amount of fifty thousand dollars, to use my energy converter as a base for our project. This was the start of my climb to success.

Looking back on that day I realise that one measly robotics competition changed my life forever. It impacted on me immensely, creating a pathway for me to go from rags to riches. It also made me learn that success is not determined by how much you start with but rather how much you create for yourself from nothing.

L Phakathi (Third Form)



L Mshudulu (Fourth Form)



E Knox (Sixth Form)

AFRIKAANSE SKRYFWERK

SIXTH FORM

Daar is 'n tyd vir alles ...

Die geluide van sirenes weerklink in my ore. Wagte is orals. Honde blaf. Een sekonde ... Twee sekondes ... Drie sekondes ... Tyd is nie 'n mens se vriend nie. Ek moes so gou as moontlik van hierdie plek af probeer weggom.

My naam is privaat Ben Williams, 'n jong, onskuldige Engelse soldaat. Net sewentien jaar oud. Nog nat agter die ore. Oorlog is egter soos 'n monster wat onskuldige jongmans insluk. Ek is tydens die laaste geveg gevange geneem en na 'n plek waar dit voel asof die tyd stilstaan, geneem.

Die gestreepte klere, die wagte wat ons soos vullis behandel het, die lang, koue aande en die gekerm en geskreeu van die onskuldige mense wat vermoor word, kan 'n mens geestelik kranksinnig maak. Tyd. Die wagte is tyd se baas. Dit is asof die wagte die mag het om tyd tot stilstand te bring.

Drie lange jare! My tyd. My vryheid.

1 576 800 minute. Genoeg tyd om alles te verstaan. Dit is nou my tyd, tyd om my vryheid terug te wen. Vanaand is DIE AAND. Een sekonde ... twee sekondes ... drie sekondes. Uit die gevangenis se selle en oor 'n hoë muur. Een sekonde ... twee sekondes ... drie sekondes. My hart kloep. Ek kruip in die skadus van die nag weg. Voor my lê die gevaarlikste taak: om oor die kaal lappie grond te beweeg en dan ... die doringdraad.

Versigtig klim ek deur die doringdraad. Aa .. eina!! Ek voel die verskriklike pyn in my linkerbeen. My hande soek hopeloos in die donker en vind iets koud en nat ... soos BLOED! En baie daarvan ... Ek vat die doringdraad met twee hande en druk hard. Aaa!! Trane rol teen my wange af terwyl ek na my vryheid hardloop. Op 'n veilige plek in die bos sit ek en dink aan tyd ... 'n Tyd om te sterf, 'n tyd om te lewe, 'n tyd van oorlog en 'n tyd van vryheid.

N Holmes (Sixth Form)

Vyf sekondes

"Lugmag binne perke, Delta Foxtrot, kan ons skiet?" Wat nou? Drikus lê nog bo-op die koppie. Bombardeer ek my vriend, of wil ek hê dat hulle ons almal doodskiet? Die sweet rol teen my voorkop af terwyl ek die besluit moet neem: Drikus of ons ...

Dit was vroegoggend. Ek, Drikus, Regart en Werner is rekkies wat gekies is om 'n Swapobasis in die Oshakatibos dop te hou. Terwyl ek met my verkyker die basis deeglik dophou, hoor ek 'n skoot teen die boom langs my klap. Hulle het ons gesien.

Blitsvinnig begin ons oppak terwyl die adrenalinie deur ons are pomp. Ons moet nou hier weggom. "Basis Rundu, ons is gesien. Stuur die Lugmag en kom help!" roep Werner oor die radio.

Ek is doodbang, angsbevange. Ek wil lewe en daar is nog so baie om te doen, om te sien. Ek kan nie nou doodgaan nie, nie vandag nie.

Ons hardloop deur die bos terwyl skote oral knal – bo-oor my kop, teen die klippe voor my, orals! Die gesuis van die AK-47's verteer die stilte van die bos. Daar is absoluut chaos om ons!

Ek stop agter 'n ou kremetartboom, skep gou asem, draai om en skiet. Die geweerloop skop teen my skouer, gee my nuwe lewe terwyl die reuk van buskruit die lug rondom my vul. Ek begin weer hardloop. Nou is hulle op ons hakke.

In my gejaag en geskarrel om weg van die dood te kom, bid ek in my onderbewussyn: Vader, nog net een dag, asseblief, net nie vandag nie.

Skielik stop Drikus voor my, daar is 'n afgrond. Dit is chaos, wild, deurmekaar en lewensgevaarlik. Voor ons nog kon regmaak of besluit, ontplof 'n missiel sowat vyftien meter van ons af. Oor die afgrond is ons, halsoorkop.

My lyf voel asof dit vir 'n slaansak gebruik is. Onder teen die voet van die afgrond lê drie jong soldate – verpletter, gebreek, seer! Ek lig my kop effens, maar, deurmekaar en bitter seer, laat sak en dit tot op 'n klip. Vandag vrek ek.

"Lugmag binne perke, Delta Foxtrot, kan ons skiet?" hoor ek my radio. Ek lig weer my kop. Drikus is nog bo! Nou moet ek besluit, binne vyf sekondes. Sê ek "ja", en bombardeer my vriend? Sê ek "nee" en offer ons almal se lewens op? Hoe nou? Here? Ek kan net nie my mond kry om "Ja" te sê nie. Die sweet tap van my af, my hartkloep verhoog, my hand bewe onbedaarlik van spanning. Die woorde verlaat my tong en dit voel asof iemand 'n mes deur my hart steek. "Ja".

Dit maak nie saak wat enigiemand sê nie. In daardie vyf sekondes moes ek die moeilikste besluit ooit neem. Was dit die regte besluit? Ek weet nie, maar een ding is verseker – 'n deel van my is daardie dag saam op die berg dood.

H Pretorius (Sixth Form)



O Mostert (Second Form)

Ek is uiteindelik vry!

Ek trek my stapstewels aan en skuif my rugsak oor my skouer, gereed om die gewilde Sentinal-bergtop aan te durf. Die pad begin rustig deur die digte bos met die ritselgeluide van blare en die soete tjirp geluide van voëls. Die lug is vars en ruik na geelhout. Dit voorspel 'n opwindende avontuur.

Aan die begin lyk dit maklik om te klim. Ek stap met energie en opwinding oor die klim wat voorlê. Die pad lei my deur verskillende landskappe soos groen velde, strome en klipperige dagsome – 'n voorspelling van die komende uitdagings.

Terwyl ek hoër klim, raak dit moeiliker vir my liggaam. Die opdraandes word steiler en ek haal al hoe swaarder asem. Elke tree verg moeite en die berg se swaartekrag trek my ondertoe. Sweet glinster op my voorkop en my spiëre skree van pyn. Maar ek is vasbeslote om te volhard.

Om tussen die rotsagtige gebiede te beweeg, toets my balans en vaardigheid. My hande, bedek met stof, soek na deurlopende rotse om aan vas te hou. Die uitsig onder my is verstommend, met groen en bruin skakerings soos 'n lewende skildery. Nuwe energie stroom deur my are. Onder 'n wolkkombers verskyn Sentinalpiek verskyn voor my in al sy glorie.

Ek gebruik elke greintjie krag om my na die bergpiek op te trek, en, wanneer ek die top bereik, word alles stil. Al my bekommernisse en gedagtes verdwyn. Die wêreld onder my strek soos 'n ewigheid, en vir eens lyk al my probleme nietig in kontras met die enorme berg. Ek het my hele lewe lank geoefen om Sentinalberg te klim.

Ek behoort van geluk te lag, maar ek huil en skree, en al die pyn en haat stroom by my liggaam uit en eggo weg in die natuur. Ek is uiteindelik vry!

J Kloppers (Sixth Form)

Ek kyk deur my lens...

Die kamera is nie net bloot 'n toestel nie. Dit is 'n venster na die siel. Elke foto vang nie net 'n oomblik vas nie, maar ook 'n deel van die siel op daardie oomblik. Elke foto vertel sy eie storie.

As ek met heimweë deur my fotos blaai, besef ek dat elkeen 'n stukkie van wie ek is, uitbeeld. Elkeen verteenwoordig 'n deel van my verlede, my hede en my toekoms. Elke glimlag, elke traan en elke emosie is in 'n



kaleidoskoop van kleure vasgevang. Elke foto herinner my aan wie ek was, wie ek is en wie ek eendag sal wees.

Maar die impak van 'n foto lê nie in sy vermoë om my persoonlike herinneringe vas te vang nie. Dit lê in sy vermoë om my perspektief te verander, om die skoonheid en tragedie van die wêreld rondom my te kan vasvang en met 'n ander lens na die wêreld te kyk. Elke foto is 'n spieël wat my dwing om met nuwe oë na myself en die omgewing rondom my te kyk. Dit dwing my om anders oor die lewe en sy kompleksiteite te dink.

Terwyl ek hierdie reis deur die landskap van my eie herinneringe aandurf, besef ek dat die kamera nie net 'n instrument is om my buitewêreld vas te lê nie, maar ook 'n reisgenoot op my innerlike reis word. Dit herinner my daaraan dat elke foto nie net 'n storie vertel nie, maar ook 'n stukkie van my eie siel weerspieël.

Dit is daardie oomblikke, vasgevang in fotos, wat my help om my groei as mens te verstaan. Elke skoot is soos 'n handtekening van 'n area. Dit gee betekenis aan die verbygaande oomblikke en verander hulle in iets blywends, iets wat ek altyd kan herbesoek.

M Moosa (Sixth Form)

Tik-tok ...

Tit-tok, tik-tok, tik-tok snel die tyd verby, soos 'n onophoudelike stroom wat deur my ambisies en verbeelding skeur en alles, hoog en laag, verpletter en net uitgespoelde geraamtes uit die verlede agterlaat.

Met die stadige draai van dié wiel, kan Hy ons lewens versnel en verbeter, of self tot 'n ontydige stilstand bring. Wat dan?

Net 'n dekade se ervaring het my lewensplan drasties verander. Ek het een gehad, maar nou is ek nie meer so seker nie. In Graad Twee was my grootste stres watter televisieprogram my voor daardie boksskerm sou hou en watter kunspan ek volgende sou takel.

Maar alles het mettertyd verander.

Met verloop van tyd kom ervaring wat onsekerheid kweek en onsekerheid veroorsaak stilstand.

Vrae wat eens so maklik was om te beantwoord, het logistieke probleme op my pad na volwassenheid geword. Dié probleme laat bobaas-wetenskaplikes verstom en verward. Durf ek hulle uitdaag vir oplossings, of bestaan dit net nie?

Wat gaan jy leer? Waar gaan jy studeer? Met wie gaan jy trou? Dit is maar net 'n handvol vrae wat ek moet, maar nie kan beantwoord nie.

Almal sê: "Hou kop bo water, nie veel langer nie, byt net vas," maar ek is besig om te sink.

"Sluk," sê hulle, maar al wat ek doen, is sluk, my trots sluk, vasbyt en sluk. Ek sluk selfs water en daarmee kom sink, en na sink, kom die onvermydelike dood.

Daar is 'n drukking op my bors – dit is tyd. Ek skep nie meer normaal asem nie. Ek is besig om te stik, besig om aan tyd te stik. "Here, as U my kan hoor, help, draai die klok terug, ek mis tyd en al sy salige sekerhede."

J van Huyssteen (Sixth Form)



N Thusi (Fifth Form)

FIFTH FORM

My pa se nalatenskap

Die dag toe my vader oorlede is, het die wêreld in 'n ongekende stilte vervaag. Die hospitaalkamer, steriel en koud, was vol van die sagte piepgeluide van masjiene en die gedempte klank van verre stemme. Ek het my altyd verbeel dat, wanneer die tyd aanbreek, ek sterk sou wees, my moeder se hand sou vashou en haar sou vertroos. In plaas daarvan het ek gespanne gevoel, en dit was onmoontlik om die omvang van wat voor my ontvou het, te begryp.

My pa was altyd die hoeksteen van ons gesin. Hy is 'n sagte reus wie se lag enige kamer kon vul. Hy het my van veerkragtigheid, liefde en die belangrikheid van integriteit geleer. Tog, terwyl ek by sy bed gesit het, het die lesse wat hy oorgedra het, in die mistigheid van hartseer begin vervaag. Herinneringe het my gedagtes oorweldig, sy stories, sy warmte en sy onwrikbare geloof in die goedheid van mense. Ek het aan hierdie herinneringe vasgeklou terwyl die werklikheid van sy afwesigheid my bedreig het.

In die dae wat gevolg het, het ek teen 'n diepe leegheid geveg. Maar te midde van hartseer het 'n les te voorskyn gekom. My vader het 'n lewe vol liefde en doelgerigtheid geleef, nie gemeet aan materiële sukses nie, maar aan die verhoudings wat hy gekoester het en die vriendelikheid wat hy teenoor ander getoon het.

Ek het besef dat, alhoewel hy weg is, sy nalatenskap voortleef in die manier waarop hy mense behandel het, die waarde wat hy aan tyd saam met familie geheg het en die belangrikheid van empatie.

S Durgaparsad (Fifth Form)

My broer

Ek het nog nooit met my ouers baklei nie, maar nou is my broer oorlede en hulle verstaan nie hoe ek voel nie. Om 'n familielid te verloor, voel asof 'n deel van jou siel weggeruk is.

Hy was nie net my broer nie, hy was my beste vriend, my beskermmer, die persoon wat my beter geken het as enigiemand anders. Sy lag was soos musiek en sy energie het selfs die donkerste dae opgehelder. Sonder hom het alles stiller en leër gelyk. Ek het nie geweet hoe om vorentoe te beweeg nie.

Aanvanklik was die hartseer ondraaglik. Ek het bly hoop dat dit 'n nagmerrie was, dat ek wakker sou word en hy steeds daar sou wees om my te terg of een van sy lawwe stories te vertel. Elke nagedagtenis aan hom, elke dingetjie wat my aan hom herinner het, sou my hart weer breek. Ek sou sy hemp in die kas sien of 'n liedjie waarna ons saam geluister het, hoor en dit sou my soos 'n reuse golf omslaan.

Soos die dae verbygegaan het, het ek besef dat hy op soveel maniere steeds by my is. Ek kon sy stem wat vir my sê om sterk te wees en om voort te gaan, in my kop hoor. Hy het altyd met soveel vreugde en hartstog geleef, en ek het diep binne-in my geweet dat hy nie sou wou hê dat ek deur die hartseer vernietig moes word nie.

Stadig het ek die gelukkige tye met meer warmte as pyn begin onthou, die maniere waarop hy my altyd ondersteun het, ons lang praatjies oor alles of niks nie, en die gelag wat ons oor die kleinste dingetjies gedeel het.

Al die pyn is nog daar, maar ek het 'n manier gevind om hom saam met my te dra. Ek probeer leef soos hy was, vreesloos, met 'n groot hart. Ek mis hom nog elke dag, maar in plaas daarvan om net hartseer te voel, leef ek met dankbaarheid oor die tyd wat ons saam bestee het, die lesse wat hy vir my geleer het en die liefde wat hy vir my gehad het.

My broer is weg, maar sy teenwoordigheid is altyd deel van my. Dit lei my en gee my krag wanneer ek dit die nodigste het. Ek moet hierdie krag gebruik om nie met my ouers rusie te maak nie. Hy sou dit so wou hê.

C Mundell (Fifth Form)

Wen is nie alles nie

My hele lewe lank was wen die enigste ding wat vir my saak gemaak het. Ek kon nie 'n lewe vir myself sien waar ek nie wen nie. Omdat ek hierdie gedagtes gehad het, het alles vir my verkeerd verloop.

Ek moes nooit werk om dinge in my lewe te ontvang nie. Ek het altyd gedink dat ek beter as ander mense was. Ek het selfs nie die woord "verloor" geken nie. Die afgelope twee jaar het ek alles gekry waaraan 'n seun in skoolhokkie kan dink. Ek het die provinsiale span gehaal en was ook die beste speler in my ouderdomsgroep. In my kop was ek die beste en niemand kon iets daaraan doen nie. Ek het egter een ding vergeet, God gee, en wat hy gee, kan hy ook wegneem.

Aan die begin van die jaar was ek by 'n provinsiale toernooi. Aan die einde van die toernooi was dit tyd om die name van die spelers wat die Suid-Afrikaanse span gehaal het, uit te lees. Daar was iets vreemds aan daardie name, want myne was nie daar nie. Dit was die eerste keer in my lewe dat ek geweet het hoe dit voel om te verloor. Ek het nie geweet wat om met myself te doen nie, omdat ek nie aan hierdie gevoel gewoond was nie. Ek het vir dae aaneen gehuil en selfs my hokkietoerusting verkoop. Ek was klaar met alles in die lewe.

Dit is menslik om teleurgesteld te voel, maar ek het geleer jy moet net weer opstaan en weer probeer, jy moet nooit opgee nie. 'n Mens leer die beste lewenslesse wanneer die lewe uitdagend is en dit sal net van jou 'n beter mens maak. Jy moet God in alles wat jy doen, eer en nooit vergeet waarvandaan jou talent kom nie. Dit was die dag toe ek besef het dat wen nie alles is nie.

D Jackson (Fifth Form)

Dit was die moeilikste besluit wat ek nog ooit moes neem

In die somer van my dertigste verjaarsdag het ek 'n solo-staptog deur die ruwe roetes van die Rotsgebergte aangepak. Dit was 'n besluit wat gedryf is deur die begeerte om uit die eentonigheid van my daaglikse lewe te ontsnap en die skaduwees van my verlede te konfronteer. Ek het jare in 'n werkomgewing deurgebring wat my gees dreineer het en boonop het 'n onlangse hartseer my ongeanker laat voel. Ek het gehoop dat die natuur duidelikheid sou verskaf.

Terwyl ek die kronkelpaadjies deurkruis het, het die asemrowende skoonheid van hoë dennebome en glinsterende mere my omhul. Dit was egter op die vyfde dag, terwyl ek 'n besondere klim navigeer het, dat 'n oomblik van afrekening my in die gesig gestaar het. Ek het 'n vastrapplek verkeerd beoordeel, gegly en teen 'n rotsagtige helling afgetuimel. Terwyl ek daar gelê, het 'n diepgaande besef my getref, ek het aan die veiligheid van my ou lewe vasgeklou, maar dit was juis hierdie vrees wat my vasgevang gehou het.

Op daardie oomblikke van kwesbaarheid het ek oor my keuses begin nadink. Ek het besef ek het risikos in my loopbaan of verhouding vermy, uit vrees vir mislukking. Die fisiese pyn het gou plek gemaak vir 'n geestelike ontwaking. Ek het diep gegrawe en elke greintjie krag opgeroep om terug teen die rotse op te klim. Met elke tree het ek gevoel hoe die gewig van my verlede begin verminder.

Teen die tyd dat ek die kruin bereik het, het die son gesak en 'n goue gloed oor die vallei gewerp. Ek het daarna gestaar, deur emosie oorweldig, en verstaan dat die lewe daaroor gaan, om die onbekende te omhels. Hierdie reis het my perspektief verander.

Daardie reis het my geleer dat die lewe se belangrikste veranderinge dikwels uit oomblikke van kwesbaarheid voortspruit. Dit spoor ons aan om die onbekende in te stap en onself te herdefinieer.

D Naidoo (Fifth Form)

FOURTH FORM

Die ewige dans

Donkerheid is die dood. Die dood was nog altyd alleen, ongesiens. Hy het siele sagkens weggeneem en sy plig sonder vreugde of droefheid nagekom, totdat hy haar gesien het – die lewe.

Die lewe het deur die wêreld gedans, stralend en vol kleur. Sy het warmte in elke hoek van die aarde gebring en blomme het onder haar voete geblom. Sy was soos 'n melodie wat weergalmend gelag het. Die dood het haar op 'n afstand bekyk en is deur haar skoonheid betower.

Eendag, toe die skemer die wêreld bedek het, het die lewe hom gesien. "Hoekom kruip jy weg? Jy volg my waar ek ookal gaan, maar jy is altyd in die donker." Haar stem was soos die sagte geritsel van blare en haar gesig soos die lig van die dag.

"Ek is die einde van alle dinge. Ek bring stilte in jou musiek en jy moet my haat." Sy stem was koud.

Maar die lewe glimlag en stap na hom toe. "Jy is nie die probleem nie, maar my einddoel. Sonder jou is ek eindeloos en sonder die einde is ek betekenisloos. Elke oomblik wat ek geskep het, is kosbaar, te danke aan jou," sê die lewe.

Daardie dag het die dood gevoel hoe die warmte in sy leegheid insypel. Saam het hulle gestaan, die lig en skaduwee verstregtel. Die lewe en die dood het vir die eerste keer liefde gevoel om nie te neem nie, maar om te gee.

Van daardie dag af het hulle 'n ewige dans, van die begin tot die einde, geskep, 'n pragtige siklus wat deur die ewigheid sou resoneer.

K Moodley (Fourth Form)

Die natuur

Die natuur is 'n pragtige maar magtige krag wat ons wêreld vorm. Dit omring ons in baie vorme, van die uitgestrekte berge en oseane, tot die eenvoudige skoonheid van 'n enkele blom. Oral waar ons kyk, wys die natuur vir ons hoe die lewe beweeg en verander, en dit herinner ons aan die balans wat tussen lewende en nie-lewende dinge bestaan, soos hoe die sonskyn na die reën volg.

Die verskeidenheid wat die natuur ons bied, is ongelooflik. Die lewe floreer op verskillende maniere in die oseane, woude, woestyne en velde. Riviere vloei deur valleie, terwyl bome weer huise aan die diere bied. Die lug is vol wolke en voëls. Elke deel van die natuur is nou verwant aan plante en diere. Selfs die weer werk saam om die wêreld se balans te hou.

Die natuur is ook kragtig. Self na storme en natuurlike rampe, vind dit 'n manier om te genees en weer te groei. Ons kan dit in die veranderende seisoene sien, in hoe plante teruggroei nadat dit gesny is, en die manier waarop die diere by nuwe uitdagings aanpas. Die natuur hou nooit op om te beweeg nie. Dit gaan vorentoe met sy liefdesiklus.

Ten slotte gee die natuur ons baie om te bewonder en van te leer. Sy wys, oop ruimtes herinner ons aan hoe klein ons is, maar sy skoonheid vervul ons met verwondering.

A Dladla (Fourth Form)

My dag van sonskyn

Die son het helder oor die groot blou rivier geskyn waar die Van der Merwegesin 'n heerlike somersdag geniet het. Jamy, 'n klein seuntjie met 'n rooi swembroekie, het op die rivierbank gestaan, sy lyfie vol opwinding. Met 'n dapper sprong het hy sy arms wyd oopgegooi en soos 'n klein dolfyntjie wat sy eerste duik neem, in die water geplons.

Sy suster het op haar rug op die water gedryf, haar bruin hare soos 'n goue stralekrans om haar kop. Sy het na die geheime waterwêreld-avonture geluister, terwyl sy haarself as 'n diepseemeermin-koningin voorgestel het. Hulle was nie 'n groot gesin nie. Die rivier langs hulle huis was hul swembad en die opwindendste vorm van vermaak in die wêreld. Daagliks kon jy die



Van der Merwegesin in die rivier sien baljaar.

Pa, groot en sterk, het aan die anderkant van die rivier gestaan, gereed om 'n indrukwekkende kanonskoot te maak. "Kyk hier, kinders," het hy geroep en met 'n reuse plons in die water beland. Die water het in alle rigtings gespat en die kinders het histories van die lag uitgebars.

Ma het op 'n klein lappie gras langs die huis gesit, besig om handdoeke byderhand te hou, maar sy kon dit nie weerstaan om met 'n speelse glimlag op te staan en die water in te loop nie. Die kinders het na haar kant toe geswem, hande gevat en saam in 'n sirkel begin draai.

Die son het stadig begin sak, maar die dag se vreugde het in die water bly rimpel, 'n herinnering wat vir altyd in hul harte sou bly.

L Kader (Fourth Form)

THIRD FORM

Ons voetpad

In die oggendlig, begin ons stap
Die son skyn ons harte vol
Deur berge en dale, 'n pad so lank
Met rugsakke vol drome vir 'n lewe lank
Die rivier is helder, 'n helderblou
Ons sit en droom, onder die hoogste boom.
Die sterre kom uit, die nag is vol lig
By die vuur vertel ons stories en ons voel so lig.
Die reis is 'n avontuur, saam met jou
Met elke stap groei ons, jy en ek, ons is nou.

B Dodson (Third Form)

Reis na my huis

Die beste reis
is die een terug na my huis.
Ek was al deur hierdie hele land
my voetspore lê nog in die Kalaharisand.
Verlief geraak vir die bosveld
waar min meer was as geld,
aan die oseaan so diep en blou
bly ek my lewe lank getrou.
Op berge hoog in die lug
wat 'n asemrowende sug.
Oor die vlaktes van die droë Karoo
weet ek dit kom als van Bo.
Al is die plekke mooi vir 'n tyd
begin ek op my vingers byt.
Ek verlang vreeslik na my huis,
dan weet ek dis tyd om terug te reis.

J Shawe (Third Form)

Kosbare dinge

In die stilte van die aand
soek ek wat naby is.
Kosbare dinge
wat ons elke dag onthou.

'n Stem wat sê: "Ek is hier," in slegte tye,
Die hand wat joune vashou
warm en vreugdevol,
geluk van ons familie.

En elke tree wat jy neem, wys jou pad,
jou warm kinderlike lag,
die warm omhelsing,
'n mens se liefde hou ons harte,

'n Woord van my liefie in moeilike tye,
wat lei na ligte herinneringe van ons verlede,
sterre wat skyn,
toe ons saam onder die sterre soen.

Kosbare dinge, nie net wat ons sien nie,
die geluk om ons, die liefde in ons harte.
Kosbare dinge wat mense se harte bereik,
jy is my gunsteling "kosbare ding".

A Madlala (Third Form)



L Mkhize (Fifth Form)

As ek iewers heen kan reis

As ek iewers heen kan reis,
Sal dit ver wees van hierdie wêreld
wat party 'n paleis noem
met sy mensgemaakte pèrels.

'n Paleis mag dit dalk vir ander wees,
maar vir my is dit net 'n doring in die vlees.
'n Plek met goue strate soos die Bybel sê,
met horisonne wat agter blou berge lê.

Dit word my nuwe adres,
een mooier as al die res.
Ek besoek hierdie woning op my knieë,
my gebedsmatjie langs die bed geleë.

Langs my Vader se regterkant,
'n skuilplek onder sy magtige hand.
Dis hier waar ek die veiligste voel.
Die eindreis is vir my bedoel.

M Venter (Third Form)

SECOND FORM

Tussen Rooibaksteen berge

Ek mis ma waar jy onder ander sterre sit
en pappa se growwe aansteeklike lag
Alleen in hierdie onbekende sterlose nag
Ek mis julle warm wysheid.

Die ysberge van skoolmure hou my gevange
stil aande soos nou is julle stemme leeg
Julle leemte sny diep deur my hart soos gekristaleerde ys

maar in stede van julle is daar my toekoms
Tussen groot rooibaksteen berge
stap ek in, 'n klein seun,
bid ek, julle omhels my as 'n volwasse man.

J Badenhorst (Second Form)



ISIZULU IMIBHALO YOKUZIQAMBELA

Ukuvumela intukuthelo kwangifaka enkingeni

Ekhaya kade kwasa bengikhuza ngalolu laka lwami bethi; isala kutshelwa sibona ngomopho ngenxa yezinto enganginokuzenza ekhaya. Kule ndaba ngizochaza kabanzi izinkinga ezilethwa intukuthelo empilweni yomuntu.

Onyakeni wami wokugcina ngci empilweni ngifunda umatikuletsheeni ngangiyingane enekusasa eliqhakazile likhanya lithe bha! Njengalanga lasehlobo. Kulo nyaka kwakukhona ingane yomfana eyayingihlupha ingiphuca imali nomphako wami enganguphatha esikoleni. Khona ngangimesaba lo mfana ngangihlezi ngisho ngenhliziyo ukuthi ngelinye ilanga uyowukhomba umuzi onotshwala.

Ngesikhathi sezivivinyo zokugcina sekuphela unyaka lo mfana wangishaya ngezimpama, wangiwiwa phansi wangixoba ikhanda siphuma egumbini lokubhala izivivinyo engibukanisa nesikole sonke. "Phinde ke" kusho mina ngithukethele sengithelwa ngamanzi, ngigane unwabu ngibheke ekhaya. Usefike kwangqingetshe ngisho ngihamba ngikhuluima ngedwa endleleni. Ngathi uma ngifika ekhaya ngaqonda ngqo egumbini lokulala likababa ngaphakamisa umbhede kababa ngafica isibhamu ngasithatha ngaqonda ngqo esikoleni ngenenhloso yokuyisa lo mfana kwagoqa nyawo. Ngamfika ehleli nabangani bakhe ngangapholisa maseko ngasidonsa isibhamu ngasiqondisa ngqo kuyena, ngamdubula ngazo zonke izinhlamvu ezaziphakathi zaphelala kuyena washona phambi kwamehlo ami.

Namhlanje ngisezikhindini ngibhekene nesigwebo seminyaka eyishumi nambili. Ngikhuluma nje ngiyazisola ngenhliziyo yami yonke, ngikhumbula namazwi alabo ababethi; "hamba juba bayokuchutha phambili" bengiyala ngolaka lwami mina ngangezwa.

Sengiphetha ngithi kuhle ukungazithathi izinqumo ezinkulu uma uthukuthele. Ukube nami ngaqala ngacabanga kahle kwazibani? Mhlambe ngabe ngiwidokotela namhlanje. Ngakho-ke qinisekisa ukuthi ngaso sonke isikhathi uma uthukuthele uyalinda kuze kwehle ngaphambi kokuthatha isinqumo.

S Majozi (Sixth Form)

Ukubuka imidlalo yendebe yomhlaba kungifundise okuningi

Ukubuka iqembu lebhola lombhoxo lezwe langakithi eNingizimu Afrika kungifundise okuningi. Ngangingazi ukuthi iqembu elilodwa linamandla okuhlanganisa izwe lonke libambane.

Luningi ulwazi engaluthola ekubhukeni amaBhokobhoko edlala kwimidlalo yendebe yomhlaba. AmaBhokobhoko atshengisa okukhulu ukuzithemba beqeda kudlala umdlalo wabo wokuqala, bangalilahla ithemba. Lokho kungifundise ukuthi akumele silahle ithemba noma kuthiwa noma kungathiwa isimo sibi kanjani. Kunabadlali ababili uMnu. Kolisi noMnu. Mapimpi abakhula kubo ikati lilele eziko njalo ebusuku. Bakwazi ukufeza amaphupho noma isimo sasingsihle neze emakubo.

Enkundleni yokudlala kunabadlali abahluke kakhulu ngemizimba. Kuba khona omkhulu njendlovu, omncane njengonogwaja kanye nogijima okwebhubesi. Angeke ubone omncaneesaba omkhulu ngoba ukusaba akusiyo into esegazini labo. Enkundleni yokudlala ibhola lombhoxo kumele uhlale uqaphile futhi uhlezi phezu kwesibhamu ngoba umdlalo oyingozi kakhulu.

Inhlonipho engayibona phakathi kwabazali uma kudlalwa yangishiya ngibambe ongezansi. Omncane uhlonipha omdala kanti nomdala uhlonipha omncane. Angizange ngibone omncane egibela phezu kwendlu njengenja. Kube kona isikhathi lapho umdlalo usuke usushubile ngempela, uthole umdlali oyedwa noma ababili besusa uchuku bezifunela induku kodwa akubange kwaba yinto engiyibona njalo.

Abadlali abasebancane babelalela kakhulu abadala ngoba bazi kahle ukuthi indlela ibuzwa kwabaphambili. Ukungapheli umoya kwamaBhokobhoko kwangikhuthaza kakhulu, bedlala ilanga lishisa likhipha umkhovu etsheni, kodwa bengalilahli ithemba, noma isikhathi sesidliweinja bahlala njalo

ethembeni saze sayophela isikhathi. Lokho kwangifundisa ukubaluleka kokubekezela. Ukuthandana nokungacwasani nakho ngikufundile.

Kuyangithokozisa engikufunde kumaBhokobhoko namanye amaqembu abedlala kwimidlalo yendebe yomhlaba.

Z Ndlovu (Sixth Form)

Ukubuka imidlalo yendebe yomhlaba kungifundise okuningi

Indebe yomhlaba yebhola lombhoxo ingumncintiswano odlalwa njalo; emva kweminyaka emine. Lena en gizokhuluma ngayoyayidlalelwa eFrance ngonyaka wezi- 2023, kudlala amaqembu angama- 20.

Kulokjhu mina ngangilandela amabhokobhoko aseNingizimu Afrika. Leloi qembu laqale ladlala nezwe lase Romania. Amabhokobhoko aphumelela ekuhluleni leli zwe. Umdlalo wesibili wawuzopdlalwa ne Ireland kunguMgqibelo. Ilanga lalikhapha umkhovu etsheni ngosuku abadlala ngalo okwadala ukuthi amabhokobhoko asheshe aphelelwe ngumoya angakwazi ukudlala ngesivivinyo esasidingeka agcina ehlulwa yi-Ireland.

Emva kwalo mdlalo wonke umuntu wathi ayikho indaba yamabhokobhoko sekuphelile ngeqembu lakuleli kanti vele izinja zikhonkotha imoto ehambayo hhayi emile. Kwakusele imidlalo emibili ngaphambi kokuthi kuqale kukhishwe amaqembu kulo mncintiswano. Amabhokobhoko adlala neqembu lase Scotland okwakuyiqembu elalaze kabi, osaziwayo abaningi babekhona bezobuka impela lo mdlalo. Ngesimanga amabhokobhoko aphinde aphumelela futhi kulo mdlalo kwasala ukuthi bahlule iTonga kuphela. Izwe lakithi labukisa ngeTonga okungathi babedlala nezingane ezincane.

Saphuma kwisigaba sokuqala sendebe yomhlaba kwayiwa kwimidlalo yokukhiphana, saqale sanqoba iFrance sase sikhulula i-Argentina kwasala iNew Zealand ezimnyama ngenkani. Leli qembu lijwayele ukuophakamisa indebe yomhlaba, ngenxa yalesi sizathu amabhokobhoko kwathiwa ayezoba ngukudla kwenduku ayengeke sdalo aphumelele, inkomo yayinghazala umuntu. Noma sebekhulume baze bakhathala amabhokobhoko atshengisa ukuthi angamaqhawe angempela alinqoba izwe lase New Zealand kwaba iwona iqembu elihamba phambili emhlabeni kwezombhoxo nezindebe ezine.

Ukubuka indebe yomhlaba kwangifundisa ukuthi ngingapheli moya noma ngubaphumeleli okokuqala. Ngaphinde ngafunda ukuthi uma sibambisana akukho esingelke sikwazi ukukwenza njkengabantu. Le ndebe yangishintsha njengomuntu omusha.

N Mthiyane (Sixth Form)

Ukuvumela intukuthelo kwangifaka enkingeni

Mina ngangiwumfundi owayehlezi ephuma phambili ezifundweni kwibanga lami. Kuzo zonke izifundo zami zasesikoleni ngangihlezi ngingowokuqala futhi nothisha babengithanda bonke kodwa ngenxa yentukuthelo kwashintsha konke lokho.

Igama lami ngingu-Alondwe madlala, ngangifunda eGreenwood Park High school khona lapha eMgungundlovu. Ngangifunda unyaka wami wokugcina uMatikuletsheeni, abazali bami babeziqhenya ngami ngoba ngaphuma phambili kwibanga lesishiyagalolunye. Konke kwakuhamba kahle mese ngelinye ilanga omunye umfana obegijima eshiya amaphepha wangena kumina ngiphethe umsebenzi wami wesikole oyi Projekthi sawa phansi sobabili wamosheka waphela lowo msebenzi.

Ngasuka ngelikhulu ijubane sekugcwele intukuthelo kimi ngamemeza ngathi, "Wena mbongolo, uyafuna ukubona amabele enyoka?" wangiophendula wathi; awuboni wena ukuthi uhambaphi, awunawo yini amehlo? Ngabe sengimshaya ngempama ngambuza ukutyhi yena ugijimelani ilanga likhipha umkhovui etsheni nje ngamphinda futhi ngenye impama ngoba wayemoshe umsebenzi wami wesikole.

Kwaqala ukugcwa abanye abafundi sebesibukela sioshayana, kwaze



kwafika othisha ukuzosilamula basihambisa kwihhovisi lika thishanhloko. Ngamuchazela kahle uthishomkhulu ukuthi kwenzakaleni. Lo mfana engangilwa naye wasenga ezimithiyo wathi ngithuke unina wakhe ingakho ewise umsebenzi wami wesikole. Uthisha omkhulu wabiza abazali bami wathi uyangixosha esikoleni sakhe ngoba ngishaye omunye umfundi ngase ngiqamba namanga. Ngababaza ngase ngiyasukuma ngathi kushisha omkhulu uzowuikhomba umuzi onotshwala ngase ngiyaphuma ehhovisi lakhe. Ngesikhathi ngifika ekhaya bangishaya abazali bami mese saqala ukubheka isikole esisha nabazali bami kodwa akukho nesisodwa esangithatha ngoba ngaxoshelwa ukushaya omunye umfundi.

Ngalobo busuku angilalanga ebusuku, ngangikhlala ngoba ngibona ukuthi lentukuthelo yami ingifake kwengakanani inkinga. Ngavuka ekuseni ngahamba ukuyibheka umsebenzi ngoba bese kucaca ukuthi angeke ngisithole isikole. Ngagcina ngithola umsebenzi esitolo sase Shoprite, ngesikhathi ngibuyela ekhaya ngigqoke izingubo zasemsebenzini zangihleka ezinye izingane emphakathini.

Impilo yami ayiphindanga yafana, ikusasa lami lamosheka ngenxa yentyukuthelo yami. Ngafunda ukuthi ngingaboshesha ngidinwe, kumele ezinye izinto uzikhulume nomuntu ngoba ukulwa kungakufaka enkingeni.

L Ndaba (Sixth Form)

Kuvumela intukuthelo kwangifaka enkingeni

Ukuba nekhandla elishisayo into engalungile kwezinye izikhathi. Ngisho njena ngoba nakho kuyiyona le nto eyangifaka enkingeni ngize ngxibane nodadewthu.

Ngangisenyathukweni ebuyela ekhaya ngiphuma esikoleni. Sengifika ekhaya ngangizitshela ukuthi ngizofika ngizihlalele ngingenzi lutho kwasho ukuthi ngifike kwangqingetshe. Ngaleso sikhathi udadewethu wangitshela ukuthi kumele ngiwashe izitsha. Mina ngagolozela ngaze ngashaya unyawo phansi.

Mina nodadewethu omdala u-Athini sasesibukana ngeziqu zamehlo njengoba wayengekho ofuna ukuwasha izitsha. Umfowethu omncanyana kunami wayelokhu engitshela ukuthi angiziwasho izitsha njengoba u-Athini eziwashile izolo. Mina bengilokhu ngingqabile njengoba bengizitshela ukuthi zigezwe imina izolo. Lokhu kudale ukuthi mina nodadewthu silokhu siklabalasa ngaze ngagcina mina sengisho amagama amabi, bese udadewthu wavela wangifumba ngolabhabha wempama.

Ilokhu okwakngenza ngacasuka, ngaze ngakhala. Njengoba sengicasukile ngavele ngathathela enkanini ngalanda ifosholo endlini sengifuna ukumshaya ngalo engathi ngiyahlanya ekhanda. U-Athini njengoba wayemkhulu engathi indlovu wavela wasebenzisa amandla akhe wangiphuca ifosholo. Esengiphucile futhi ngathatha ipiki. Ngangisakhala njengoba ngangilithatha, sengilipethe ngavele ngalithela kuyena. Ngaba nenhlahlala njengoba ngamshaya esandleni wangalimala. Emva kwalokho ngavele ngacela empunzini.

Sekuqala ukuhlalala umama wathumela umfowethu omncane ukuthi angibheke. Wagcina engitholile wangitshela ukuthi ngiyabizwa. Sengifikile ngabona udadewethu opha igazi kodwa sebemubhandisha. Umama uvele wavela umnyango wadonsa ipayipi elide engathi indlulamithi wabe esithela isibhaxu kumina, esekhathele kwangena nogogo wangabuza imibuzo wasivuthela naye. Indlela engangikhala ngayo wawungaze ufunge ukuthi khona oshonile.

Sengiqedile ukushaywa, wawungayibona imvimbo enganginayo. Ngahamba ngaya kudadewethu ngayoxolisa. Ngagcina lapho-ke ukwenza izinqumo ngithukuthela ngoba ngifunde kwezami.

S Ngcobo (Sixth Form)

Ukuvumela intukuthelo kwangifaka enkingeni

Umuntu uma esediniwe ugcina enza izinto ongaqondile ukuzenza ngoba usuke ebona ubomvu kuphela. Leyo not yayimoshisa impilo yami ngendlela engingayazi.

Unyaka ubusanda kuqala esikoleni, bekunesiphithiphithi nje, ikakhulukazi thina ebefunda ibanga likamatikulethsheni. Kulesi siphithiphithi ngibona intokazi ebengingakaze ngiyibone ngavele ngathathekiswa ubuhle bayo. Ngangingakaze ngihlushwe ubushimane ngaya kuyona saqala ukukhuluma. Ngokudlula kwesikhathi ucu lugcine luhlangene yangiqoma le ntokazi, kusukela lpho sasingamathe nolimi. Empelelni izinto bezihamba kahle, ngabe ngisenga ezimithiyo uma ngithi bekungemnandi.

Ngosuku olungatheni ngezwa ngendaba ukuthi ubonakale ehamba nenye insizwa engaziwa. Akungiphathanga kabi lokhu ngoba bengazi ukuthi unabo abafowabo. Ekuphumeni kwesikole ngiphume ngejubane ukumbheka kukhona ngizombuza ngale ndaba. Ngebhadi lakhe ngimbone ebambene nalo mlika endaweni efihlekile. Ngivele ngagana unwabu ngaya kubona. Enhliziyweni yami bese ngithi azilime ziye etsheni ngizimisele ngokulwa. Sigcine silwa mina naloya mfana.

Ngenkathi sisalwa kuqhamuke uthishanhloko ezosihlukanisa. Ngisho esesihlukanisile uthishanhloko bengifuna ukuqhubeka ukulwa, bese ngibona ubomvu kuphela. Mina nalo mfana sibizelwe emhlanganweni ophakathi kwethu, abazali bethu nothishanhloko. Ngangisemanzini ashisayo. Ngigcine ngixoshiwe esikoleni ngoba bathe imina oqale le ngxabano. Kuloya nyaka angwabhalanga amaphepha e-NSC ngoba asikho isikole esivume ukungithatha. Emuva kwaloluya suku izinto azikaze zingilungele ngoba nomsebenzi awutholakali uma isitifiketi sikamatikulethsheni asikho.

Uma ngingazange ngivumele intukuthelo le nto engiyenzile, ngabe ngikude empilweni. Ngigqagqazela wonke umuntu ukulawula imizwa yakhe ngoba ingakumoshela ikusasa lakho.

B Zuma (Sixth Form)



Form 3P Class Project



E Bhengu (Second Form)



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E Knox (Sixth Form)



C Henderson (Sixth Form)



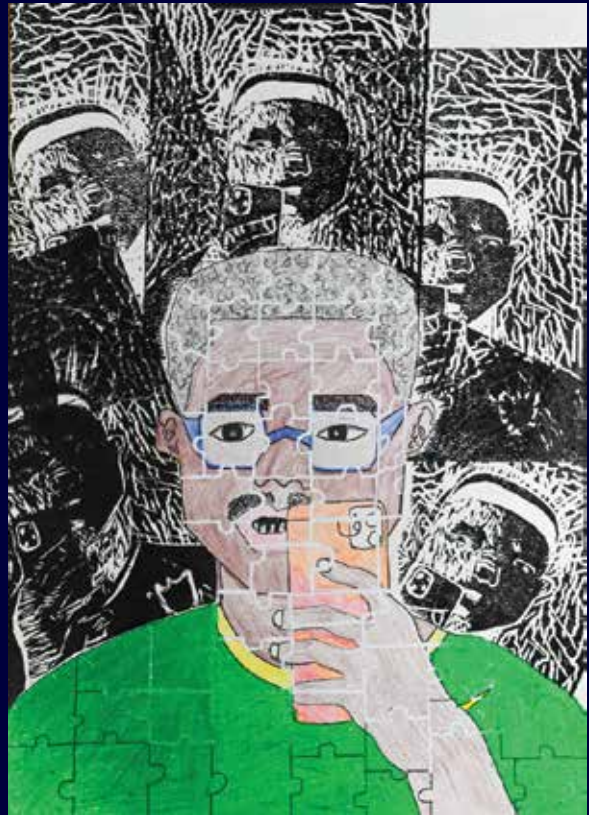
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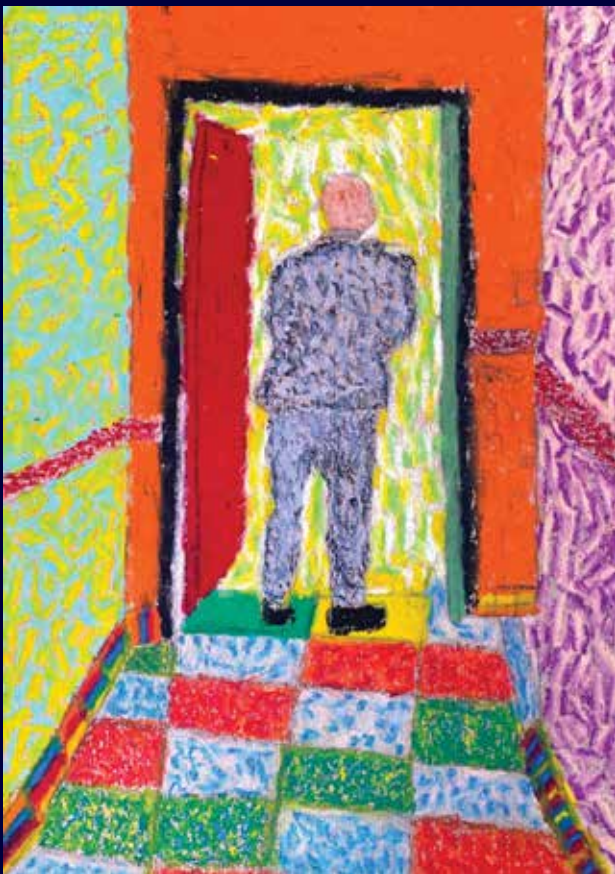
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O Haasbroek (Sixth Form)



Z Mfeka (Sixth Form)



P Kubheka (Sixth Form)



O Ntombela (Sixth Form)

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC



School Choir

Back row: Z Mabunda, B Hlophe, M Myaka, N Mtungwa

Fifth row: S Shabalala, E Sobwe, N Ngubane, M Nyoka, MR Barnado, L Luthuli (Tenor 2 VGL)

Fourth row: N Ntuli, R Berner, N Moyo, S Khumalo, A Madlala, S Mncwabe, S Zondi, A Hlongwa, P Zikalala, A Ngcobo

Third row: P Desebrook, M Mfusi, A Zuma, L Dlamini, N Mkhize, K Makhanya, Sive Sithembu, Z Vava, B Pepu

Second row: S Gwala, K Mkhwane, M Msimango, J Planteau de Mouressem, Q Madlala, B Mnguni, M Tshabalala, A Kunene

Front row: J Kloppers (Bass VGL), Mr J Heyns, L Ndaba (captain), Mr J Linde, I Jikijo (vice-captain), Mr D Solomon, N Ndawonde (Tenor 1 VGL)
[VGL = voice group leader]



Jazz Band

Back row: S Redlinghuys, Y Mchunu, N Khanye, D Colenbrander, N Vengai, G Jordan

Middle row: E Mitewu, J Knock, N Mtungwa, J Drimie, S Dlamini

Front row: J Gasarasi, S Govender, Mr D Solomon, S Bridglall, C Harrichand, R van Rensburg

Kneeling: E Vengai

Absent: S Mkhize, A Myeni, E Stafford





Gospel Choir

Back row: L Luthuli, M Myaka, B Pepu, C Zondi, MR Barnado

Third row: A Sidimba, S Khumalo, Q Ngubane, A Madlala

Second row: N Ntuli, A Zuma, K Makhanya, L Dlamini, Sive Sithembu, Z Vava, S Gwala

Front row: N Ndawonde, L Ndaba (vice-captain), Mr M Ngcobo (MIC), N Mkhize (captain), S Mchunu, B Hlophe

Absent: I Zwane, G Mnyaiza, B Zakwe, N Moyo



Jazz Ensemble

Back row: S Dlamini, J Knock

Front row: E Mitewu, S Govender, Mr D Solomon, S Bridglall, C Harrichand



String Ensemble

Left to right: A Hlongwa, G Mnyaiza, Mr D Solomon, M Msimango

MUSIC

The year 2024 has been another eventful one for the Maritzburg College Music Department.

The Pirates of Penzance, performed in collaboration with The Wykeham Collegiate, received critical acclaim and was a resounding success. Outstanding performances were given by all cast members. Unbeknown to the producers, this same production was performed with the same two schools in 1974, fifty years earlier. College was honoured to have some of the original cast members of the 1974 production at the gala evening.

The Carol Service was performed this year at Hilton Christian Fellowship Church, together with Laddsworth Primary School and Epworth High School. Rousing performances were given by all the choirs. The Jazz Band was joined on stage by the string players of Maritzburg College and Laddsworth as a stirring accompaniment to the congregational Christmas Carols.

Term 1 saw a successful Café Concert, highlighting many performances by up-and-coming young musicians at the school. The Prestige Concert was another highlight of the year, once again showcasing the best talent in the Music Department.

Several boys gave excellent performances at the South African Society of Music Teachers (SASMT) Eisteddfod in July, and two of our boys were accepted as members of the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Wind Band.

The College Choir continued to grow this year under the capable leadership of Mr Jacques Linde, who joined us from Drakensberg Boys Choir School. His careful planning and firm, demanding approach reflects his passion for the choir. The College Choir performed a diverse repertoire displaying their versatility through Western classical works, pop, world music and indigenous South African pieces. Highlights included performances at various school functions, including the Reunion Day Assembly, the Sport and Cultural Awards Ceremony, and the annual College Carol Service.

The Jazz band had another strong year, with great performances at all the cultural exchanges, sharing a stage with Pretoria Boys High School and Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool in terms 2 and 3. The exchanges were enjoyed by all, and the school ensembles gave good performances. Members of the school jazz band also took part in the KZN Schools Jazz Festival in March.

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Jazz Ensemble welcomed several new members this year, with many of the founding members finishing school in 2023. The Ensemble gave an outstanding performance at the National Youth Arts Festival in Makhanda (Grahamstown) in June. It was a festival which challenged and grew each member of the Ensemble in every way. The Jazz Ensemble closed off their year with a rocking final concert at The Knoll in December, saying goodbye to another strong matric group who really grew closer together through their music experiences this year.

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

Mr D Solomon

Performances 2024

This year College staged 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. Both shows were directed by Mr Orton and produced by Mrs Thaver.

The Comedy of Errors was College's first Shakespeare production in a while. This one was chosen for its comic aspects and the fact that it allowed for a sizeable ensemble cast. T Cox, I Jikijo, L Luthuli and L Ndaba played the two sets of estranged twins to great comic effect, coping easily with the complex language. The female roles were played by girls from various schools, with notable performances by Hanna Theron and Khloe Cox as the two sisters, Cadence Ludick as the courtesan and Tayler van Wyngaard as the Abbess. M Msimango and V Kasambala brought depth and gravitas to their supporting roles as the boys' long-lost father and the Duke respectively. Y Makhatini and P Desebrook turned their featured roles into memorable characters.

The Pirates of Penzance was a collaboration between the College Music and Drama Departments. The female roles were all filled by girls from

The Wykeham Collegiate. Messrs Solomon, Linde and Heyns oversaw the musical and singing aspects. Mr Harty played an integral part in the initial rehearsals before retiring. He was persuaded to return as Assistant Musical Director and his insight and input proved invaluable. During the production it was discovered that the two schools had collaborated on the same show in 1974 and that Mr Harty, then a schoolboy, had been heavily involved in the vocal coaching of that original production. Two of the members of this original cast were in the audience on the final night. Mrs Sanders' choreography set the tone for a high-quality rollicking show and her choices of costume added colour and vibrancy.

The roles of Fredric and Mabel were filled by A Madlala and Brinlee Peens respectively. Their singing of the complex arias was received with acclaim. I Zwane played a suitably dark but loveable Pirate King, while L Ndaba brought his usual comedy and panache to the role of Major General Stanley. B Hadebe played the Police Sergeant with almost show-stopping comedy. A bevy of beautiful maidens, dastardly pirates and hilarious policemen rounded out the cast. Both shows set a standard for College performances, and we look forward to seeing what some of the younger cast members achieve in the years ahead.

In addition to the major productions, *Night of 1000 Stars* was successfully staged for the sixth successive year. The compere role was shared for the first time by several boys from various Forms and this proved highly successful. The show featured a wide range of performances. Memorable moments included Ndaba's swan song assisted by various boys creating special effects, and Dr Luman's last performance at this event. The original *Night of 1000 Stars* was arranged at his request, and he has participated every year. We acknowledge Dr Luman for his vision and understanding of the importance of creating this platform which serves to demonstrate the creativity both of boys and staff, who might otherwise not perform.

College 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 a number Naledi Awards.

Mr J Orton



The Comedy of Errors



The Pirates of Penzance





Afrikaans Society

The Afrikaans Society has had a dynamic and productive year, filled with a variety of engaging activities and noteworthy achievements. From the outset, the society saw a strong display of enthusiasm, with many students signing up, reflecting a keen interest in Afrikaans language and culture within the school community.

The year began with a focus on strengthening verbal communication and improving sentence construction, establishing a solid foundation for the development of effective language skills. The first term was a key period for building the necessary linguistic fundamentals to engage more deeply with the language throughout the year. In the second term, the society saw an array of exciting activities, starting with the much-anticipated annual social event with Epworth. This event featured a lively general knowledge quiz and a creative adaptation of the popular game show, *Noot vir Noot*. These activities encouraged informal interaction, fostered camaraderie and offered a fun way for members to connect and bond. In term 3, the boys worked closely with Mr Eva on a theatrical project for the Tienertoneel festival. Originally planned as a serious dramatic play, the project was adapted into a more light-hearted pantomime, *Die Drie Varkies*, showcasing the boys' flexibility and enthusiasm for creative challenges. The Tienertoneel cast demonstrated impressive dedication and growth through their performance of the pantomime. This experience highlighted the value of perseverance, teamwork and the importance of taking risks in creative pursuits. In the final term, the society gathered for a farewell meeting to express gratitude to the captain, E Bester, and the senior members for their exceptional leadership throughout the year. Their commitment, guidance and zeal have greatly contributed to the success of the society and ensured a productive year filled with valuable experiences.

As the year comes to a close, the Afrikaans Society reflects on a successful and fulfilling period. We are excited for what lies ahead, particularly with the ongoing preparations for the 2025 projects and the promise of even more engaging activities and growth for the members.

Mrs Z Elder



Die Drie Varkies
production

Back:

T Chikowero, S Ngobese,
I Lindeque, N Mntungwa,
J Lindeque

Third row:

B Mnguni, A Hlongwa,
A de Lange, S Mtetwa

Second row:

S Wessels, S Bernstein,
J Wright, K Harper, J Smith

Front row:

O Nala, Mr S Eva, E Bester,
T Boshoff, Mr L Kruger,
S Jansen



Art Club

Back row: E Hunter-Smith, F Kunene, S Wiggill, C Ender, L Mshudulu

Front row: A Khumalo, Mr E Pretorius, E Mitewu, N Thusi

Absent: D Nel

Maritzburg College's Art Club saw remarkable growth and accomplishments in 2024. The boys continued to develop their life-drawing skills, which reached an impressive level of proficiency. These skills were displayed at our portraiture booths at several public events including Maritzburg College's Family Day, Varsity College Market Day, and the KZN Museum's Halloween celebration. Participants sat at our portraiture booths 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, the year was a time of significant progress for the Art Club. The boys not only honed their technical skills but also gained confidence in showcasing their work and process to the public. The magical reaction from those who received portraits underscores the special nature of what the Art Club is achieving.

We look forward to continuing this momentum into 2025.

Mr E Pretorius





Camera Club

Back row: D Pillay, E van der Merwe, D Barratt, M Clark, A Mkhize

Fourth row: E Hunter-Smith, T Haviside, G Jordan, L During, Davies, O Hlope

Third row: C Barnard, B Woodroffe, M du Toit, K Peter, D Nadasan

Second row: L Shangase, J Planteau De Maroussem, S Johnson, T Pillay, B Govender, B Cele

Front row: M Thomson, B Gademan (captain), Mrs D Gademan MIC, J Mumford, C Zondi

Camera Club has had a quiet year having bade farewell to a number of talented 2023 matrics. This gap has the potential to be filled by a large group of 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-schools' competition, earning third place in the category 'my inspiration'.

Currently the club has reached its largest ever as there is a desire among boys to show off creative images of 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 improve them. The purchase of a DSLR camera will allow boys to return to the art of photography, extending their ability to capture images beyond the limit of cell phones. It has been a pleasure meeting the young men who have joined, and I hope that as they continue to Sixth Form, we will see our reign in the PSSA return.

Mrs D Gademan



M du Toit

"My Inspiration" third place in the Kearsney competition



J Mumford



B Gademan



College Cues

Back row: M Mthungwa, S Mabusa
Middle row: A Zuma, Q Ngcobo, L Luthuli, V Kasambala
Front row: A Matshoboza, L Ndaba Mr J Orton, I Jikijo, C Zondi

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 Gilberts 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 the Assistant Musical Director on the 1974 show, Mr Harty, then a schoolboy, was heavily involved in the vocal coaching of the current cast.

The shows were directed by Mr Orton and produced by Mrs Thaver. He has made a sizeable contribution to the cultural life of College in the areas of drama and choir.

Cues captain, L Ndaba, participated in both shows. Other notable performances by College boys in lead roles included I Jukijo, T Cox and L Luthuli in *The Comedy of Errors* and A Madlala, I Zwane and B Hadebe in *The Pirates of Penzance*. In addition, 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 a number Naledi Awards.

Mr J Orton



College for Christ (CFC)

Back row: L Wassink, C Ender, S Wiggill, C Zondi
Middle row: J Moneyvalu, M Brunkhorst, D Nadasan, S Mchunu, DC Naidoo, L Shangase
Front row: S Adie, Mr K Emerson, Mr R Barbour, J Konigkramer

This year, College for Christ has continued to thrive as a space where boys from Grades 8 to 12 can come together in fellowship, united by their faith in Christ. Every Tuesday during tea break, students have taken the lead in sharing messages from the Bible, offering encouragement and spiritual guidance to their brothers in Christ. These short yet powerful sessions have provided a refreshing pause in the school day, reminding us of God's presence and the strength we find in Him.

Beyond our regular meetings, College for Christ Vitality, the boarding equivalent of our association, and under the guidance of Mr Emerson, has been actively involved in worship beyond the school grounds. Several boys attended praise and worship evenings at One Life Church and other local schools, experiencing uplifting communal worship alongside other believers. We also were privileged to host 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.

What makes College for Christ unique is that it is truly driven by the boys themselves. While staff members provide humble guidance and support, it is the students who take the initiative—whether by preparing messages, leading worship, or organising events. Their dedication and passion for Christ are evident in the way they encourage one another and seek to grow spiritually as a community.

As we reflect on 2024, we give thanks for all that God has done in our midst. We look forward to the next year with anticipation, trusting that He will continue to work through College for Christ, drawing more boys into a deeper relationship with Him. May we remain steadfast in our faith, bold in our witness, and united in our love for Christ.

Mr R Barbour



Debating Union



Debating – Senior

Back row: J Moneyvalu, L Luthuli, D Gademane, K Moodley
Front row: M Moosa (captain), Ms A Maistry, M du Toit

In 2024 Maritzburg College continued its successful involvement in the interschool league debating. M 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, progressing to the 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 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 one 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, the following boys were selected for the KZN squad: K Mkhwane, A Ngcobo, MH Moosa, K Moodley and A Mhlanzi.

In addition to the league and provincial tournaments, debaters met with friendly rivals from PBHS, in the annual school exchange, resulting in a win for the College seniors but a 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 the quarter finals. M Moosa, K Moodley, S Gumbi and K Mhwané's teams progressed to the semi-finals and Moosa's team won the senior final debate.

Ms A Maistry



Debating – Junior

Back row: L Naicker, E Hunter-Smith, P Desebrook, J Padayachee, B Zakwe
Front row: A Madlala, M Moosa, Ms A Maistry, S Gumede, A Ngcobo



Debating – Grade 8

Back row: N Luvuno, K Mkhwane, M Makhado, K Mullen, Q Madlala, J Luridsamy
Front row: M Moosa, Mrs A Harding, S Gumbi



Enviro Club

Back row:

*E Moodley, A Matshoboza, E Knox,
O Thabethe, N Zwane*

Middle row:

*H Mdabe, M Naidoo, S Mararaj, D Pillay,
J Perumal, I Jikijo*

Front row:

*D Pieterse, Mr J Tyler,
B Gademan (captain), Mrs C Singh, L Myeza*

Absent:

*G Kloppe, T Marwick, D Haines,
E Maynard*

The year 2024 has been a quiet one for the Enviro Club. We have been on a few walks through the Bisley Nature Reserve, but through this quieter year it has allowed for new and exciting things to develop. We are embarking on an exciting journey in 2025 in which we hope to assist Wildlands Trust in their quest to grow and plant indigenous trees. The hope is to start an indigenous tree nursery here at College. These trees will be sold for items

identified by the Wildlands Trust as needs for their treepreneurs. Treepreneurs grow trees for Wildlands and are paid with items that meet their immediate need. All the items we collect through tree sales here at College will be donated to Wildlands and used by them to buy more trees and thus support more families.

Mr J Tyler



First Aid Society

Back row:

*P Desebrook, C Zondi, M Nyoka, B Hlope,
M Nyoka, K Zulu*

Middle row:

*K Makhanya, M Chetty, S Moodley, R de Beer,
S Khumalo, L Mkhize, D Clifton*

Front row:

*E Knox, Mrs R Brunzlaff,
S Khumalo, A Matshoboza, Mrs C Singh,
N Zwane*

Absent:

Q Heyns

First aid was once again very busy this year with many fixtures and events. There were many first aiders who worked tirelessly, in some cases giving up their entire holiday. Many of the matric first aiders have worked over three years, and they are commended on their unwavering sense of duty and care.

In the fourth term, ten staff members and eleven students from Maritzburg College took part in an extensive first aid course. The aim of this course was to provide participants with essential life-saving skills, preparing them to respond effectively in emergencies, both within the school and in other settings. The training covered critical first aid areas such as CPR, wound care, fracture management, burn treatment, and other injuries commonly

encountered in sports or school environments. Additionally, participants learned how to manage allergic reactions and perform emergency procedures, empowering them to act with confidence during the vital early moments of an emergency.

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.

Mrs R Brunzlaff





Hindu Society

Back row: S Subrenduth, R Singh, Y Hoolasi, T Naidoo, D Moodley, T Sivenarain

Fourth row: K Singh, A Naidoo, R Raghu, A Ramlall, P Desebrook, S Maharaj, K Manicum, R Padayachee

Third row: A Bharath, K Pillay, Di Naidoo, M Soorajdin, W Naidoo, J Maharaj, S Moodley

Second row: V Ramdeen, K Reddy, Ad Bagirathi, V Premchund, M Chetty, Z Singh, Y Singh, M Kanavathy

Front row: A Roopai, Mrs R Budhoo, S Maharaj, Mrs S Deodutt, M Singh, Mrs M Pillay, S Govender

Absent: S Ince, Ay Bagirathi, S Bandu, Sha Durgaparsad, Shr Durgaparsad, D Heeralall, R Madhan, J Sewlall, A Sewparsad, Da Naidoo, D Chunilall

The Hindu Students Society 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 WA Lewitt school. Hats off to our boys who are involved in *seva* and show such love and empathy to 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 and in assisting us in preparing for our examinations. Congratulations to 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 was a revelation for all of us who attended and we 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 Hindu Students Society 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.

Mrs S Deodutt



Interact Club

Back row: A Matshoboza, J Marias, M Nyoka, J Murekezi, D Clifton, N Zwane

Third row: S Khumalo, E Knox, V Rulumeni

Second row: P Mncwabe, L Ndaba, A Ngcobo, R de Beer, K Makhanya, H Mdabe

Front row: N Ndawonde, A Sidimba, S Khumalo, Ms S Kunene, O Thabethe, N Mkhize, A Akoonjee

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 most of the boys in the club being in Sixth Form. However, we welcomed a few new members during the year.

In terms 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 had 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.

During 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 final

'cook' with the Sixth Form boys who have been flipping pancakes since they were in Fourth 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 who sang on the day we did the delivery, and the ladies were very appreciative of the boys' kind gesture.

In term 3 we had a collection for the Peter Pan school market day and the boys brought old clothes, books, toys and snacks. These were to be sold for Peter Pan's fundraising.

The Interactors have elected their new captain for the coming year, and we welcome P Mncwabe as the new captain. The boys look forward to seeing more of his contributions in the coming year.

Miss S Kunene





Marketing Team

Back row: D Davies, M Meisegeier, F Thabethe, E van der Merwe, F Kunene, C Nohiya, S Ngobese, C Zondi

Fifth row: B Pepu, Z Mabunda, S Mpanza, S Mazibuko, Q Ngubane, N Moyo

Fourth row: D Naidoo, S Zungu, A Hlongwa, B Cook, L Phakathi, A Zuma, L Nkabane, M Maphanga

Third row: N Mtungwa, A Dladla, L Gamede, S Nhlapho, A Madlala, O Basi, N Adam, J Padayachee, O Nala

Second row: H Mdabe, R Mosthoane, B Mnguni, T Chikowero, S Simamane, S Moodley, N Jaftha, V Ramdeen

Front row: L Dlamini, Ms S Campbell, O Jikijo, Mrs S Upfold, D Becket, Mr S Shange, A Leclezio

Under the exceptional leadership of I Jikijo, the Marketing Team continued to grow in numbers and support. The team worked in two broad areas: Events (such as Open Days, school visits and tours), and Media (digital and print). We are also very grateful for the (acting) prefects for 2025 who have supported several marketing events in the second half of the year.

Miss Samantha Campbell joined the College staff this year as the permanent fulltime Marketing Assistant, with a main responsibility of managing the school's busy social media platforms. During the year she has produced excellent content assisted by the Marketing Team and other boys, in our ongoing efforts to share the boys' stories.

Recruitment activities this year included the Boarder Sleepover in February, when we welcomed Grade 6 #FutureCollegeBoys to the campus. We also ran two Open Days with the Marketing Team playing an important role in welcoming and hosting parents and boys and assisting with guided tours of the campus. In November we hosted a Sports Excellence Weekend with 140 Grade 6 boys enjoying coaching sessions covering our six main codes led by the sports directors and coaches.

Bi-weekly meetings have focused on exploring some of the principles of marketing with a key objective being to encourage the boys to contribute their 'voice' in the form of stories and images to the College marketing process. The Marketing Team again fulfilled roles of photographing Saturday fixtures as well as supporting our hydration sponsor, Thirsti, at all home games. They also assisted on Reunion Day by handing out programmes, welcoming visitors and producing excellent video reels and photographs of the day.

Thank you to all the Marketing Boys for your excellent service to our school and we look forward to another great year in 2025.

Mrs S Upfold

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MC Ink

Back row: D Naidoo, S Maharaj, F Kunene, M Madlala

Middle row: P Mncwabe, M Msimango, J Moneyvalu, K Phungula

Front row: P Desebrook, Mr S Eva, M Soorajdin,

Mr R Gutteridge, A Mkhize

Absent: L Dladla, R Cassim, R Ayisa

MC Ink had co-captains this year, L Dladla (Commons) and M Soorajdin (Calder).

We had a good start to the year, and we saw a host of new members. 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 boys 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 did not 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 commendable poetry, including that of our own poets.

In October, MC Ink held its Night of the Writer poetry writers' workshop. Although we did not have the number of visiting schools that we usually have, it turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We hosted GHS in the Victoria Hall and our theme for the evening was history. One of the warm-up activities was to determine the original meaning of some common current words. For example, how many of you knew that 'bully' originally referred to a sweetheart? Another fun activity was to determine whether a quote was taken from a historical figure or a Taylor Swift song. The main activities included writing poetry about historical figures and events. Because of the fewer numbers, the evening was more intimate than usual, and we got to know our visitors much better than we ordinarily would. The open mic session at the end of the evening exhibited some brilliant, heartfelt poetry.

Mr R Gutteridge

As the Sun – J Moneyvalu

I rise with the sun,
Eager to conquer slumber,
as he is.

Life emanates from my skin,
I glow in the dark,
My light disintegrates worthless lethargy as the sun
eviscerates temporal darkness.

The work is hard and the days are long
But I am willing to pay the price for change,
Willing to sacrifice myself for the greater good of
mankind,
As the sun continuously burns himself— his fuel
To draw out light from his dying core,
So that mankind's eyes can be opened.

I will carry on,
and once again rise
In the morning.

I miss the stars – A Mkhize

Amidst the mist
I reminisce
when I shot my shot
I wish I'd missed
'Cause now I miss
your tender lips
your soft skin and you broadened hips
those warm moments when we would kiss
and every second felt like bliss
but now your gone
and it's what it is

but sometimes
amidst the mist
I reminisce
on what we could've been
would it have been better if it had never been?

I miss what it was and ain't been the same since
'cause I loved what it was and hate what it is

but what's left now is to reminisce
amidst the mist
on things I always miss
and ponder on what we could've been.

Mortality – S Maharaj

Mistakes, cemented in the lives of all.
Whether you are the great king of heaven,
Or a mere cursed beggar destined to fall.
Mistakes will befall thee without question.

Errors in our ways, painfully they stay
Misjudgements, unfortunate pollution.
Mistakes remind us of life's fleeting sway
Being perfect, unreachable delusion.

Mortal life was made to be full of fault
All strive for perfection a harsh falsehood
Eventually we all learn to halt
As our faults become that which we withstood

Gods have shackled mortals with their error
Yet we rise to power without terror

Peacock – Haiku – R Cassim

Colours dance in light,
Azure, green, and magenta-
Wings of bright delight.

Crackened Bricks – M Msimango

I've escaped,
To hidden
Gardens of folklore,
Deep within my mind,
Brown and barren,
Devoid of life,
Devoid of you.
And I walk on,

To the garden's edge,
Surprised to find
New life between,
Those crackened bricks,
More surprised to find,
New remnants of you.

You carry on your days
Whether or not they involve me
You grow to new heights
But,
I'm writing my usual poems again.

Now
I'm tearing down
Those crackend bricks,
Hoping to let you
Pour right in
Into my life again.

"Won't you bring life to my garden?"
Yes
But you'll later erase its existence.

Rise of Starboy – M Madladla

Living in a continuous cycle
As I write to inspire
With both hands on the bible
Purely kind-hearted
Truly taken for granted

Tropical peace stuck in sunlight
Matching energies since I'm starlight
Personal point of view
Therapy sessions fronts of oceans views

Pen and paper my only need
Expressing myself to the supreme
The rise of Starboy





Media Centre Monitors

Back row:

S Chili, S Gwala, N Mathapershad, N Mthembu, T Motsoeneng

Front row:

S Naidoo, L Khumalo, Mrs L Dos Santos, A Aagoonjee

Absent:

S Durgaparsad, P Mncwabe

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 would 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 Pietermaritzburg 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.

The year ended on a high note when we held our year-end tea for the boys who have worked so diligently in our Media Centre. This year we combined our 'thank you' function for both the TechSquad and Media Monitors as some of the boys serve on both these cultural fronts. Everyone tucked into platters of delicious treats and then organised themselves into teams of four members to compete in a fun quiz. One of the junior teams took the winning position, much to mixed reactions of surprise, delight and disbelief!

Mrs L Dos Santos



Muslim Students' Association

Back row:

A Aagoonjee, Y Dhali, U Hoosen, F Khan, Z Dawood

Middle row:

H Badat, S Chohan, M Jooma, Z Bhigjee, A Sheik, Z Cassim

Front row:

M Osman, A Mahomed, Mr O Kajee, R Khan, Y Hansrod

Absent:

Ms K Moula (MIC), M Khan, F Moula, B Parak

The Muslim Students' Association weekly meetings begin 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 the South African National Zakāh Fund (SANZAF). 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, the Muslim Students' Association 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 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.

Ms K Moula



Nguni Society

Back row:

B Pepu, F Thabethe

Middle row:

S Mtetwa, S Simamane, SN Mchunu, Z Hulane

Front row:

A Ngcobo, O Thabethe, Mr J Mhlongo, L Myeza, L Dlamini

The Nguni Society is a growing society with some very committed members. The main aim of group is to revive the Nguni culture and to make sure that it does not perish in the minds of our boys in our school. The senior members, boys like F Thabethe and A Ngcobo, have been the main custodians of the movement. Their role in the growth of the group is crucial. They were able to influence and inspire the junior boys to develop their

love for their culture. 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.

Mr J Mhlongo



Sound and Lights Society

Back row:

C Khumalo, J Nettleton

Third row:

V Nkomo, E Mpapa, P Desebrook, L Mabande

Second row:

B Govender, J Wright, S Mbatha, C Ender, S Ince, S Bernstein

Front row:

C Zondi, V Kasambala (vice-captain), Mr D Thaver, J Gasarasi (captain), J Stead

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 were off campus. The day to day running of sound was undertaken by J Gasarasi (captain) and members of Sound and Lights. Furthermore, Mr Lemuel Kistasamy (IT Department) played a major supporting role in overseeing many events that have taken place. The team was willing and approachable in their interaction with staff.

The team, led by Mr Thaver and Gasarasi, ran a tight ship for the production The 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 numbers

which was positive. The boys are developing their skills at a rapid pace, and they can be relied upon 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, Sixth Form Dramatic Arts Internal and External Performance Exams, the Gospel Choir Evening, the Afrikaans Society pantomime production, the Nguni Society annual cultural evening, 'Night of 1000 Stars' and assisted with the Encounter Worship 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.

Mr D Thaver





Speakers' Circle

Back row: A Mkhize, A Mahommed, C Mundell, N Setipa, E Bester, N Mntungwa

Third row: S Ngobese, L Luthuli, R Anderson, V Kasambala

Second row: E Hamadziripi, A Hadebe, E McAllister, A Leclezio, R Singh, M du Toit, S Adie, L Shangase

Front row: L Ndaba, I Jikijo, C Robinson, Mrs K Thaver, M Moosa, J Mumford, J Gasarasi

Absent: S Danisa, C Cherayi, O Nala, B Zuma, J Samuel, D Simpson, A Mntungwa, L Dladla

Speakers' Circle enjoyed another successful year starting with an unprecedented number of Fifth 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 (92%), M du Toit (91%) and C Robinson (88%). Speakers' Circle then hosted the second annual Inter-School Assembly of Public Speakers Evening which was 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 as vice chair and V Kasambala as secretary.

Mrs K Thaver



TechSquad

Back row: T Naidoo, M Clark, T Nankan, P Desebrook

Fourth row: A Khumalo, T Royappen, A Dladla, D Gademane, A Mkhize, K Phungula

Third row: B Mnguni, S Dube, M Naidoo, N Thusi, Q Madlala, E Gwala

Second row: J Sparrow, N Luvuno, L Mshudulu, S Kunene, T Motsoeneng, A Kunene

Front row: L Khumalo, T Murugen, C Zondi (captain), Ms C McLellan, T Naidoo, M Singh

Absent: D Arouca, B Hlophe, A Mhlanzi

This has been an extremely busy year for TechSquad, as the computer room has been abuzz with a huge influx of boys who have started utilising it. We started the year off with 20 members, but after the Cultural assembly we were able to recruit 15 new members all from different Grades, bringing our total to 35. All the new recruits were provided with foundational training.

TechSquad has had an eventful and productive year supporting students and enhancing overall digital literacy. Our captain, C Zondi, did an exceptional job helping to manage the computer room and the TechSquad members. We held weekly training sessions on Friday afternoons to develop new skills and gain more proficiency.

We hosted the annual games evening alongside Esports. It was a huge success and most enjoyable, and we look forward to being a part of this event again next year. We were also invited to a quiz night competition at Michaelhouse. Eight very clued up, witty Grade 9 and 10 boys from TechSquad attended. It was a good learning experience, and we had many laughs, so this will definitely be on our calendar again for next year.

Ms C McLellan



Easter Egg drive



A staggering 12 000 Easter eggs were collected by our College community. These were donated to the two chosen charities, Angels Care in Howick and Bonginkosi in Sweetwaters, on the last day of the first term and brought smiles of joy to the many children supported by these wonderful organisations.

#5fmWarCryChamps



Our boys took third place in the national war cry competition hosted by 5FM radio station, displaying their indefatigable spirit. Well done, lads!

Dave Anderson Scoreboard



A very special event that took place on Reunion Day was the unveiling of the Dave Anderson Scoreboard.

Among his many accolades, Dave Anderson captained the unbeaten 1962-1963 1st XVs (his Centenary XV of 1963 is regarded as one of College's very best), was an admired master at College from 1983 until his retirement in 2009 and he was a famously gruff coach of the 1st XV for four successful seasons (1988-1991).

College's Agricultural Science team at the Royal Agricultural Exhibition



With the return to a mainly agricultural focus for the RAS this year, it was a great opportunity to display College's Agricultural Sciences students' offering. Well done to the boys and Mr Tyler.

Boarding House Common-Room revamps continue

The Common Rooms in our five boarding houses provide our boys with safe and comfortable spaces to have fun, relax, socialise and feel 'at home'. The Common Rooms in Clark House and Nathan House have each recently had a major facelift. This year, it was the turn of Hudson House, Elliott House and Shepstone House – the lads were thrilled with their fresh, new space.



Revamp in Elliott House



Revamp in Hudson House



Revamp in Shepstone House

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Blanket Drive



The smiles of joy on the faces of the children from Angels Care were heartwarming, as over 160 donated blankets were handed over.

Vogue Outreach



An exciting initiative introduced to the College Fifth Form Boarders' Vogue experience this year was an Outreach Project with Epworth.

We have partnered with Thandanani Children's Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable children and youth in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, who identified two creches in one of our disadvantaged communities in Imbali, that were sorely in need of a makeover. Our College boys together with the Epworth girls went out over two days to assist with the renovations. Plenty of painting, playing, cleaning and fun was had by all! Our BE maintenance team went out for a morning before this to assist with some of the more technical preparation work.

College OCs in Paris for the 2024 Olympics



Hockey: Matthew Guise-Brown (OC 2009),
Tevin Kok (OC 2014),
Bradley Sherwood (OC 2017), and
Nduduzo (Peabo) Lembethe (OC 2014)

Management: Devon van der Merwe (OC 2003)

Canoeing: Andy Birkett (OC 2008)

Rugby: Sevens management: Ashley Evert (OC 1993)

Rugby Referee Manager: Craig Joubert (OC 1995)

Sport Climbing Management: Dean Bruyns (OC 1991)

Commentator: Max Cluer (OC 1991)

Staff Children's Christmas Party



The younger members of our College community were delighted by a surprise visitor at our annual staff children's Christmas party at Goldstone's. The event was enjoyed by all, both young and old.

Family History Fair



College flag flutters proudly at the Family History Fair

In September, a three-man College team made up of Mr M Marwick, Mr R Gutteridge and D Colenbrander in Fourth Form represented the school at the KZN Family History Society's family history fair at the Old Prison (Project Gateway). The College representatives answered many questions from interested members of the public, including a number of Old Collegians, and Mr Marwick gave a talk on College's archives. It was aimed especially at people with College links who might be researching their family tree.

ECR broadcast



The ECR Breakfast Team broadcast live from CoffeeBox on our #RedBlackWhite Maritzburg College campus. Acting Headmaster, Mr Marwick was interviewed live on air and our boys did not disappoint with a massive College war cry.



Family Day



Thousands of parents, boys and staff, together with extended families and friends, gathered around Goldstone's for a day full of fun at our 2024 Family Day. There were many exciting activities and challenges taking place throughout the day, and tasty refreshments to enjoy. The Jazz Band and Ensemble kept the crowds entertained as did our talented visual art pupils who produced beautiful charcoal portraits on request. There was also plenty of great rugby action to watch in the Nashua 7s tournament. The day ended with families gathering in front of the Kent Pavilion to braai and watch our Bokke beat the All Blacks!



Remembrance Day



On 11 November, Maritzburg College staff, boys and old boys gathered with special guests in the school's Memorial Chapel for the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. This time-honoured tradition is when the school community, remembers the 262 Old Collegians and three staff members who have died in battles and wars, since 1873. It is also an opportunity to pay sombre tribute to all people who have died in conflict, and to ponder such timeless issues as service, duty, loyalty and courage.

The theme for this year's event, 'Honouring the *SS Mendi*', pays tribute to the troopship, *SS Mendi*, which sailed from Cape Town bound for France, on 16 January 1917, carrying privates of the South African Native Labour Corps, officers and NCOs, as well as crewmembers. After being rammed by the *SS Darro*, the *Mendi* sank in 20 minutes in the icy waters of the English Channel. A total of 646 people drowned. A famous legend from the incident is that, as the *Mendi* began to sink beneath the waves, the Reverend Isaac Dyobha, a pastor on the ship, inspired the doomed men with fiery words, and led them in the now famous, barefoot 'Death Drill of The *Mendi*'. Members of Maritzburg College's Nguni Society contributed to the ceremony with Mr J Mhlongo reading the story of the *Mendi*, while the Fourth Form ensemble provided a vocal tribute and performed the 'Death Drill'.

The service was followed by the traditional laying of wreaths and lowering of flags, in front of the campus's World War 1 Memorial outside Clark House. Guests then moved to the Wall of Remembrance for the unveiling of 14 new plaques, and to join with family and friends of those members of the College community whose lives we honoured.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Class of 2024 enjoyed their James Bond themed matric dance in our Alan Paton Memorial Hall, which was transformed into a spectacular dining and dance venue by Sixth Form mums. In true 007 style, the boys and their stunning partners arrived in style, ranging from sports cars to limos, tractors, motorbikes and even a boat.



LEAVERS' DINNER DANCE 2024



Barns House

Housemaster:	Mr S Brill
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Botha
Mentors:	Mr E Pretorius, Mr S Goddard, Mrs M-A Rembold, Ms A Phillips, Ms L Mthembu
House captain:	P Kubheka
Assistant House captain:	Z Ndlovu
House leaders:	T Fulton, E Govender, L Johnstone, K Lamb, S Norton



This year has been marked by numerous exciting achievements and commendable efforts both from the boys and staff of Barns House. We welcomed a new mentor to the team, Mr S Goddard (OC 2017), who has certainly made his presence known and has establishment himself as a splendid leader and role model for the boys of Barns House.

The year 2024 was another successful one for the Barns House family. Although our results in the inter-house events could have been better, the students continued to embody the Barns credo,

Acta non Verba – Deeds not Words, as they tackled a busy schedule of exam sessions, sporting fixtures, inter-house challenges, special events and

the many other joys of school life. Our mission remains to cultivate men of character and virtue, and to emphasise the importance of finishing strong. Our successes are not only dictated by our results, but rather our effort, and I commend the boys for their determined efforts both in the classroom and on the sports field this year.

Barns House benefited from an exceptional group of leaders in 2024. Under the remarkable leadership of P Kubheka, Z Ndlovu and N Jackson, the House continued its drive for the Forder Cup title. While the title still eluded us, they put up a solid effort. We achieved eighth place on the overall points table – a slight drop from previous years, but the effort was commendable. The enthusiastic participation in house competitions was admirable, and I commend all who stepped up to represent Barns House.

A high standard has been set for 2025, and I eagerly anticipate seeing next year's performances in inter-house events. 2024 offered both triumphs and challenges for the Barns boys. It provided opportunities for many to display their talents and leave their mark. To those who excelled academically and beyond, congratulations on a tremendous effort. To those who faced disappointments, take heart. Reflect, understand, accept and move forward with renewed determination to achieve even more in the coming year.

Mr S Brill

Calder House

Housemaster:	Mrs K Bartholomew
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr J Wilcock
Mentors:	Mrs L Boucher-Pieterse, Mrs C Singh, Mr M Ngcobo, Mr S Maharaj, Mr D Joshua
House captain:	C Ferraz
Assistant House captain:	LS Kunene
House leaders:	D Becket, T Blackburn, L Ndaba, J Samuel, K Wichmann



The start of 2024 was a dynamic and eventful period for Calder House, marked by numerous activities that fostered both personal development and academic engagement among the students. The academic year commenced with an exhilarating camp for the Second Form boys in the picturesque Tala Valley, facilitated by House Prefects, and culminating in the Tie Ceremony. This significant event marked the official integration of these young learners into Maritzburg College, transitioning them from 'Borvers' to fully-fledged Second Form students.

One of the major undertakings for the students in term one was the Virtus Challenge, which involved various athletic competitions and group challenges such as soccer, tug of war and an obstacle course, emphasising teamwork and spirit. Athletics Day stood out with Calder House being awarded the Spirit Award, and individual accolades were bestowed upon exceptional athletes like E Maynard, who was named U19 Champion, and A Khumalo, U17 Champion. The excitement continued with the inter-house gala, when Calder House swimmers displayed their skills, securing overall victory in the relays.

Leadership opportunities were a focus for the Fifth Form students, who attended a leadership camp in the Umkomaas Valley, designed to foster engagement and collaboration in rustic settings. Their performance was commendable, demonstrating emerging leadership qualities. Additionally,

the preparations for the inter-house singing competition reinforced teamwork and culminated in a successful outcome for Calder House, which not only won the overall competition but also received the Best Band award.

A new leadership dynamic was introduced with the addition of Mr J Wilcock as Assistant Housemaster, who has enhanced the house's organisation and mentorship. Mr D Solomon, who had mentored Calder House A5, transitioned to focus solely on the music department, with Mr D Joshua taking over the mentorship role.

The second term was intense, beginning with a focus on the Blanket Drive, which encouraged community support and generosity. The students also immersed themselves in studies for their mid-year examinations, prompting reflections on study habits and preparation techniques. The term concluded with a spirited inter-house sports day, when Calder House secured impressive placements in various sports, reaffirming their position on the scoreboard.

As the third term progressed, initiatives such as the care packs for the rape victims drive added a layer of social awareness and responsibility as boys collected items to bring dignity and hope to victims of abuse. The inter-house play competition displayed Calder House's talent with a notable performance by C Zondi, and L Ndaba being acknowledged as best director, while participation in various sports contributed to the overall points tally.

While the Sixth Form students prepared for their trial and final exams, the compulsory camps for Second, Third and Fourth Form students, facilitated by Spirit of Adventure teams, fostered personal growth and camaraderie within Calder House.

Overall, the year encompassed recognition of achievements in academics, sports and cultural endeavours. Calder House's efforts in promoting mental health awareness and subsequent fundraising initiatives served to strengthen the sense of community and support among students.

Mrs K Bartholomew

DAY HOUSES

Commons House

Housemaster:	Mr B Dodd
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs D Gademan
Mentors:	Mr H Ntenezi, Mrs M Pillay, Mrs W Khan, Mr L Kruger, Ms A Harding
House captain:	N Holmes
Assistant House captain:	L Dladla
House leaders:	W Galliers, D Haines, M Mkhize, D Pieterse, E Taylor



As we draw the curtain on another remarkable year in Commons House, it is fitting to reflect on a journey marked by growth, perseverance and camaraderie. Our house has not only faced challenges with resilience but has also grown stronger in the pursuit of collective goals. I continue to lean on Mr Trodd's vast experience as a former Commons Housemaster and the guidance of Mr Anthony Sparrow. Their wisdom and sage advice are priceless.

The boys in Commons House are also privileged to have an excellent team of mentors. We are a team in every sense of the word. The competitive spirit of the house has been reignited, with the boys demonstrating remarkable participation across various fields, from academics and sports to cultural activities. While victories are important, the emphasis this year has been on fostering a culture of inclusion, engagement and unyielding determination, qualities that define the very essence of Commons House.

The leadership of our Sixth Form has been exemplary, setting a standard of participation and teamwork that will undoubtedly inspire for years to come. Their efforts to instil a culture of active engagement have created a sense of belonging and purpose, ensuring that every member of Commons House is both valued and heard.

As we celebrate the successes of this year, we also acknowledge the lessons learned. The metaphorical dawn that Thomas Fuller once wrote about feels closer than ever. With the continued strength, unity and ambition of our house, we are well-positioned to move forward with renewed purpose and collective resolve. Over the course of the new year, we shall continue to consolidate our strengths, being mindful of the areas that need work. It is going to be a concerted effort that shall move us forward

Mr B Dodd

Forder House

Housemaster:	Mr N Croeser
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Stopford
Mentors:	Mrs S Deodutt, Mr R Bremner, Mrs B Mantle, Mr S Eva, Mrs Z Elder
House captain:	J Marcus
Assistant House captain:	J Galtrey
House leaders:	S Adie, O Haasbroek, A Kritzingier, M Kritzingier, S Nyathi



As we reflect on another busy year, Forder House is proud of what our boys have achieved. They brought energy and enthusiasm to academics, sports and inter-house competitions. Our students continue to stand out as confident, determined and adaptable individuals. This year, we have focused on the importance of student wellbeing, recognising how vital it is both for academic and personal success. Forder House remains committed to providing a safe and supportive environment in which each boy can grow and reach his full potential.

Under the leadership of house captain J Marcus and vice-captain J Galtrey, the year was marked by dedication and enthusiasm. Marcus led with

enthusiasm, setting a strong example, while our house leaders motivated the boys in various house events. We are grateful for their hard work and contributions throughout the year.

Our mentors have also played a key role in shaping our students, guided by the African proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. This reflects our belief in a united community working in the best interest of each boy. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them for their invaluable support.

In this year's inter-house competition, our boys participated fully, finishing in ninth position. Their spirit and dedication were truly admirable.

Congratulations to all the boys who reached their academic, cultural and sporting goals this year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we celebrate your success.

As the year ends, we welcome our new house leaders for 2025, led by captain R Boshoff and vice-captain G Askew. They have already shown great promise, and we look forward to their leadership in the coming year.

Finally, Forder House extends its gratitude to all students, staff and mentors for their ongoing support. We look forward to another year of growth, achievement and the continued development of outstanding young men

Mr N Croeser



Fuller House

Housemaster:	Mr T Orchard
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr J Taljaard
Mentors:	Mr W Greyling, Mrs R Budhoo, Mrs L Wells, Mrs K Jackson, Miss S Paramanand
House captain:	A Botha
Assistant House captain:	J Wolter
House leaders:	B Hosking, Y Mchunu, A Mornet, MB Roberts, MJ Roberts



The year 2024 was an average year compared with the heights attained in previous years. We are therefore looking forward to a fresh start in 2025 with a new set of leaders in place, committed to making a difference. The performance of Fuller House in the various inter-house activities, although peppered with a few minor triumphs, reads as a tale of frustration as a lack of participation was at its core.

The Second Formers have fitted in well and have now completed their first full year of College life. Well done!

The prefects of 2024 and the house leaders are thanked for their efforts in leading the boys this year. It is not always easy to lead others, especially one's peers, and the demands are becoming ever more challenging.

The mentors are thanked for their input into our boys' lives. They have a particularly important role to play in mentoring boys, which in our day and age is becoming increasingly important and difficult to do. In between all the administration they must complete it is great to see the relationships they have been able to form. The mentors of Fuller House are an exceptional group of hard-working people who make the role of the housemaster much easier.

Well done to all those boys who achieved their academic goals this year. We wish the Sixth Form class of 2024 well for the future, may you ever remain hard-working College men.

Fuller House has a new leadership team for 2025 ably led by L Shangase and assisted by C Gould as his deputy. The house is in strong hands as they are a very capable pair, and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish. In 2025 we will strive to live up to all aspects of the Fuller quote.

Mr T Orchard

Lamond House

Housemaster:	Ms K Moula
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr S Siwila
Mentors:	Miss C Mhlongo, Mr C Myburgh, Mr K Zakwe, Ms A Cilliers, Mrs N Singh
House captain:	J Knoetze
Assistant House captain:	C Higgins
House leaders:	J Foster, N Meisegeier, A Ngcobo, M Rubuluza, S Sithembu



As 2024 draws to a close, the Lamond House boys can take pride in a year filled with resilience, achievement and camaraderie. This year has been particularly momentous as, after 11 years of perseverance, Lamond House proudly clinched the Forder Cup for inter-house competition, a testament to the dedication and determination of every boy who wore the Lamond colours. The victory is not just a triumph but a celebration of the unwavering Lamond spirit.

The year was not without its challenges. Our beloved Housemaster, Ms Moula, has shown incredible courage during her ill health. The entire Lamond House family stands firmly behind her, sending love and strength during this difficult time. We eagerly anticipate her return next year, knowing her presence will once again fill the house with her inspiring energy and guidance.

Under the strong leadership of Knoetze and his team, Lamond House has demonstrated excellence across academics, sport and cultural activities. From our spirited participation in inter-house events to individual successes both in and out of the classroom, the boys of Lamond House have embodied the values of brotherhood and integrity. The ethos of the house remains – clear, excellence through hard work and unity.

To the mentors and staff of Lamond House, thank you for your unwavering commitment to shaping these young men. Your encouragement and dedication continue to inspire the boys, guiding them through the triumphs and trials of the year. You have played an invaluable role in fostering the culture of excellence that defines our house.

To the matriculants of 2024, thank you for your leadership and contributions over the years. As you step into the next phase of your journey, take the lessons learned in Lamond House with you. Remember, you will always be part of this family.

As we welcome the new leaders and prefects of 2025, we trust that they will carry forward the legacy of Lamond House with honour, integrity and determination. Here's to another year of striving for greatness, together as one House.

Lamond House, a family built on perseverance, unity and unwavering support.

A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself. — Oprah Winfrey.

*Mr S Siwila
Acting Housemaster*

Nicholson House

Housemaster:	Mr M Sanders
Assistant housemaster:	Mrs F Deyzel
Mentors:	Ms A Maistry, Mrs K Storm, Mr L Tshabalala, Ms N Gumede, Mr P Gonlag
House captain:	J Gasarasi
Assistant House captain:	S Kapotwe
House leaders:	W Beauclerk, S Bridglall, B Maphisa, P Mchunu, M Nkwanyana



As I reflect on my first year of leading Nicholson House, I am reminded of the big shoes I had to fill. Thankfully, the transition was made smooth by the unwavering support of our team of mentor teachers, our dedicated assistant housemaster, and the hard-working team of Sixth Form leaders.

Term 1 of 2024 had a slow start, but we quickly regained momentum. Strong performances in house competitions helped to elevate Nicholson House into the top half of the points standings, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Term 2 is always the busiest and toughest, with winter sports taking centre stage. The demand on every boy is relentless, and it is during this term that we truly see the strength of character in our students. The Nicholson House boys made their mark across a wide range of activities, from representing the school in 1st team sports to excelling in cultural pursuits. We are incredibly proud of the boys who achieved provincial selections in hockey and rugby, competed in soccer finals, and earned top honours in music. The commitment, teamwork and resilience displayed during this busy time have been truly inspiring.

The third term brought its own challenges and triumphs. We held multiple house events, announced our acting prefects and house leaders,

and organised Second, Third and Fourth Form camps. Our Nicholson thespians, under the guidance of Mrs Maistry, did the house proud with their performance of Hop House Dance by Renee Muller. Further congratulations are due to our debaters, who won the junior and senior inter-house debating competitions, displaying their sharp minds and public speaking skills.

The last term is always a short yet crucial one, especially for our Sixth Formers as they finish their journey at Maritzburg College. Special congratulations to all the award winners at the Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, particularly J Gasarasi, our Head of House, who continued to shine by taking home multiple awards.

Nicholson House has built a reputation for producing strong, dynamic leaders, and this tradition continues. Congratulations to the six boys elected as prefects and the six new house leaders for 2025. We wish them strength, success and growth in their roles as they take on the responsibility of guiding Nicholson House and representing Maritzburg College.

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Ms Gumede, who leaves Maritzburg College at the end of 2024. Her empathetic approach to mentoring will be greatly missed by the boys and the house as a whole. We wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Finally, I express my deepest gratitude to all the staff for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm. Nicholson House would not function without this extraordinary team of educators and support staff.

As my predecessor once said, "Red is considered by some to be the most powerful colour of all. It can represent courage, sacrifice, love, danger, anger or war. Whether the red brings about feelings of vigour or the bull sparks thoughts of determination and strength, there is something special about the character of Nicholson House that leaves its mark on one's heart." I have come to understand this sentiment more deeply over the past year.

My wish for all the boys of Nicholson House is to live with pride, passion and courage. These are the days that shape your life, embrace them fully.

Mr M Sanders

Pape House

Housemaster:	Mr M Kritzinger
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr F Maritz
Mentors:	Mr D Thaver, Mr V Noubouth, Mrs S Kritzinger, Mrs J Stoute, Miss A Dasrathlal
House captain:	I Mosupye
Assistant House captain:	S Oosthuizen
House leaders:	M du Toit, D Ferguson, L Hart, I Kemka, J Nelson



As we review the 2024 academic year, we are pleased to present the annual report for Pape House. This year has been shaped by teamwork, effort and a focus on growth. Pape House continues to build a community in which pupils are encouraged to take part and excel.

The year has been one of growth for Pape House. Through the combined efforts of students and mentors, the house strengthened its sense of

community. Many challenges and goals set at the start of the year were achieved, and significant progress was made on several long-term objectives. Boys were encouraged to actively engage in house events and uphold their commitment to team sports.

Our pastoral focus centred on peer tutoring and enhancing Pape House's participation and performance. Students eagerly took the opportunity to support one another academically, fostering both growth and new friendships.

The leadership team was instrumental in steering Pape House through the year's challenges and successes. Under the guidance of house captain, I Mosupye, vice-captain S Oosthuizen, and house leaders M du Toit, D Ferguson, L Hart, I Kemka, and J Nelson, Pape House thrived as a united community. The leaders fulfilled their responsibilities with dedication and set a strong example for others to follow.

The guidance and support of our dedicated mentors have been crucial to the personal and academic growth of our boys. Their commitment to the well-being of Pape House's students is outstanding. Mr F Maritz has also been a tremendous support, taking on significant responsibilities and excelling in his role as assistant housemaster.

Pape House began the year strong by winning the Virtus Challenge. They secured second place in the spirit awards both for inter-house athletics and swimming. The house ended the year in third place overall, a significant improvement from ninth place in 2023. This progress reflects the efforts of all members and sets the stage for future achievements.

Pape House has excelled not only in inter-house competitions but also in academics, culture and sports. Our students have shown strong performance in the classroom, displayed their talents in cultural events, and exhibited determination and sportsmanship on the sports field.

As we come to the close of the year, Pape House remains united and committed to building on this year's progress. We look ahead to 2025, ready and prepared to tackle the challenges it brings.

Mr M Kritzinger



Snow House

Housemaster:	Mr J Mhlongo
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr J Orton
Mentors:	Mr R Pillay, Mrs C Saunders, Ms S Kunene, Ms M Bailey, Mr J Naidoo
House captain:	J Konigkramer
Assistant House captain:	JJ Mumford
House leaders:	J Marais, I Masinga, E Moodley, O Thabethe, R Tocknell, S Zungu



As we bid farewell to the year 2024, we celebrate a year marked by growth, resilience and achievements. We are proud of our accomplishments and grateful for the experiences that have shaped us. The brotherhood, spirit of oneness and the camaraderie in Snow House is always evident.

Boys will always be boys in their behaviour. However, we had very few matters of discipline and nothing so serious that it needed that much attention. Our admiration and compliments go to our house leaders for all they did during their time

which benefited our house. Nonetheless nothing could have been achieved without the support of the whole Snow House family.

The commitment shown by our mentors is always gratifying. Their dedication and presence during lineup and events mean a lot to our boys. For the boys to see their mentors standing with them in all weather conditions or the times spent chatting to them creates a bold and positive statement. The mentors' presence and visibility send a vivid and positive message to our boys, cementing and expanding the bond between them and their mentors. This has also helped to improve the boys' behaviour and limited the number of boys getting detentions. Our house leaders are commended for their vital contribution and the positive impact on our house.

The House Leaders of 2024 filled the following portfolios. Academics was handled by Moodley and Thabethe, our secretary was Marais, who also played a pivotal role in reviving a culture of prayers and readings in the mornings. Sports were led by Zungu and Tocknell. I would like to single out Masinga who oversaw Cultural Affairs. We had to say goodbye to him when he was privileged to be awarded a basketball scholarship to attend Southeastern Preparatory Academy in Orlando, Florida. We are proud of him and wish him success.

Our Second Form group have gelled very well this year. This stems from the mentor lessons where the sense of brotherhood is practised. We pride ourselves on the fact that our boys are often listed in the Top 10 academic achievers in each Form.

We bid a bittersweet farewell to Mrs Sanders as she leaves us to take up a promotion position as Assistant Head of Leadership. We thank her sincerely for all her contributions to the house and most importantly to her mentor class; S2 was fortunate to have her as their mentor. I hope that the boys learnt a lot from Mrs Sanders and will be taking those lessons into their futures. We will be welcoming Miss van Heerden in Mrs Sanders' place and hope that she will have a long and happy stay at College.

The 2025 house leaders are waiting impatiently to perform their roles in their new portfolios and move the house to greater heights. We wish them a happy stay in their new roles and urge support for them from the whole house.

We also pride ourselves on nurturing and producing the Head Prefect of College for 2025, A Hadebe. We wish him all the best in his new role and hope he will have the support of his peers and the whole school. Remember, leadership is not bullying, and leadership is not aggression. Leadership is the expectation that one can use one's voice for good and in so doing can make the world a better place.

I thank the assistant housemaster and the Snow House mentors. Their contributions have been invaluable, and their support has made the running of the house much easier.

Mr J Mhlongo

Strachan House

Housemaster:	Mr M Warr
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr A Budhoo
Mentors:	Mrs R Brunzlaff, Mr N Whatmore, Mr M Jeewan, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mrs S Webley
House captain:	C Robinson
Assistant House captain:	B Gademan
House leaders:	N Dumakude, M Gibson, J Martin, L Matshoge, S Tredgold



The year 2024 was filled with growth, success and camaraderie for Strachan House. It was a period when the boys displayed their individuality, honed their skills and worked tirelessly to improve in all areas. The dedication, discipline and determination of the young men in our house were evident throughout the year as they strove to achieve excellence in all they undertook.

The year brought some changes to our house. We bade farewell to Mrs Brunzlaff, who has been an extremely valued mentor, guiding the boys with her

firm yet nurturing presence. Her leadership and unwavering commitment will be missed, and we wish her all the best as she continues her career in Durban.

Our performance in the inter-house competition was a testament to the talent and teamwork within Strachan House. Highlights of the year include

clinching first place in Borver Week, shooting and cricket, as well as strong finishes in the Virtus Challenge, debating, rugby, squash and academics. These achievements reflect the boys' hard work and the unwavering support of our staff. As a house, we are immensely proud of our efforts, which culminated in finishing fourth overall in the Forder Cup. We are already looking ahead to surpassing these milestones in 2025.

Our house leaders of 2024 deserve special recognition. The dedication and initiative of B Gademan, N Dumakude, M Gibson, J Martin, L Matshoge and S Tredgold inspired their peers and played a pivotal role in the success of the house. They were capably supported by our prefects, C Robinson, L Myeza and R Jacobsz. They set an exemplary standard, and it is now the responsibility of the incoming house leaders and prefects of 2025 to build upon this solid foundation. We wish our matriculants of 2024 all the best in their future pursuits, confident that they will continue to uphold the values of Strachan House. Our incoming leaders, namely J Fincham, J Harris, O Radebe, S Mazibuko, V Premchund, W Strachan and J Steyn are readily poised to take the house to new heights based on the solid foundation set by those before them.

The boys' achievements, both individually and collectively, were outstanding, whether in academics, sport or culture. Every boy in the house contributed to making 2024 a memorable year, and their efforts are reflected in the accolades and respect the house earned across the school. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents for their unwavering support.

Lastly, special mention must be made of the Strachan House staff. Our dedicated group of mentors are extremely committed to guiding and supporting their boys throughout the year. It is a privilege to work with such professional and inspirational individuals, and the young men of Strachan House are immensely lucky to have them as their mentors. They have my sincere gratitude and admiration as this house would simply cease to function without their tremendous efforts.

Mr M Warr

2024 Inter-House Competition

The House Competition is an important part of the life at Maritzburg College. It is designed to provide College boys with the opportunity to do something for their House and to build the much-needed camaraderie and brotherhood that ensures a strong House culture. It also provides boys with opportunities to develop skills such as sportsmanship, appropriate behaviour and fair play, and gives our boys opportunities to display the core values of the school: honesty, integrity, self-discipline, commitment, courage and respect. The Houses compete each year in a range of activities for the Forder Cup, which is awarded to the Champion House at the annual Speech Day, held at the start of 4th term.

The 2024 Inter-house sport and cultural events have once again been fiercely contested. The events started early in the year with the Virtus Challenge and Borver week. It was encouraging to see how the boys had embraced the inter-house competitions, with one of the major highlights being the rejuvenation of the inter-house plays which was won by Lamond. Calder House won the inter-house singing and the gala. Fuller House the athletics and the Virtus challenge was won by Pape House. The competition was close, but Lamond House were the final victors.

Mr A Sparrow

HOUSE	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	House Singing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Leadership	Chess	Table Tennis	Basketball	House Plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus Challenge	Academics	Gala House Spirit	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
 Lamond	5	22	12	28	6	14	6	17	17	17	14	11	17	10	20	9	20	14	12	9	280
 Calder	12	34	6	34	10	12	10	11	8	10	11	6	14	11	24	7	12	12	8	17	269
 Pape	9	12	14	20	10	6	7	6	8	12	17	8	9	17	18	17	34	12	14	14	264
 Strachan	17	20	17	20	14	7	14	9	6	11	9	5	8	7	22	14	28	12	11	8	259
 Nicholson	6	28	11	16	17	5	12	8	14	14	7	17	11	14	28	6	10	7	10	13	254
 Fuller	12	14	8	22	7	17	5	14	6	8	14	14	6	9	34	9	14	8	9	10	240
 Commons	9	10	10	24	12	9	9	14	10	5	8	8	12	12	14	10	16	17	6	11	226
 Barns	9	18	9	12	10	11	11	11	14	8	10	9	10	6	10	12	24	6	17	7	224
 Forder	17	16	7	16	5	8	8	8	11	6	7	10	7	5	16	12	22	5	7	12	205
 Snow	5	24	5	10	11	10	17	5	10	10	5	14	5	8	12	5	18	9	13	6	202

Inter-House Trophies

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



Report by the Deputy Headmaster: Boarding

The boarding establishment

The College boarding establishment reached a total of 503 boys this year. We enjoyed the presence of a few exchange students from Italy and the Czech Republic, a temporary boarder or two, but the boys who call this school 'home' had a successful year. We continue to make strides to improve the look and feel of the boarding houses and we are fortunate to have a boarding team who are dedicated to nurturing the boys in our care, allowing them to develop and grow their characters.

At the start of the year, we welcomed a few new staff members to the boarding team which kept our staff compliment at 45. To have so many families living on our campus, including their young children, is a privilege and something quite special. Mr Morne Morolong began the year as the new Housemaster of Shepstone House, becoming the fifth Housemaster of this young house. His focus this year was to continue to build the culture and identity of the house.

While we have had a year with many positives, it has been marred by a few setbacks as boys needed to learn the firm hand of discipline. It is never good to see a boarder leave us and it is a pity that we have lost boys along the way. I think the line has been clearly drawn in the sand of the type of boy that we will accept in our boarding community. Those who do not wish to accept responsibility, who lie, steal, cheat, who bully others and bring them down, are simply not welcome here. We do our best to drive a culture in the boarding establishment that is inclusive and allows our boys to thrive.

This year our renovations continued in various boarding houses. The Hudson House Common Room was completed, which is a beautiful big space for the boys to relax. We continued with the dormitory improvements and started renovating the Fourth Form dormitories. This project will continue into 2025.

The Sanatorium was given a 'face-lift', with many aesthetic changes made to arguably the most important section of the boarding establishment. It gave the different spaces in the San a more modern and brighter feel.

The Piet Snyman Common Room in Elliott House was renovated and completed in the second term. This was a big project and the whole area was completely transformed. This area has become a high attraction for the boys and sees them spending time enjoying social interactions together. Equipped with computers and an area for team teaching, this doubles as a space to enable the boys to sharpen their academics. The Shepstone House Common Room was also renovated – a new tuckshop was included, and new furniture and a lovely big TV were installed.

The meetings of the Boarder Parents Committee were well-attended and created fruitful debate on various important topics. The committee was ably

led by Mr Hermann Goslett who was a huge source of support to me and the boarding establishment. Mr Goslett ends his tenure as the Chairman, as his son ends his journey at College, and we are indebted to him for his committed service to his alma mater. His vision, support and advice have been crucial to the effective running of the boarding establishment over the past three years. We had another five parents leaving the committee, and I thank Hector Macleod, Lee-Anne van Heerden, Cath Foster, Shane Oosthuizen and Sean Smith for their varying years of service to the committee.

Mr Simon Brill moved off campus in September into his own home. Mr Brill was a diligent master whose rapport with the boys was his strength and he could always be relied upon to ensure the boys were disciplined and learning lessons along the way.

We also said goodbye to Mr Lethu Shongwe who had been a duty master in Nathan House for three years. Mr Shongwe leaves us to take up a new position at The Wykeham Collegiate. Ms Nonku Gumede also leaves us, and we thank her for her role in opening the Media Centre in the evenings for the boys to use the computers for projects and research.

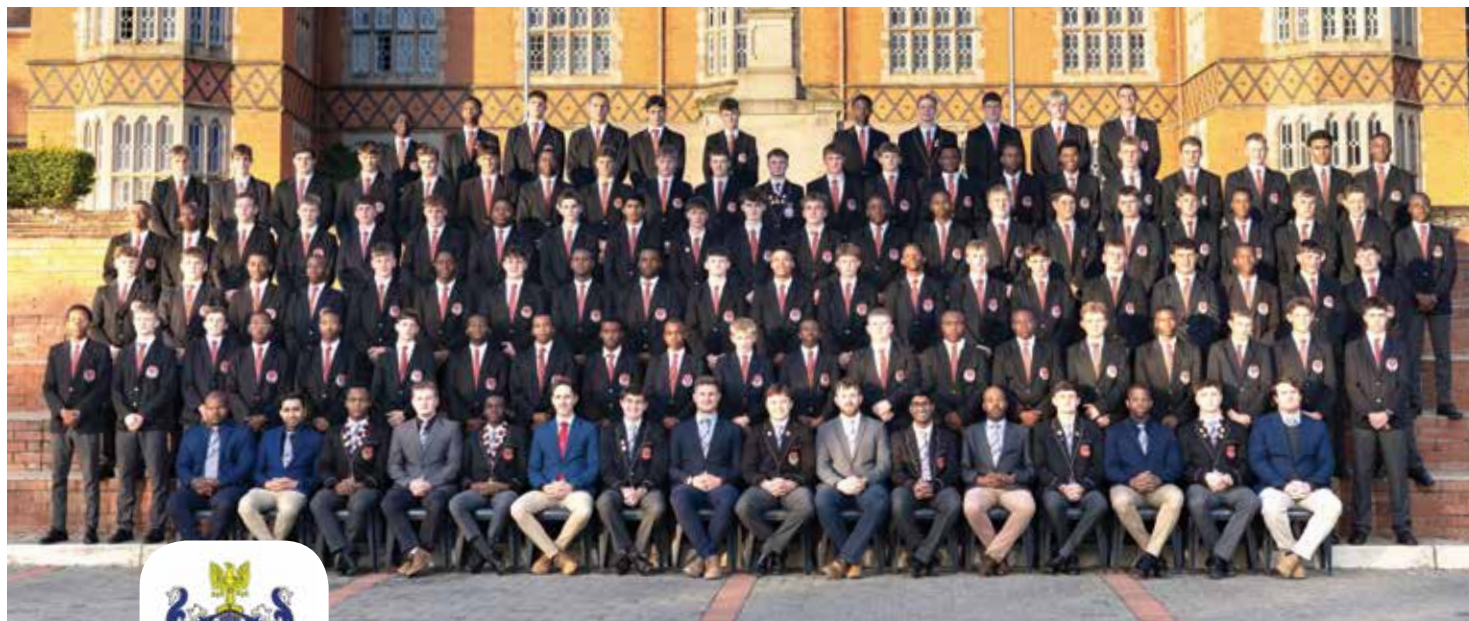
Our Senior San Sister, Claire Olivier, ended her tenure leading the busiest place on campus. Sr Olivier and her husband Peter are emigrating to America and will be joining family there. Her commitment, zeal for the job, high work ethic and most importantly, her dedication and care towards the boys will be sorely missed. She led her team with distinction and was always ready to assist boys, staff and their small children on campus. We thank her for the indelible mark she has made on the Sanatorium.

This year we were more purposeful in how we distributed and managed our estates and maintenance team. Towards the end of the year, Mr Craig Fincham was given the role of Assistant Estates Manager – Boarding. His sole focus is on leading the team of artisans to ensure that the boarding establishment is maintained. We thank the entire Estates team for the work they carried out on all the renovations and for attending to the many small jobs around the houses.

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the boarding staff who have given so freely of themselves to ensure that each boarder is looked after. We have a wonderful team of committed people, from the housemasters to our San nurses, the catering team led by Heather Lawson, the ground staff and cleaners and each boarder master.

Mr K Emerson





Clark House

Housemaster:	Mr K Elder
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr W Greyling
Boarder Masters:	Messrs M Ngcobo, S Stopford, K Zakwe, O Kajee, J McCabe, S Buthelezi
Head of House:	J Slevin
Prefects:	R Jacobsz, I Jikijo, J Knoetze, M Knoetze, L Myeza, N Narain

It gives me great pleasure to share the progress and accomplishments we have achieved over the past year, marked by the strengthening of a positive culture rooted in unity, respect, discipline and gratitude.

Reflecting on my second year as Housemaster, I am deeply grateful for the enriching experiences and valuable lessons this role has provided. The journey has been a dynamic blend of challenges and successes that have profoundly shaped me and the vibrant house I am honoured to lead.

Creating an environment in which students feel supported and inspired has been at the heart of our mission. Witnessing their personal and academic growth has been both rewarding and humbling. The strong sense of camaraderie that has flourished within our house is a testament to the resilience and unity we have cultivated, even in the face of challenges.

One of our key objectives has been to foster a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere where all students feel a genuine sense of belonging. Through carefully planned activities, mentorship programmes and open dialogue, this goal has been successfully realised. In discussions, the boys have indicated that most of our boarders feel at home, highlighting the meaningful relationships they have developed with peers and mentors alike.

Discipline has remained a cornerstone of our success, providing the structure necessary for a thriving community. By implementing clear guidelines, consistent enforcement and fostering relationships of trust, we have significantly reduced disciplinary issues. Our team of masters, working closely with prefects, adheres to the principle that discipline anchored in respect builds character and avoids rebellion.

Mutual respect has also emerged as a defining characteristic of Clark House culture. Through education, role modelling and open conversations, our boys have developed a strong understanding of the value of respect. As a result, incidents of conflict have noticeably declined, paving the way for greater collaboration and shared growth.

Gratitude has been another cornerstone of our ethos. By encouraging our students to recognise and appreciate the support they receive, we have strengthened connections with parents, staff and the wider community. Initiatives like community service programmes have not only deepened this

sense of gratitude but have also inspired our boys to give back, fostering a culture of social responsibility.

This coming year we look to continue with projects which will add lustre and a sense of quality to our beloved Clark House. The intended upgrades demonstrate our commitment to ensuring a superior experience for all residents. We are committed to building on these successes. By continuing to emphasise belonging, discipline, respect and gratitude, we aim to further enrich the boarding experience for our boys. Our focus remains on cultivating a nurturing community in which every student can flourish.

We are immensely grateful to the parents, staff and the broader community for their unwavering trust and support. Together, we look forward to another year filled with growth, achievements and the shared pride that makes Clark House truly special.

Mr K Elder



Clark House Prefects

Back row: J Knoetze, L Myeza, R Jacobsz, N Narain, M Knoetze
Front row: Mr K Elder (housemaster), I Jikijo, J Slevin (head of house),
 Mr W Greyling (deputy housemaster)





Elliott House

Housemaster: Mr S Bosch

Deputy Housemaster: Mr L Smorfitt

Boarder Masters: Messrs R Kyle, A Sparrow, R Coutts, M Kritzing, J Wilcock, H Ntenezi, L Smorfitt, H Marnitz

Head of House: S Oosthuizen

This year, Elliott House was home to 82 boarders, all of whom witnessed one another's growth as individuals. With necessary routines in place, rooms designed for individual living and familiar voices echoing through its corridors, the house quickly transformed into a home. A sense of belonging developed early, as boarders reunited under one roof in their final year. They formed new friendships, strengthened existing ones and faced the year's challenges together. As always, the involvement of the individual determined the enjoyment experienced.

Our boys proudly represented College in sporting and cultural arenas, defended their school colours with honour, and achieved academic success. Together, they created memories that reflect the past and offer a glimpse of the future. The journey was certainly one to be cherished, and I am pleased to report that Elliott House boarders achieved notable successes across all areas on offer at College.

To enable success, structure guided boarding life. Cleanliness, hygiene and an orderly environment were prioritised to ensure that boarders felt safe and well cared for. A positive living environment encouraged each boy to strive toward becoming the best version of himself. Daily schedules reinforced expected behaviours, while exam timetables promoted academic discipline. Each term, boarders reflected on realistic goals, guided by their Core Group leaders, who always had their best interests at heart. Healthy routines, good rest and a supportive structure enabled them to strike a balance between academic, sporting and cultural commitments. As goals were achieved, accolades followed.

The pride of being an Elliott House boarder grew steadily. Their involvement in the life of the school was impressive, with holistic development avidly pursued. Within the house, they had the opportunity to unwind. The Piet Snyman Common Room was revamped with a larger television, luxurious couches, bean bags, a tuck-shop area and new table tennis and pool tables. Outside, touch rugby, soccer, basketball and ultimate frisbee on Barns Field kept them active, while the tennis courts became a hub for friendly competition and stress relief. The concept of a healthy body and mind was thoroughly embraced.

The annual calendar was full, offering opportunities for personal growth, representation in various disciplines and the building of lasting memories, all while navigating academic challenges. Within this publication, the

accolades and awards highlight their achievements. Elliott House boarders met their goals and made the most of their final year.

At the end of each term, moments of celebration and reflection were enjoyed. The boarder braais, burger nights and the formal dinner were made special by Mrs Lawson and her kitchen team, whose consistently delicious meals were a highlight of boarding life.

Core Group sessions allowed for thought-provoking discussions and bonding time, often accompanied by chocolate doughnuts courtesy of Mr Bosch. The unwavering dedication of the boarder masters in maintaining structure, providing guidance and being present for the boys was invaluable. My sincere thanks go to Messrs L Smorfitt, J Wilcock, R Kyle, A Sparrow, M Kritzing, H Ntenezi, H Marnitz and R Coutts.

Gratitude is also due to Mrs S Elliot and the estate staff for maintaining the house and laundry services, and to the San sisters for their care and compassion both day and night. Their contributions were essential to the boys' wellbeing.

Finally, thank you to the parents for their support, communication and encouragement. The partnership between parents and the Elliott House team has been integral to the boys' success and ensured that their final memories of their alma mater are truly special.

Mr S Bosch



Elliott House RCL

S Kapotwe, Mr S Bosch (housemaster), S Oosthuizen (head of house), Mr L Smorfitt (deputy housemaster), J Galtrey



Hudson House

Housemaster:	Mr W du Plessis
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr K Nipper
Boarder Masters:	Messrs T Orchard, T Tshabalala, L Barnard, M Diaz, S Brill, R Bremner
Head of House:	N Jackson
Prefects:	P Kubheka, C Ferraz, W Beauclerk, O Da Costa, J Samuel, I Mosupye

Hudson House was ably led by the Head of House, N Jackson, who enjoyed the respect of the boys and staff alike. A key focus area for the house in 2024 was the mentorship programme. Each boarder master had a group of between 12 to 15 boys in his care. This provided an opportunity for the boys to chat about real issues, be it school related or personal. With eight masters and seven prefects looking after the 126 Hudson House boys, it was clear to see the positive impact that they had in the House.

There are many exemplary students who devoted many hours to their studies and in so doing achieved great results in 2024. The consistent high achievers in Third Form were R Badenhorst, L van der Merwe, M Muggleton, A Ngcobo, J Worthmann, G Hosking and T Bolton. In Fourth Form D du Toit, B Cook, L Becket and R Motshoane. In Fifth Form C Gould, M Borchers, D Cruickshank, J Thackwray, P Louwrens, A Hadebe and V Kasambala were noteworthy achievers. In Sixth Form we would like to congratulate C Ferraz and I Mosupye. These top set boys supported the rest of the house with academic support, assisting those who needed some extra attention and help.

All boarders are expected to participate in the co-curricular programme at Maritzburg College. This keeps them busy and fit, and most importantly, teaches them to deal with the life lessons that sport and working within a team present. The involvement of all the boys in the house is noteworthy as it ensures that they spread the balance of their time at school. Two high achievers this year on the sporting front were P Kubheka, for making the SA Schools Rugby side for a second year in a row and P Louwrens for his selection to the SA fly-fishing team. We celebrate and share in the boy's success in the house dinners and termly newsletters.

A note of thanks goes to Mr Emerson in his role as Deputy Head: Boarding. He is committed to making the College BE a better place and this is evident in the work he does. We are especially grateful for his efforts to secure the upgrades to the Fourth Form dormitories.

The running of an efficient house must also be accredited to numerous other groups of people. Mr K Hackland, Mrs S Elliot, Mr C Fincham and the entire estates staff who take care of the maintenance, cleaning and laundry are to be commended on doing a superb job. Mrs Lawson and her team in the kitchen ensure that the boys enjoy tasty, nutritious meals. A big thank

you to the San sisters who are the mothers of the BE. They take care of our boarders with such dedication and compassion and are on call around the clock.

We wish our Hudson House Fifth Form leavers all the very best for their final year and thank them for the contribution they have made during their three years in Hudson House. They have added to the rich history of the biggest house in the school.

This dedicated and efficient team ensured that the daily running of the house was seamless and that the boys were well looked after and encouraged to remain disciplined, diligent and respectful towards others. Hudson House remains a proud part of the College BE and all is set for an enjoyable 2025

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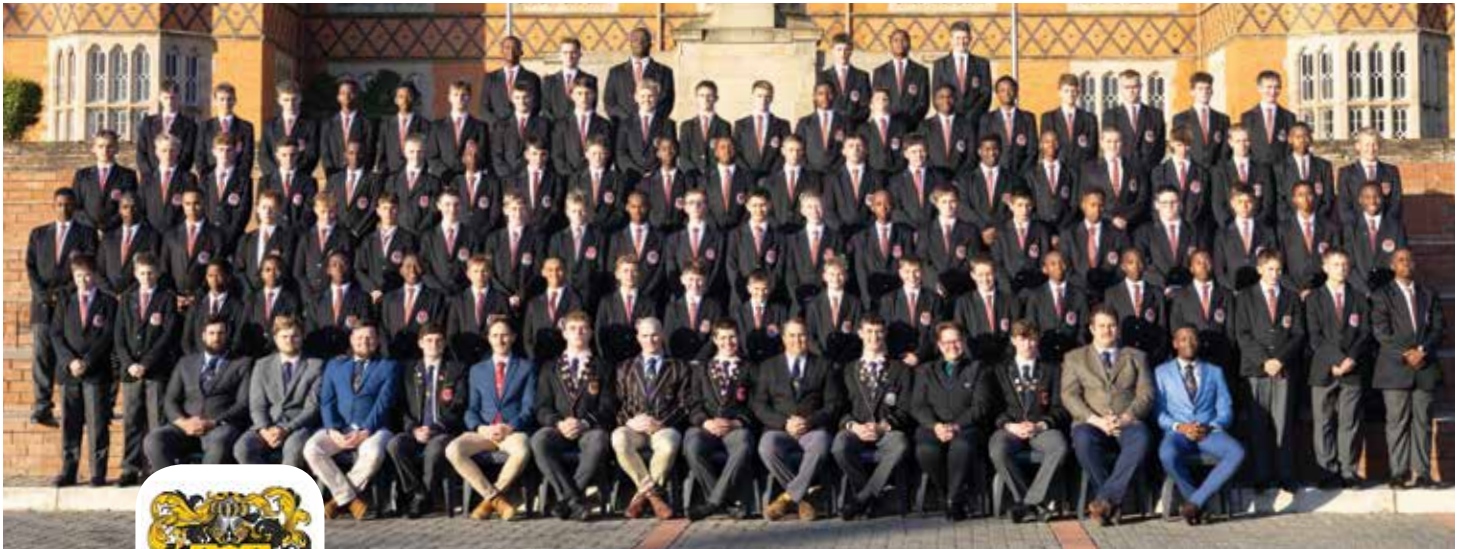
Mr W du Plessis



Hudson House Prefects

Back row: P Kubheka, C Ferraz, W Beauclerk, O Da Costa, J Samuel
Front row: I Mosupye, Mr W du Plessis (housemaster), N Jackson (head of house)





Nathan House

Housemaster:	Mr R Barbour
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr P Gonlag
House mother:	Ms A Cilliers
Boarder Masters:	Messrs D Sheriff, L Kruger, S Eva, R Abrahams, L Shongwe, C Myburgh
Head of House:	J Konigkramer
Prefects:	N Holmes, M Knoetze, R Bernstein, C Robinson

The boys of Nathan House embarked on their high school journey, transitioning from the comforts of home to the challenges of dormitory life. Early mornings, even on winter Saturdays, and the pressures of independence often triggered homesickness. Yet, amid these trials, the boys found solace in each other, fostering a bond that grew into unwavering solidarity.

Their challenges extended beyond academics, encompassing communal living adjustments and facing personal self-doubt. They navigated hurdles such as shared spaces, the dynamics of team testing, prefects' tables and learning war cries before derby clashes. Through mutual support during uncertain times, they continually proved their resilience.

Victory accompanied every trial, strengthening their bond and transforming friendships into lifelong brotherhood. Together, they tackled exams, celebrated victories in sports and overcame everyday challenges like laundry and late-night study sessions. Joyous moments, such as sharing laughs over Mrs Lawson's beer box birthday cakes, highlighted their camaraderie and mutual encouragement both in successes and setbacks.

This unity extended into all facets of College life. Standing side by side during gamesroom antics, fire drills and quad gatherings for Friday night shouts, the boys uplifted one another, displaying their profound solidarity. Their collective journey culminated in cherished memories, marked by the final toll of the brass bell and the heartfelt echoes of the house anthem, Boys of Nathan's.

The year at Nathan House not only shaped their College journey but also laid the foundation for enduring friendships and support networks, poised to thrive well beyond Old Boys induction. The lessons learned and bonds forged during their time at Nathan House are a testament to their resilience and togetherness.

The leadership of the house masters and prefects played a pivotal role in this journey. Their blend of firmness, fairness and consistency provided guidance and inspiration, nurturing the boys' character and resilience. Special recognition is given to Mr Shongwe, whose pastoral care left a lasting impression before his departure to The Wykeham Collegiate. Ms Cilliers, the house mother, was celebrated for her nurturing warmth and strength, profoundly impacting the boys' lives and creating a welcoming atmosphere.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who supported the house's operations and culture, including Mr Fincham, Mrs Elliot and the Estates team, Sister Olivier and her dedicated colleagues, and Mrs Lawson's kitchen team, among others. We also appreciate the efforts of Mrs Barbour, our 'scholarship mom', and Mrs Emerson with her flair for design and interior decorating. Thank you, Mr Emerson, for all your support, advice and friendship. Last, but certainly not least, I thank Mr Gonlag, my assistant house master, for his various skills, wit and administrative prowess. Their dedication and efforts transformed Nathan House into a home, underscoring the importance of community and care.

As the boys of Nathan House bid farewell to their first chapter, they leave behind a legacy of growth, triumph and lasting bonds. Their journey symbolises the enduring impact of their experiences and the cherished memories that will remain with them for a lifetime. Godspeed to these young men and gratitude for the indelible mark they leave on College life.

Mr R Barbour



Nathan House Prefects

Back row: N Holmes, M Knoetze, J Konigkramer (head of house),
R Bernstein, C Robinson
Front row: Mr P Gonlag (deputy housemaster),
Mr R Barbour (housemaster), Miss A Cilliers (house mother)





Shepstone House

Housemaster:	Mr M Morolong
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr M Sanders
Boarder Masters:	Messrs F Maritz, J Taljaard, R Paterson, M Dibben, S Mazibuko, M Zuma
Head of House:	J Jansen
Prefects:	B Maphisa, S Nyathi, A Botha, K Jele

The year at Shepstone House began with new leadership, introducing a new housemaster and prefects. The team embraced the challenge, facilitating the Third Form and new boarder induction, meeting parents and setting the tone for a year of growth. The dedication of the boarder masters and deputy housemaster was commendable, ensuring that their efforts positively impacted the boys.

The boys achieved notable successes across sporting and cultural fields, earning national and provincial colours as well as school honours. J Jansen, the Head of House, excelled as a key player for the 1st XV rugby team and as water polo captain. He signed a professional contract with The Sharks and represented the province at Craven Week, alongside A Botha, who also achieved SA U18 rugby team selection and a Sharks contract. Despite injuries preventing B Maphisa from playing in Craven Week, his outstanding performances earned him a professional contract with the Cheetahs and a bursary at the University of Free State. S Nyathi and K Jele contributed significantly to the 1st XV and 2nd teams, while E Fabre and M Smith (Fourth Form) represented the SA U16B rugby team. D Garrell (Fourth Form) impressed in MotoX, finishing second overall in South Africa. K Sibankulu, recognised for his quiet demeanour, earned a full scholarship to a prestigious Canadian school as part of the SA U18 basketball team. A Barnes (Fifth Form) excelled in cricket, making the KZN Inland U16 team. These accomplishments reflect the exceptional talent within the house.

The first term focused on building connections, setting expectations and fostering unity under the new leadership. The boys enjoyed summer sports while preparing for the winter season. The second term commenced with enthusiasm, featuring a full set of fixtures and strong academic efforts. Although two boarders departed unexpectedly, the boys' resilience prevailed.

Midyear brought challenges as 'silly season' led to minor mischief. However, discipline improved significantly, with no major breaches of conduct. Their exemplary behaviour was rewarded with a makeover of the Common Room, fostering camaraderie and laughter. Despite fatigue following holiday camps, the boys embraced the final term, engaging fully

in exams and counting down to a well-earned break. Many Shepstone House boys ranked in the top 50 of their respective Forms, demonstrating their commitment to continuous self-improvement.

Gratitude is extended to the Shepstone House team of boarder masters for their unparalleled dedication and genuine care. Special thanks to the Head of Boarding, Mr K Emerson, for his guidance, and Deputy Housemaster, Mr M Sanders, for his steadfast support. Additional appreciation is directed towards the San sisters, catering team and estates staff, whose contributions ensured smooth operations and a welcoming environment.

In closing, the Shepstone House boys were urged to continue aspiring toward hope and progress, with heartfelt wishes for their future endeavours. The year was marked by triumphs, growth and cherished memories, solidifying Shepstone House's legacy of excellence. *Zama, Themba* (try, hope).

Mr M Morolong



Shepstone House Prefects

S Nyathi, A Botha, Mr M Morolong (housemaster),
J Jansen (head of house), Mr M Sanders (deputy housemaster),
B Maphisa, K Jele



Sanatorium



Sanatorium staff

Mesdames N Steenkamp, L Padayachee, N Hansa and C Olivier

The year commenced with the customary whirlwind of activities, focusing on acclimatising the Second Formers to the College environment and reintegrating the rest of the boys into routine. The Sanatorium (San) swiftly became a hub of activity, addressing a myriad of health-related and non-medical needs. From sewing pants and fixing bags to providing rehydrate or simply lending an ear during quieter moments, the role of the San team proved vital in supporting the boys through their developmental journey. Observing the boys grow and mature into remarkable young men underscores the privilege of our work.

The rugby season was notably more demanding than the previous year, with College hosting additional home games. Volunteer contributions from the San doctors – Hugh Akerman, Su Akerman, Paul Hatfield, Ian Cochrane,

Greg van Osch and James McAllister – were invaluable as always. Their expertise, along with the dedication of the First Aiders, notably Mrs R Brunzlaff and the newly enlisted Mrs C Singh, ensured optimal care for the boys. ER24 medics provided further support during hectic Saturdays against formidable rivals, handling broken bones and cuts with efficiency, making Goldstone's moments memorable despite the physical challenges.

This year marked the conclusion of offering flu vaccines at College, following a trend of decreased uptake. Moving forward, the recommendation is for boys to be vaccinated during school holidays to avoid potential conflicts with sports schedules, training and tours. The San also played a prominent role in College's marketing efforts, hosting prospective parents and boys and displaying the facility in photos and videos. Positive feedback affirmed the San's appeal and continued contribution to College's reputation.

On a bittersweet note, this is my last year as College Sanatorium Sister, since I am emigrating to America. Reflecting on my tenure, I am grateful for the privilege of working in this distinguished school and have cherished memories of the boys, the College boarding lifestyle, my supportive team and the welcoming atmosphere of the San. Sister Caluza will step into my role, bringing a wealth of experience spanning trauma and school nursing, ensuring continuity in care and service.

The year encapsulated moments of growth, camaraderie and dedication, both within the San and the broader College framework. I appreciated the heartfelt farewell and well wishes, and I will be following College's progress from afar, leaving behind a legacy of care and excellence. The future of the San and its pivotal role in College life remains bright.

Sister C Olivier

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Athletics

Back row: R Jacobsz, Y Mchunu, C Gould, M Vyambwera, N Breedt, C Sweetnam, J Baptista, C Robinson, S Zaba, M Mogale
Fourth row: A Khumalo, E Maynard, R Bernstein, M Meyer, T Ekerold, M Thomson, E McAllister, T Speirs, J Werth, J Gasarasi
Third row: B Demont, N Jakatyana, Z Ndlovu, L Makhoba, S Hadebe, A Hadebe, B Mhlongo, U Gamede
Second row: S Nxumalo, Mr L Tshabalala, T Lekhobo, R Maartens, C Higgins, E Hamadzipi, Mr J Taljaard, L Shangase, S Gumbi
Front row: Mr S Eva, Mrs M Kritzinger, M Kritzinger (captain), Mr M Kritzinger, A Kritzinger, Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr L Kruger

Maritzburg College's inter-house athletics competition, which took place during the second week of the year, saw Fuller House emerge as the overall champions. The event was a thrilling display of talent, but the Fuller House athletes held their own and secured the top spot.

A major highlight of the year was the KZN Athletics Championships in which 21 Maritzburg College athletes participated and delivered an impressive performance. College finished seventh overall among clubs in KZN, having claimed six gold, six silver, and five bronze medals. Among the gold medallists were S Jansen, who dominated the U15 shotput and hammer events, and A Kritzinger, who triumphed in the U19 long jump. Other gold medal winners included N Breedt (U15 discus), S Ismail (U15 800m), and S Gumbi (U15 high jump). College athletes also picked up six silver medals. Breedt earned two silvers in U15 shotput and hammer, while M Mogale secured a silver in the U15 100m. A Kritzinger claimed silver in U19 high jump, and T Boshoff earned two silvers in U17 discus and shotput. There were also several impressive bronze medal performances, including

T Ekerold, who clinched two bronze medals in U17 hammer and shotput. Jansen also took home bronze in U15 discus, while Ismail added another bronze in the U15 1500m. L Baptista completed the medal haul with a bronze in U17 discus.

Maritzburg College athletes demonstrated consistent superiority at the Interprovincial ASA meeting, where three of our athletes, S Ismail, S Jansen and M Mogale represented KZN with pride.

College dominated once again in the 2024 aQuellé Athletics Series. Competing in all five events, we emerged as the clear winners in all of those events, proving our consistency across the series. Y Mchunu was named the U20 Champion of the series and overall athlete of the year, while S Ismail set four new records and was named U16 Champion of the series.

Thank you to all the coaches for your dedication during the season. I believe all our athletes greatly appreciate you.

Mr M Kritzinger



Review by the Director of Basketball

Basketball at Maritzburg College continues to thrive, and the 2024 season has further solidified our status as a national basketball powerhouse. With an impressive roster that spans 26 teams, we maintain our position as one of the most competitive schools in the country. This year brought incredible growth, inspiring performances and unwavering dedication from players and coaches alike.

Our commitment to holistic player development remains at the forefront. Building on last year's coaching philosophy of prioritising learning over winning, our junior teams have shown remarkable improvement in core basketball fundamentals. By fostering an environment that celebrates effort and growth, we continue to nurture a culture of resilience, sportsmanship and a deep love for the game.

Our 1st team coached by Mr Wilcock and Mr Siwila, had another stellar year. In term 1 they secured convincing victories against Clifton and DHS, displaying their skill and cohesion and finishing off their season unbeaten. The leavers team also won the prestigious Jenny Orchard Invitational (JOI) tournament by beating the number one ranked team in the country, Northwood, in a packed Alan Paton Memorial Hall. Our very own I Masinga won Most Valued Player of the tournament. Our Stayers team, although narrowly losing to Westville in term 3, bounced back with strong wins against Hilton and St Charles. Across the season, the 1st team consistently demonstrated why they are among the best in the country, losing only one game in the KZN league the entire year.

Our U15A team also deserves special mention for being the Northwood Home Turf Hoops Tournament champions, beating a formidable ESCA

Wanderers team in the finals. The U14A and U14B teams also delivered a commendable performance finishing the third term unbeaten in six games.

Maritzburg College's contribution to basketball at the national level remains unmatched. This year, I Masinga and K Sibankulu were selected to play for the SA U18A team at AfroBasket in Pretoria. College was further represented on the international stage with Masinga and Sibankulu, both receiving full-ride overseas scholarships. These achievements highlight the opportunities and pathways our programme provides for young athletes to excel at the highest level.

The success of our programme would not be possible without the dedication of our coaching staff, support team and parents. Special thanks go to Mr Wilcock, our MIC, for his visionary leadership; Miss Mnguni, whose officiating and marketing expertise enhanced the visibility of our programme; Miss Gumede, who ensured smooth operations as our table official coordinator; Miss Zweni, whose strength and conditioning training has been instrumental in improving our players' physicality; and all our coaches, who pour their passion into nurturing the next generation of basketball stars.

As we reflect on a phenomenal 2024 season, we eagerly anticipate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. With the foundations laid this year, we are confident that Maritzburg College basketball will continue to grow and shine, both on and off the court.

Mr S Siwila



Basketball 1st Team

Back row: A Mtolo, A Ngcobo

Second row: J Murekezi, N Sitipa, N Ngobese, R Hoskins

Front row: N Ngcobo, J Gasarasi, Mr S Siwila, L Dlamini, N Mkhulisi

Absent: I Masinga, K Sibankulu

Leavers

The 2024 basketball season was a fitting finale for our 1st team leavers, who once again demonstrated the talent, resilience and determination that have come to define Maritzburg College basketball. With a 75% win rate for the term, thrilling performances in high-stakes tournaments and remarkable individual achievements, this team solidified their legacy as one of the finest in our programme's history.

The pinnacle of the season was the team's electrifying performance at the Jenny Orchard Invitational Tournament. In a packed Alan Paton Memorial Hall, the 1st team faced Northwood, the number one ranked team in the country, in a gripping final. In a game that came down to the wire, Maritzburg College emerged victorious, exhibiting our resilience and determination to succeed.

The team continued their competitive streak the following week at the prestigious St John's Tournament. Despite facing challenging opposition, they finished in eighth place, gaining valuable experience.

The 1st team consistently demonstrated their dominance, securing impressive key victories over Westville, Clifton, DHS and Kearsney.

This season also saw individual accolades for our players, including I Masinga and K Sibankulu who were selected to represent South Africa on the National U18 team at the AfroBasket Tournament. Their selection is a testament to their exceptional talent, hard work and dedication to the sport. These achievements underscore the strength of our basketball programme and its ability to nurture players for success at the highest levels of competition.

The 2024 1st team leavers left a remarkable legacy of teamwork, resilience and excellence. Their JOI victory, strong league performances and individual successes have set a benchmark for future teams, inspiring the next generation of Maritzburg College basketball players to strive for greatness. We extend our deepest gratitude to this group of players for their dedication and for representing Maritzburg College with pride. Their contributions, both on and off the court, have been exemplary, and we wish them every success as they embark on their next journeys.

As we look to the future, the foundation laid by this exceptional team is a source of inspiration. With their legacy as a guiding light, Maritzburg College basketball is well-positioned for continued success in the years to come.

Regular players:

J Gasarasi (captain), A Ngcobo, L Dlamini, N Ngcobo, N Ngobese, K Sibankulu, I Masinga, R Hoskins, N Mkhulisi, A Mtolo, N Setipa, J Murekezi

Results:

vs Westville 75-56, Clifton 64-40, Michaelhouse 63-37, DHS 62-40, Kearsney 63-56

JOI Tournament:

vs Northwood 67-79, ESCA 71-48, SACS 94-42, Kearsney 74-49, St Charles 68-66, Northwood 87-84 (final)

St John's Tournament:

vs St Alban's 45-66, St David's 50-32, Jeppe 59-26, St John's 51-43, Northwood 41-80, ESCA 33-35

Stayers

A quick turnaround from the winter season meant a tough challenge awaited the stayers team. With two weeks of trials and practice the team faced formidable foes Northwood, with an almost unchanged team from term 1. The team performed well during the Westville Stayers Tournament with a record of five wins and three losses finishing fourth. The team improved throughout the season, getting to grips with the level required and the demands of playing 1st team. Winning four and losing one game in the league was a great showing for the boys.

Regular players:

N Ngcobo (captain), N Ngobese, K Sibankulu, M Zakwe, C Siyongwana, B Thornton-Dibb, T Lekhobo, L Mukorera, N Dlamini, O Nala, M Askham, C Fynn

Results:

vs Northwood - no result, Westville 60-67, St Charles 81-45, Hilton 79-43, DHS 50-41, Kearsney 74-54

Westville Stayers Tournament:

vs Queen's College 50-24, Westville 36-38, KES 65-38, Parktown 40-34, Pinelands 66-36, Jeppe 46-34, PBHS 45-50(SF), Westville 47-64 (3/4 playoff)

Messrs S Siwila and J Wilcock



The support crew revving up the noise level during a game at St Charles College.



2nd Team

A strong 2nd team led the charge into the new year with many having played for an A team in previous years. The team's performance was outstanding during term 1, going unbeaten in the league with some strong wins. They continued their good form into the JOI B division where they eventually fell short in the final against Wynberg Boys 1st team, an outstanding effort. The term 4 season saw the return of the leavers to an unnumbered kit. The leavers displayed their skills as they have done so many times before in the 1st team kit, unfortunately falling short in a few games.

Regular players:

S Mazibuko, SK Mkhize, O Ntombela, N Gwala, J Kloppers, Z Makangela, SL Mkhize, O Nala, AN Ngcobo, C Siyongwana, F Thabethe, B Thornton-Dibb, M Zakwe, N Zingeni

Results:

vs Westville 28-21, Clifton 38-21, Michaelhouse 22-20, DHS 38-32, St Charles 42-30, Kearsney 36-34, Northwood 39-27, Westville 50-26, St Charles 41-34, Hilton 24-17, DHS 15-24, Kearsney 50-54

Messrs N Haswell and S Ntsele

3rd Team

The season was one of triumph and tough losses. Our focus this year was to refine our style of play and create a sense of freedom within the team and the players. It took much determination from the players to make this work, and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

At the start of the season, we began with a mix of Sixth and Fifth Formers, who worked hard but did not always reach their full potential. Still, I am grateful to the boys who put in stellar effort every time they arrived at practice. Their tenacity to improve from the 1st term to the 4th term was evident and helped us to maintain an unbeaten record in the 4th term. Their participation and hard work reflected their individual efforts in training on their own during the off season.

My thanks to J Fincham for helping me ease into coaching the boys and helping to gel the team. I hope the lessons learned by the boys will help improve their basketball to the next level.



K Sibankulu

Regular players:

J Fincham, E Phoenix, M Shabalala, C Sukraj, D Barrett, H Modi, M Miya, S Mpanza, O Ntombela, C Mundell, S Mazibuko, N Rulumeni, O Radebe, A Ngcobo, R Motshoane

Results:

vs Westville 25-23, Clifton 49-16, Michaelhouse 12-28, DHS 15-21, St Charles 24-19, Kearsney 17-28, Northwood 39-27, Westville 40-28, St Charles 31-22, Hilton 21-20, DHS 24-16, Kearsney 28-25

Mr M Siwila

4th Team

The 2024 season was an exciting one for the 4th basketball team, marked by growth and determination. In the first term, the team played six games, achieving four wins and two losses, including a narrow defeat by just one point against St Charles. This close match highlighted the team's enthusiasm for the sport and their commitment to training and fostering a strong sense of team spirit. As they moved into the fourth term, the boys continued to build on their foundation, playing five games and securing two wins. Key players such as Q Ngubane, Z Mabunda, C Zondi and I Mlotshwa emerged as leaders on the court, demonstrating their ability to inspire and motivate their teammates. Their leadership qualities not only elevated their individual performances but also enhanced the overall cohesion of the team.

The combination of dedication, teamwork and emerging leadership contributed to a positive and engaging season, setting the stage for future successes. Overall, the team's journey throughout 2024 has been one of resilience and camaraderie, laying the groundwork for continued improvement in the years to come.

Regular players:

Q Ngubane, C Zondi, Z Mabunda, I Mlotshwa, P Shuttleworth, M Thomson, S Msimango, A Dlamini, B Zote, U Gamede, S Khanyile, D Davies, K Phungula, K Ncengwa, N Mntungwa, L Mseleku, S Mshengu, S Mgojo

Results:

vs Westville 32-37 and 28-37, Clifton 45-11, Michaelhouse 26-24, DHS 30-28 and 23-28, St Charles 35-36 and 22-25, Kearsney 37-26, 45-14, Northwood 32-36, Hilton 28-18

Mr M Ngcobo



C Fynn



U16A

Back row: L Mukorera, R Mustard, N Dlamini
Second row: L Sishi, M Askham, C Mountfort, L Dreyer
Front row: S Hadebe, C Fynn, Mr S Buthelezi, L Paveley, T Lekhobo

This season during the first term, the U16A basketball team started strongly, demonstrating excellent teamwork and skill, with only two losses. This impressive start set a positive tone, highlighting the team's potential and their ability to compete confidently.

However, as we moved into the fourth term, we experienced significant changes to the team lineup. These adjustments impacted our rhythm, and the team only managed to win two out of the six games during the term. Despite these challenges, the boys consistently displayed exceptional grit, showing resilience and an unwavering commitment to improve.

Throughout the season, each player's enthusiasm and determination were evident, making it clear that they were willing to work hard and adapt to circumstances, whether in training or during games. This team has grown not only in skill but also in character, laying a solid foundation for future successes. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to building on the lessons learned.

Regular players:

C Fynn, T Sehlako, T Lekhobo, L Hadebe, L Dreyer, L Mukorera, R Mustard, M Askam, N Dlamini, L Paveley, L Sishi, B Zuma, B Jean-Louis, O Samuel, H Modi, S Nhlapo, D Abrahams, C Mountfort

Results:

vs Westville 22-47, Clifton 38-11, Michaelhouse 20-15, DHS 41-24, St Charles 56-33, Kearsney 41-43, Northwood 15-23, Westville 27-31, St Charles 41-24, Hilton 26-36, DHS 30-50, Kearsney 31-25

St Stithians tournament:

vs St David's 27-19, St Peter's 33-27, Usuthu 37-22, Sacred Heart 43-18, KES 36-2, St George's 33-44, Michael Mount 44-33

Mr S Mazibuko

U16B

The U16B basketball team had a poor start to the season as they lacked confidence and struggled under pressure. After a few intense practice sessions, the players achieved more confidence and better structure. This led to competing more in their matches but unfortunately due to commitment issues within the team, they lost some close battles.

Regular players:

C Pillay, T Chikowero, S Khoza, R Gadzikwa, D Murekezi, E Mpapa, A Ngcobo, A Ndlela, A Mkhize, G Motswadire

Results:

vs Westville 8-24, Clifton 77-12, Michaelhouse 16-23, DHS 21-23, St Charles 23-20, Kearsney 18-33, Northwood 20-32, Westville 18-21, St Charles 25-12, Hilton 27-23, DHS 26-27, Kearsney 29-14

Mr C Henman

U16C

The U16C basketball team had a remarkable season, displaying significant growth and improvement throughout the year. With a dedicated group of players, we achieved our goals and exceeded expectations. This team's work ethic, discipline and camaraderie were unparalleled. Their playing style and how they carry themselves while playing conforms perfectly with the programme and I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Regular players:

S Mbatha, L Mabande, A Hadebe, R Ayisa, S Zondi, D Leclezio, K Bishop, E Sobwe, R Mogoato, G Motswadire



Results:

vs Westville 27-25, Clifton 111-2, Michaelhouse 39-29, DHS 35-15,
St Charles 38-4, Kearsney 16-26, Northwood 26-37, Westville 39-23,
St Charles 40-17, Hilton 8-10, DHS 29-22, Kearsney 26-17

Mr L Luthuli

U16D

The U16D basketball team had an outstanding season, exhibiting exceptional teamwork and determination. The squad demonstrated remarkable resilience and cohesion. Throughout the season, the players consistently supported each other, leveraging individual strengths to achieve collective success. The team's commendable performance is a testament to their hard work, dedication and sportsmanship.

Regular players:

S Xaba, O Kosani, L Mabanga, N Ngcemu, Z Tsabedze, L Ndwane,
Z Msane, L Tsoko, L Kosani, M Manana, A Ndlela, O Khoza

Results:

vs Westville 22-14, Hilton 36-16, St Charles 17-23, DHS 50-6, Kearsney
66-32, Northwood 36-24, Westville 25-27, St Charles 53-14, Hilton 38-5,
DHS 25-21, Kearsney 41-10

Ms L Mkhize

U16E

The U16E basketball team had an exceptional season with a consistent and positive set of results throughout. Their attendance and commitment to practice made it easy to see their positive attitude towards the sport. There was a wide and diverse range of boys developing skills and improving throughout the season. We played twelve games, won ten and lost only three, having a very successful season. The enthusiasm and spirit they showed on game day was energising and comforting as a coach. A well-deserved fun-filled season was had. It was a pleasure coaching these boys and seeing them enjoy themselves and creating an unbreakable bond of brotherhood.

Regular players:

C Khumalo, L Nzama, S Hlophe, S Simamane, T Pillay, C Machwane,
S Shabalala, S Khanye, A Dladla, M Madlala, M van Amsterdam

Results:

vs Westville 22-18, Hilton 31-35, Michaelhouse 28-9, DHS 21-8,
St Charles 57-13, Kearsney 26-15, Northwood 41-30, Westville 53-13,
Michaelhouse 57-17, Hilton 45-14, DHS 21-23, Kearsney 23-27

Mr K Zakwe

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U15A

Back row: P Fransman, M Mdluli, W Mbanjwa, M Ndlovu

Second row: M Manyathi, N Manana, S Myeza, M Ntlakana

Front row: C Mullen, J Baptista (captain), Mr T Tshabalala, L Vyambwera, S September

The U15A team had a strong season, playing 12 games and winning ten with only two losses. We began with great momentum in term 1, eager to build a cohesive team. Early on, we faced a setback at the St John's Tournament, which highlighted areas where we needed to improve. Despite this loss, it motivated us to regroup and refine our game.

During term 2, we had our sights set on winning the Northwood Tournament. Our main objective was to bring a stronger, more unified team effort and prove ourselves. The season continued positively until our final game at home, where, unfortunately, we fell short. Our overconfidence got the better of us, and we underestimated our opponent, leading to a loss. This defeat taught us an important lesson in humility and staying grounded, reminding us that every game requires focus and respect for our competition.

Looking back, the season was a mix of triumph and growth, and I believe we emerged as a better team from these experiences.

Regular players:

J Baptista, P Fransman, N Manana, W Mbanjwa, M Mdluli, C Mullen, S Myeza, M Ntlakana, S September, L Vyambwera, O Zwane, M Manyathi, S Ndlovu, K Dlamini, A Ngcobo

Results:

vs Westville 41-27, Clifton 22-8, Michaelhouse 20-29, DHS 52-16, Kearsney 41-40, Northwood 49-21, Westville 38-31, St Charles 44-36, Hilton 32-30, DHS 46-26, Kearsney 37-41

St John's basketball tournament:

vs Michael Mount 47-48, St Andrew's 62-23, Kings Linbro 39-17, St Alban's 59-30, Hilton 59-71, Michaelhouse 49-29

Northwood basketball tournament:

vs Michaelhouse 37-33, Ballito Academy 44-20, ESCA 33-35, Northwood 61-30, St David's 42-36 (semi-final), ESCA 40-31 (final)



Mr T Tshabalala

L Mukorera



U15B

The 2024 U15B basketball team can be immensely proud of what they achieved this year. An initially bloated squad was quickly galvanised into a core of devoted regulars, who proved their mettle time and again with games in the balance. Over the course of the year the team developed a defensive tenacity that was key to their success and was able to surprise opponents with decisive shifts in strategy and positioning. Though the team managed to win often, perhaps no victory was as sweet as the two-point comeback victory against DHS in term 1.

Special mention goes to J Planteau De Maroussem for his humility in leadership and ability to shift strategy when the stakes were at their highest. The U15B team can be most proud of a commendable season, in which their development, commitment and hunger to succeed transformed them into capable and promising prospects for the future.

Regular players:

J Planteau De Maroussem, J Msomi, R Badenhorst, S Makhanya, S Phungula, J Mbanzaswi, A Ndadane, N Breedt, N Ndaba, P Zikalala, L Mhlaba, C Mullen

Results:

vs Westville 19-14, Clifton 48-10, Michaelhouse 25-18, DHS 28-26, St Charles 40-28, Kearsney 30-38, Northwood 26-32, Westville 49-25, St Charles 30-20, Hilton 31-10, DHS 27-21, Kearsney 30-24

Mr S Goddard

U15C

The U15C basketball team had a difficult beginning to the season, suffering a defeat to a Westville side that proved to be better on the day. The team travelled to Clifton and showed immense courage resulting in an emphatic win. The following fixtures proved to be difficult, suffering losses to Michaelhouse, DHS and Kearsney. Much work needed to be done in the fourth term, and they did just that. A close game against Northwood, won on their home ground, proved to be the start of great things, with the team winning all their games thereafter. The last game of the season was as pivotal as we defeated Kearsney in overtime which saw us unbeaten in the fourth term. The boys can be proud of the resilience they have shown during the term as they overcame tough challenges. As a team, they can do great things together.

Regular players:

A Ngubane, M Gumede, A Phakathi, H Ndwandwa, B Makhaye, L Makhoba, O Zondi, N Mohlaoli, O Mdekazi, A Ndaba

Results:

vs Westville 10-15, Clifton 45-4, Michaelhouse 19-24, DHS 13-23, Kearsney 32-42, Northwood 27-25, Westville 43-20, St Charles 32-13, Hilton 23-15, DHS 23-15, Kearsney 23-20

Mr L Nhlabathi

U15D

The U15D team had an impressive season, boasting an 11-1 record. Our sole loss came against Northwood in a closely contested defeat. Despite the setback, we demonstrated resilience and teamwork, displaying exceptional skills and determination. Focusing on refining defensive strategies and capitalising on scoring opportunities ensured continued success for the team, which was made up of energetic, enthusiastic and committed young boys. It was always exciting coaching this team as they aimed for nothing but the best.

Regular players:

L Dlamini, M Mogale, J Naidoo, A Haasbroek, W Khumalo, K de Bruyn, L Dladla, T Taylor, S Maphumulo, S Magutshwa, C Balkisson, S Xolo, B Mshengu

Results:

vs Westville 24-21, Clifton 66-07, Michaelhouse 27-12, DHS 14-05, St Charles 38-08, Kearsney 26-12, Northwood 22-24, Westville 41-22, St Charles 24-21, Hilton 27-16, DHS 23-14, Kearsney 27-23

Mr S Ntenezi

U15E

The team had a poor beginning to the season with the boys struggling at practices. As the season progressed, the team found its rhythm because of the chemistry they had built from the first term, and the boys had good wins. This group of boys represented the badge with great pride, and it was a pleasure to watch them develop.

Regular players:

L Phakathi, T Motsoeneng, T Mofokeng, G Adjei, N Ashton, K Khwela, N Ndlovu, D Naidoo, R Madhan

Results:

vs Northwood 17-19, Westville 25-3, St Charles 41-4, Hilton 72-10, Merchiston 1st 14-17, Kearsney 50-11

Mr A Mdladla

U15F

The U15F basketball team faced a challenging season, finishing with a record of two wins and seven losses across nine matches. Despite showing determination and resilience, the team struggled to secure victories, with many games being decided by large margins.

The victories against Hilton were bright spots, showing the team's potential when they play cohesively and with confidence. Building on those wins could serve as a strong foundation for the next season.

With continued hard work, a focus on refining skills and fostering team chemistry, the future looks promising for this group of players. The key now will be to learn from the challenges faced and use these experiences for improvement next season.

Regular players:

G Ngcobo, R Madhan, Y Hoolasi, A Mini, P Ndaba, O Ndlovu, V Nkwanyana, A Mbatha, D Naidoo, B Dodson, T van Staden, N Mthembu, S Msibi, L Xaba

Results:

vs Westville 2-26, Hilton 21-18, Northwood 24-46, Hilton 23-27, Michaelhouse 12-17, Hilton 29-16, Merchiston 2nd 10-45, Scottsville 1st 17-28

Mr S Soorju





U14A

Back row: N Dlamini, L Bezuidenhout

Second row: K Mullen, N Zungu, N Chamane, B Mkhize, A Sibisi, N Dlamini

Front row: M Tenza, A Shandu, Mr J Wilcock, S Biyela, Z Langa

The beginning of 2024 meant a new group of talented young men would be joining basketball. The team showed great development in the early stages as they began to gel. They played good basketball and competed in every game with some great results. The first term season ended with the team participating in the Jeppe U14 Festival when they managed to win 10 of their 14 games. The lessons learnt from term one were taken into consideration, fuelling the team as they went into the term 4 season. Their efforts were well rewarded as they went unbeaten, winning all six of their matches.

Regular players:

S Ndlovu, L Bezuidenhout, M Tenza, Z Langa, S Gumbi, A Sibisi, ND Dlamini, S Khumalo, A Magutshwa, B Mkhize, NS Dlamini, K Sukraj

Results:

vs Westville 45-7, Clifton 15-10, Michaelhouse 18-29, DHS 43-8, St Charles 47-13, Kearsney 22-28, Northwood 36-10, Westville 29-24, St Charles 31-13, Hilton 31-17, DHS 26-21, Kearsney 22-15

Jeppe Basketball Festival:

vs St Andrew's 16-10, Kearsney 9-11, St Benedict's 27-17, Jeppe A 20-4, KES 5-17, PBHS 11-5, Parktown 15-8, St John's 7-13, St Stithians 7-20, St David's 16-10, Jeppe B 14-0, Westville 21-7, Michaelhouse 18-14, Pecanwood 18-3

Mr S Siwila

U14B

The U14B basketball team achieved outstanding success this season, maintaining an unblemished record throughout. From the onset, the players demonstrated unwavering dedication to skill development and teamwork.

As the season progressed, the team's cohesion and understanding of individual roles and playing styles improved significantly. This synergy translated into convincing victories against formidable opponents, exhibiting the team's exceptional collective effort. The players displayed remarkable heart, discipline and determination, which positively impacted their performance on the court. The season culminated in an impressive 40-point win against Kearsney, highlighting the team's consistent high level of play.

Throughout the season, I witnessed substantial growth in each player's skills and overall basketball acumen. The team's transformation from the beginning of the season is testament to their hard work and commitment. It has been a privilege to contribute to their development and foster an environment in which College values are embedded.

Regular players:

S Dubazana, Q Mbanjwa, SA Ndlovu, SI Ndlovu, N Zungu, S Gwala, K Machwane, S Kunene, S Biyela, N Sibeko, K Mullen, N Chamane, D Mpanza

Results:

vs Westville 32-10, Clifton 37-4, Michaelhouse 47-16, DHS 48-13, St Charles 50-8, Kearsney 24-22, Northwood 27-13, Westville 28-14, St Charles 40-12, Hilton 23-22, DHS 27-14, Kearsney 58-19

Mr S Buthelezi



U14C

The U14C basketball season was undoubtedly highly successful, stemming from the players' consistent commitment to improvement, as they approached each week with a determined mindset to develop within their individual capabilities. From a coaching perspective, it was particularly encouraging to witness the level of discipline and dedication the boys demonstrated in pursuit of their goals. The team achieved consistently positive results and conducted themselves with commendable sportsmanship throughout the season. They suffered only a single loss, which they accepted with maturity, showing resilience by responding with renewed focus and determination.

If these young men continue to maintain their current positive attitudes and remain committed to their growth, one can certainly expect even greater achievements from them in the future.

Regular players:

S Mlambo, M Mayekiso, O Makhathini, D Matundu, K Dlamini, S Mhlongo, C Markham, O Nduli, S Zuma, S Bhengu, K Khuluse

Results:

vs Westville 26-3, Clifton 96-0, Michaelhouse 33-6, DHS 29-4, Hilton 29-4, St Charles 25-2, Kearsney 24-22, Northwood 43-14, Westville 22-28, St Charles 25-23, Hilton 27-20, DHS 24-10, Kearsney 45-14

Mr S Ntsele

U14D

The U14D basketball team had an excellent season, displaying remarkable growth and teamwork to win ten of the eleven matches they played. The players demonstrated exceptional dedication to skills development and embraced a strong work ethic. Their commitment to learning plays and



N Dlamini



M Askham



Enjoying a different view of the game is Z Makangela.

strategies during the training sessions translated into consistent on-court success. Their resilience was evident in hard-fought victories, displaying a positive attitude even in challenging moments. Each player's improvement is commendable and augers well for the team's future. Overall, the season was a triumph of determination, perseverance and enthusiasm for the game.

Regular players:

L Mfekayi, M Mabaso, S Bhengu, M Barnado, S Madladla, F Zwane, A Duma, N Vengai, K Ncanana, P Mpanza

Results:

vs Westville 8-3, Clifton 56-3, Michaelhouse 50-3, DHS 24-2, St Charles 42-3, Kearsney 23-21, Northwood 18-12, Westville 14-18, St Charles 44-4, Hilton 22-9, DHS 44-8

Mr A Budhoo

U14E

The season got off to a tense start with a narrow win over Westville. This was while the team were trying to find their feet and the squad trying to find the chemistry that was going to be needed for the remainder of the season. The performance of the season was the win on the road against St Charles when C Cohen scored six of the 10 three-pointers that sealed the win for the team.

The team played their best basketball when they were allowed to use the space and learned that individual brilliance does not have the same satisfaction as team brilliance. When asked to score baskets it was shared throughout the team. The defensive side, K Pita and S Msibi, led the team in blocks and rebounds throughout the season, making sure there were no easy points in the paint. This season will be remembered for how the U14E team changed from a group of individuals to a team known for their camaraderie on and off the court.

Regular players:

K Ncanana, P Wilson, K Pita, P Mpanza, S Ntloko, N Rukidi, S Msibi, Z Myeni, Q Khosani, C Cohen, S Zuma, Z Khuluse

Results:

vs Westville 9-8, Hilton 22-7, Michaelhouse 29-4, DHS 10-5, St Charles 43-3, Kearsney 28-9, Northwood 35-14, Westville 36-16, St Charles 49-4, Hilton 26-9, DHS 12-19, Kearsney 35-19

Mr D Joshua

U14F

The U14F team had a good season, taking only one loss. The boys came into the season very enthusiastic and determined. Many of them did not have a background in basketball so we had to work on their basics, but they were quick learners and that made the job easier. Some stand out players have been H Zongwana, S Buthelezi and P Jombile, yet every one of the boys have had some good performances. I see many of the boys further improving in the sport and making big strides if they knuckle down and commit themselves. It was an honour to coach this team, and I hope to see them improve in the following season.

Regular players:

K Moodley, M Makhado, C Adonis, P Jombile, H Zongwana, S Buthelezi

Results:

vs Northwood 16-10, Westville 34-4, Michaelhouse 20-19, Hilton 21-15, Merchiston 3rds 14-17, Scottsville 1st 20-10

Mr A Majosi



Canoeing

Back row: D Fish, J Odell, S Venniker, J Craig
Fourth row: J Worthmann, K Vogt, C Reitz, J Gotte
Third row: H Reitz, B Cook, M Rawson, D Lewis, D Kleingeld, L O'Connor
Second row: T Stone, N Curry, F Venniker, J Janse van Rensburg, B Gotte, K Clarke
Front row: S Adie, Mr J Tyler, M van Heerden, Ms B Hartley, S Norton, Mr S Bosch, D Botha

This has been a thrilling year for Maritzburg College's canoeing team, with a series of impressive performances and record-breaking participation in various competitions. As the season unfolded, it became evident that this year's canoeing crew had truly outdone themselves.

One of the standout achievements was at the renowned Dusi Canoe Marathon, where Maritzburg College claimed victory in the schools' race. The K2 duet of J Odell and M van Heerden displayed exceptional teamwork and skill, crossing the finish line ahead of their competitors. They were closely followed by S Norton and J Gotte, who also delivered a commendable performance. In the junior category, K Vogt formed a formidable partnership with a St Charles' student, clinching the first prize. A record nine boys bravely took on the marathon this year, a testament to the ever-growing enthusiasm for canoeing at College.

Our junior paddlers continued to impress with the SA K2 River Championships held on the Vaal River, with the talented duo of Vogt and Gotte winning the K2 event. J van Rensburg and L O'Connor secured a commendable second place, further establishing Maritzburg College as a powerhouse in canoeing.

The canoeing team demonstrated exceptional dedication and talent this year. Their achievements not only brought home trophies but also strengthened school spirit and unity. This year marked a significant milestone for the team, with outstanding performances both nationally and internationally. Two athletes were selected to represent South Africa at world championships. Van Heerden, known for his skill in tackling waterfalls and his strength in canoe polo, was chosen for the Junior Slalom and Kayak Cross World Championships in Slovakia. His versatility and consistent excellence earned him national recognition. Another exceptional paddler was Vogt, who was selected both for the Olympic Hopes Team (K2) and

the South African Marathon Team (K1). Due to the events occurring at the same time, Vogt chose to represent South Africa at the Marathon World Championships in Croatia. At just 15 years old, he delivered a remarkable performance, finishing fourth in the Junior U18 K1 race, a result that signals immense promise for his future. Overall, the team's efforts exemplified the spirit of excellence that defines Maritzburg College canoeing.

The Maritzburg College canoeing team has also made significant strides in enhancing its resources. Thanks to the fundraising efforts throughout the year, the team has acquired five new canoe polo boats. This investment will undoubtedly improve training sessions and allow for further skill development, ensuring that the athletes remain competitive in upcoming events.

The achievements of our canoeing team in 2024 have set a high bar, reflecting the teamwork, perseverance and exuberance that fuels this remarkable group of paddlers. Their excitement and commitment to excellence continues to inspire both current paddlers and future aspirants. The future looks bright for Maritzburg College canoeing and supporters can anticipate more remarkable performances in the months to come.

Miss B Hartley

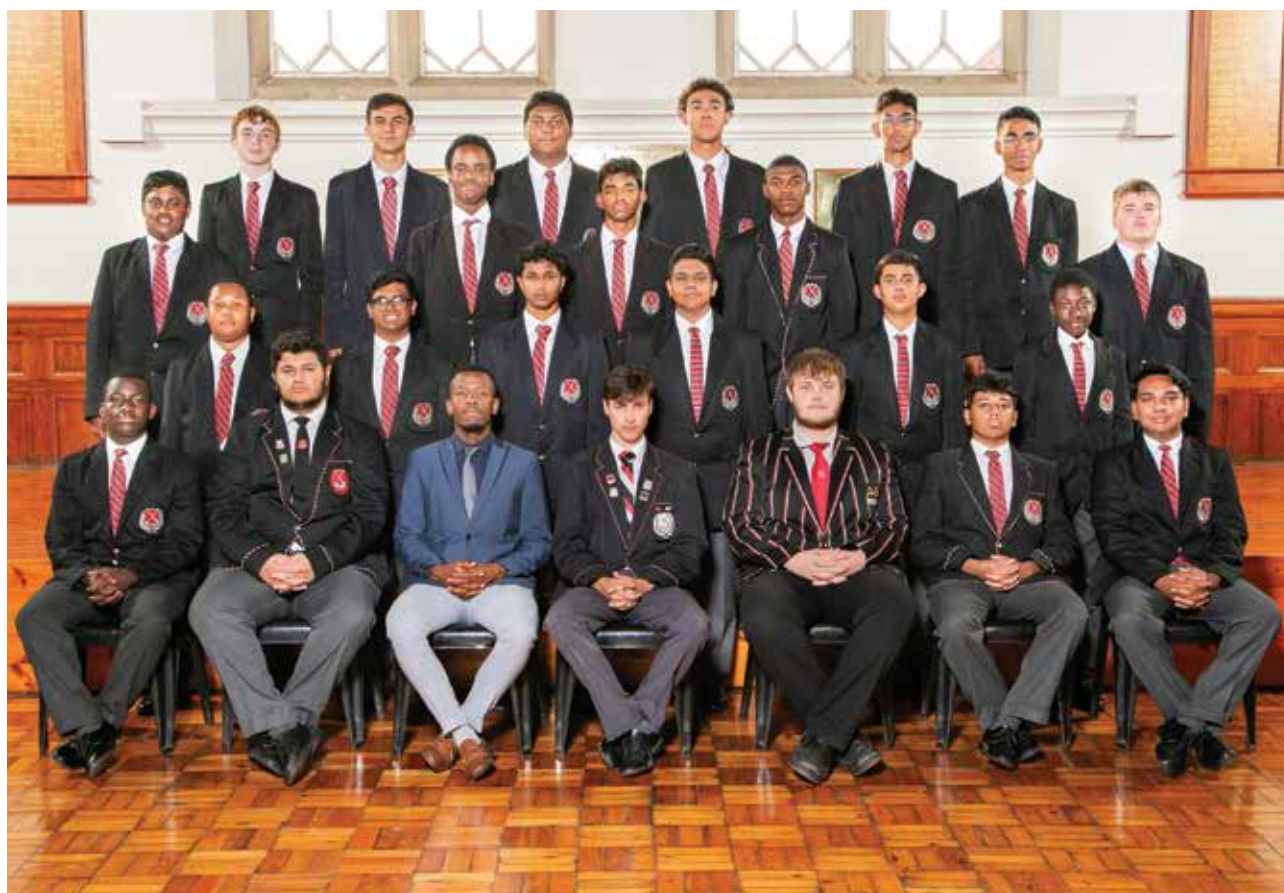
SA representatives: M van Heerden, K Vogt

KZN representatives:

Flatwater or Ocean racing: K Vogt, J Janse van Rensburg, L O'Connor, J Worthmann

Canoe polo: M van Heerden, S Norton, J Odell, J Gotte, S Venniker, D Botha, J Craig, M Rawson





Chess

Back row: C Mullen, R Singh, T Naidoo, B Jean-Louis, Y Hoolasi, K Moodley

Third row: D Naidoo, A Mkhize, P Desebrook, C Zondi, T Ambler

Second row: G Ngcobo, V Ramdeen, O Gengan, A Bagirathi, Z Singh, B Cele

Front row: R Motshoane, M Moosa, Mr L Shongwe, J Martin (captain), Mr N Whatmore, D Naidoo, S Maharaj

This year has been a challenging but rewarding one for our chess team. Our boys have demonstrated remarkable progress, competing not only against local schools but also engaging in sporting exchanges with schools from other provinces.

Our participation in the Alexforbes Online Chess Tournament has been a remarkable experience, allowing ten players to compete against schools nationwide. This unique tournament elevated their chess ratings and provided invaluable exposure to a broader competitive landscape. Unfortunately, College did not participate beyond the group stages.

In addition, 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. R Motshoane placed first, second and third respectively for the U15 category.

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. The boys have learned to lift each other, ensuring that every competition is

an opportunity for collective growth, both as individual players and as a cohesive team. The competitive spirit displayed has been both constructive and motivating, pushing each member to sharpen their skills while fostering a deeper respect for the game.

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.

This year has been transformative for the 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.

Regular players:

J Martin (captain), O Gengan, S Maharaj, Z Singh, G Ngcobo, D Naidoo, R Motshoane, DC Naidoo, B Jean-Louis, V Ramdeen, Z Bhigjee, C Mullen, T Ambler

Mr L Shongwe

Inter-school results:

PBHS: played 24 won 5
Howick: played 32 won 23
PBHS: played 24 won 5
KES: played 30 won 8



1st XI

Back row: S Hughes, K Dedekind

Third row: N Pembridge, J Konigkramer, J Currie, R McKean

Second row: T van Niekerk, D Naidoo, D Nadasan, L Sutherland, R Willson, B Senzere

Front row: O Da Costa, Mr R Coutts, C Mason (captain), Mr K Nipper, M Gibson

Review by the Director of Cricket

The 2024 cricketing year was filled with many highs and a few lows, but the dedication and enthusiasm shown by our players and coaches have not only fostered individual growth but also strengthened the collective spirit that defines Maritzburg College cricket.

This year, the programme maintained its focus on player development. From refining batting and bowling techniques to enhancing strategic understanding, our coaches continued to guide players in every aspect of the game. In this process, boys are encouraged to express their abilities throughout practices and matches without being told exactly what to do in every stage of the game.

Several of our teams competed at prestigious festivals and tournaments, which remain pivotal in testing the mettle of our players. A memorable moment of the season was our 1st XI's participation in the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week, hosted on our iconic Goldstone's and many other facilities in and around Pietermaritzburg. Facing strong opposition from some of the country's top cricketing schools, the team displayed exemplary skill, resilience and sportsmanship, embodying the values of Maritzburg College cricket.

Through some exceptional performances, several boys were awarded Provincial Colours and represented KZN Inland at the National weeks.

KZN Inland U19:

C Mason (*captain*), S Dzanibe, D Nadasan,
L Sutherland (non-traveling reserve)

KZN Inland U16:

R Willson (*captain*), T van Niekerk, A Bharath, A Barnes

The success of our cricket programme would not be possible without the tireless efforts of many individuals and teams behind the scenes. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to:

- Mr Veitch and the Estates Team, for maintaining and preparing the world-class facilities that allow our boys to train and compete in optimal conditions.
- Mrs Lawson and the catering team, for their resolute commitment to providing delicious lunches and teas that are appreciated by players and staff alike.
- Dr Luman, Mr Kyle and the sports department, for their steadfast support and co-ordination in ensuring the smooth operation of the cricket programme.
- Our coaching staff, who dedicate their time, expertise and energy to the development of our boys. Their commitment to excellence at every level is the backbone of our success.

The programme remains committed to fostering excellence in cricket while nurturing the values of teamwork, discipline and respect. With the steadfast support of our coaches, parents and school administration, the future of Maritzburg College cricket is undoubtedly bright.

The 2024 season has been marked by growth, achievement and unwavering dedication. As we build on this year's successes, we remain confident that cricket will continue to thrive, bringing even greater moments of pride and accomplishment in the years to come.

Mr K Nipper



1st XI

This year, despite a challenging win-loss ratio, we witnessed some remarkable achievements. Many players reached personal milestones, proving that individual consistency can elevate the entire team. That sentiment has never rung truer than it has this season.

Competing in three T20 competitions, reaching a semi-final and playing in two finals, the team was pushed to its limits and demonstrated just how resilient and capable they are as a unit.

One of the best moments of the season was undoubtedly the televised match against St David's. The team displayed the kind of cricket they can play, full of energy, skill and unity. Watching them perform on that stage was a true representation of what College sport is all about, teamwork, pride and enthusiasm.

This season reminded us why we love this game. It challenges us, frustrates us and inspires us all at once.



Although injured in the earlier bowling attack in the city derby game against St Charles the captain, C Mason, knocked up a stylish 102.

Player critique

C Mason (captain, Honours): Mason led the 1st XI with distinction, showing maturity, composure and tactical awareness well beyond his years. An all-rounder, he finished the season as both the leading run-scorer and wicket-taker, an extraordinary achievement. He is also a reliable fielder with a safe pair of hands and a strong throwing arm. He was rewarded for his excellent year by selection to the KZN Inland U19 side, the SA Schools team and SA U19 national squad.

L Sutherland (Colours and Scarf): Sutherland was one of the leading run scorers in KZN schools' cricket in 2024. This opening batsman was the backbone of our batting lineup. He will be disappointed by how he finished the year but his 152 against Hudson Park at the Michaelmas festival on Goldstone's will be remembered. Sutherland was awarded Most Improved Player of the Year award.

O Da Costa (Large White Badge): Da Costa is an exciting, hard-hitting batsman who can bat anywhere in the top six. A quality off-spin bowler, he can bowl tight spells which often result in wins for his team. He is an energetic fielder and totally committed to the team. Da Costa is a true team player whose enthusiasm and encouragement ensured there was always a buzz on the field.

M Gibson (Large White Badge): Gibson is a genuine all-rounder. The injury that affected his bowling had a negative effect on the team, which lost some of its balance. When his rhythm is right, he can bowl with genuine pace and swing the ball both ways. He is a destructive batsman, capable of dominating most bowling line ups. Gibson has a good arm and is one of the better fielders in the team.

D Nadasan (Honours): Nadasan has a superb technique and the ability to play all round the wicket. Through hard work and determination, he forced himself back into the team after injury. Nadasan is a good fielder who is comfortable when fielding close to the bat or on the boundary. He has developed his off-spin bowling and has made steady improvement.

T van Niekerk: As the youngster in the team, van Niekerk has developed well this year. His selection to the KZN Inland U16 team shows his ability. A clean striking batsman he is never afraid to go over the top. He is a quality wicketkeeper and his energy in the field has contributed to the team's success.

S Hughes (Large White Badge): Hughes has made the opening bowler role his own and has great ability with the ball, being able to swing it both ways. His consistency in line and length always put the batsmen under pressure. If he can stay injury free, he will develop into a quality bowler. He is a reliable fielder with a safe pair of hands and a good throwing arm.

K Dedekind (Large White Badge): Dedekind is an impressive all-rounder who was a late inclusion into the team. He lacked consistency, yet when he hit his areas he was a very tricky bowler and often picked up early wickets. He is a powerful hitter and was destructive at the back end of an innings. Dedekind is a good fielder who needs to back his ability.

S Dzanibe (Honours): A quality all-rounder, Dzanibe's contribution to the team was invaluable. He bowls with skill and accuracy and can adapt to various conditions. Dzanibe is a technically correct batsman who is able to adjust his batting to suit the situation and is particularly strong on any short bowling. He has great hands and a strong throwing arm.

R McKean (Large White Badge): McKean combines his skills as a middle-order batsman with his medium pace bowling to add value to the team. He has a sound batting technique and confidently opened the batting when asked. McKean has worked on his medium-pace bowling and added several variations to his bowling arsenal. He has a good throwing arm and a safe pair of hands.



A quality off-spin bowler, Da Costa, wreaks early havoc in the Michaelmas Week game against St David's, nabbing a destructive 2/19.



D Nadasan facing in the Michaelmas Week game against St David's.

R Willson: Willson is a versatile all-rounder, known for his skills as a right-arm opening bowler, his contributions with the bat in the lower order and his exceptional fielding abilities. While primarily known for his bowling, Willson is no slouch with the bat and when required could bat at three. One of his standout moments of the year was his exceptional fielding against Kearsney that certainly changed the game in the team's favour.

J Konigkramer: (*Large White Badge*): He is a versatile cricketer known for his ability to hit the ball to the boundary and his contributions as a right-arm medium fast bowler. He can hold his nerve at the death to control the run rate. Konigkramer is a quality fielder who is quick on his feet, has a good throwing arm and safe pair of hands.

D Naidoo (*Large White Badge*): Naidoo shows potential to develop into a solid all-rounder. His clever batting allows him to manipulate the field effectively, but he needs to work on consistency. With the ball, his right-arm medium pace can be challenging when he hits his areas, although he occasionally struggles with his run-up. As a fielder, Naidoo has strong fundamentals and should trust his natural ability more.

N Pembridge (*Large White Badge*): Pembridge has a sharp cricketing brain and bowls with impressive control and accuracy, often keeping opposition batsmen in check. His dedication to improving his batting has paid off, making him a reliable lower-order player who can frustrate bowlers with his ability to occupy the crease and bat time.

B Senzere: A dedicated player who has worked hard on his bowling action, he yielded significant results, including an impressive array of variations. His ability to turn the ball away from right-handers makes him a genuine threat. A natural in the field, Senzere boasts a safe pair of hands and a strong throwing arm. Although underrated with the bat, his potential to frustrate bowlers will grow once he fully embraces the value of occupying the crease.

K de Bruyn: His game awareness and ability to deliver accurate, controlled spells made him a key partnership breaker for the team. In the field, de Bruyn excelled both close to the bat and on the boundary, displaying reliable hands and a strong throwing arm. While opportunities with the bat were limited, he demonstrated his capabilities under pressure with a match-saving innings against Noordheuwel in the two-day fixture at St David's. With continued effort, de Bruyn is poised to make significant contributions to the team's success in the coming seasons.

Match Reports

Saturday Fixtures

vs Westville Boys' High School (50 overs) – Goldstone's

College 1st XI, captained by C Mason, hosted Westville for a 50-over match on Goldstone's. Mason won the toss and chose to bat on a promising surface. However, Westville's opening bowlers were accurate and disciplined, quickly removing both openers, Nadasan and Sutherland, to

leave College struggling at 7 for 2. Mason and Gibson then steadied the innings with a composed and patient partnership. They absorbed the early pressure and rebuilt effectively, taking the score to 90 for 2 at the tea break. Their stand eventually reached 117 before Gibson was dismissed for a well-played 58. Despite the solid foundation, College could not fully capitalise in the final overs. Regular wickets fell, stalling momentum, but Mason held firm. He reached a deserved century in the final over, finishing unbeaten on 101, guiding College to a competitive 212 for 9.

Westville's reply was steady and calculated. They lost their first wicket at 42 but continued to build partnerships. After tea, College bowlers McKean and Dzanibe bowled with purpose, applying pressure and limiting scoring opportunities. However, Westville's batsmen remained composed, rotating the strike and punishing loose deliveries. They reached the target with nine balls to spare and five wickets in hand, securing a well-earned win.

College 212 for 9

Mason 101, Gibson 58*

Westville 216 for 5

Konigkramer 2/27, Dzanibe 2/39

Westville won by 5 wickets

vs Clifton (50 overs) – Away

College 1st XI claimed a convincing six-wicket win over Clifton, built on a disciplined bowling display and a composed chase. Clifton won the toss and chose to bat, aiming to exploit early conditions. However, College's bowlers quickly took control. Gibson struck in the 7th over, with Naidoo taking a sharp catch at point. Off-spinner Da Costa made an immediate impact, taking a wicket in his first over and maintaining pressure throughout. Naidoo added to his contributions with a smart runout, and Clifton struggled to form lasting partnerships, their best being 43 for the fifth wicket. Da Costa bowled with great control and was unlucky to miss out on a five-wicket haul. Clifton was eventually bowled out for 146 in the 48th over.

In reply, College openers Nadasan and Sutherland laid a solid foundation with a 49-run stand. Sutherland was dismissed for 35, but College continued to build through steady partnerships. Da Costa and Mason added 42, followed by a 33-run stand between Mason and Gibson. Mason played a composed knock of 36 before falling with just seven runs needed. College reached the target comfortably at 147 for 4 in the 44th over, sealing a well-earned and controlled victory.

Clifton 146 all out

Gibson 3/13, Da Costa 4/13

College 147 for 4

Mason 36, Sutherland 35

College won by 6 wickets

vs Michaelhouse (50 overs) – Away

Maritzburg College's 1st XI travelled to Balgowan to face Michaelhouse on the Roy Gathorne Oval. Winning the toss, Mason elected to bat first on a pitch that was expected to get slower and lower as the day progressed.

The Michaelhouse bowlers quickly adapted to the conditions, making it challenging for College to score freely, particularly with the thick outfield also offering resistance. Despite their efforts, College struggled to build momentum, with the largest stand of the innings being a 43-run partnership for the second wicket between Mason and McKean.

The middle order, however, found some rhythm through Gibson, who played a composed innings. Running well between the wickets, Gibson's 44 off 70 balls provided College with much-needed impetus, helping them reach a competitive score of 165 for 8 in their allotted 50 overs.

Unfortunately, the Michaelhouse innings never got underway. Lightning during the lunch interval kept players off the field, and despite hopes for a restart, the match was eventually called off at 14:45.

College 145 for 8

Gibson 44, McKean 38



vs DHS (50 overs) – Goldstone's

The Maritzburg College 1st XI delivered one of their most comprehensive performances of the season, securing a comfortable win over DHS.

On a cloudy morning in Pietermaritzburg, Mason won the toss and chose to bowl, trusting that the conditions would favour his bowlers. Despite some early wayward bowling and an excess of extras, College soon found their rhythm. Left-arm seamer Dzanibe broke the DHS opening partnership with a clever slower ball, caught by Mason with the score on 63. He continued his fine spell, picking up two more wickets in his 6-over spell and keeping constant pressure on DHS. The left-arm duo of Dzanibe and Hughes proved difficult to face, conceding just 37 runs in their combined 15 overs while claiming 5 wickets between them. Dzanibe led the attack, finishing with figures of 4 for 19, as DHS were bowled out for a modest 173.

In reply, College's opening pair of McKean and Sutherland built a solid foundation with a partnership of 81, before McKean fell for 27. Sutherland continued to anchor the innings, adding a valuable 55-run stand with Mason and another 35-run partnership with Gibson. Sutherland played superbly, reaching 82 before falling with only three runs needed for victory. Gibson's unbeaten 26 ensured College reached the target comfortably, winning by 7 wickets in the 43rd over.

DHS 173 all out
Dzanibe 4/19

College 176 for 3
Sutherland 82, McKean 27
Gibson 26*

College won by 7 wickets

vs St Charles (50 overs) – Goldstone's

Maritzburg College's 1st XI took on St Charles on a hot and humid morning. Mason lost the toss, and the visitors chose to bat first.

St Charles openers made a strong start, posting a solid 81-run partnership in 15 overs. However, College fought back when McKean broke the stand, picking up two wickets in quick succession. From there, College kept St Charles from forming significant partnerships, taking regular wickets. Off-spinner Da Costa and leg-spinner Mason bowled with precision, never allowing the St Charles batsmen to settle. The College attack restricted St Charles to 195 all out in 45 overs, with Mason and McKean leading the charge.

In response, College's innings began cautiously, with Sutherland falling in the sixth over for 23. A brief collapse followed, but Nadasan and Da Costa steadied the ship, putting together a 45-run partnership. By tea, College was well placed at 93 for 3, needing 103 runs in the remaining 25 overs. However, controversy struck with Nadasan's runout for a well-played 39, sparking a collapse.

The middle and lower order struggled to rotate the strike, allowing the required run rate to climb. Despite being in a strong position at tea, College ultimately fell short, bowled out for 141 in the 42nd over.

St Charles 195 all out
Mason 3/29, McKean 2/15

College 141 all out
Nadasan 39, Da Costa 28

St Charles won by 54 runs

vs Kearsney College (100 ball) – Away

Disappointingly, the last scheduled 50-over game of the first term was cancelled and replaced with a midweek 100-ball format. The Maritzburg College 1st XI travelled to Botha's Hill to face Kearsney on the AH Smith Oval, where a cold and misty afternoon awaited them.

Mason won the toss and opted to bat first. The opening partnership was broken in the fourth over with Nadasan dismissed early, followed soon after by Sutherland, leaving the team struggling at 20 for 2. On a challenging pitch coupled with a slow outfield, scoring proved difficult for the College batting lineup. Mason led from the front, top scoring with 21 off 26 balls, but the team was unable to build any significant momentum.

As the innings break approached, the weather conditions deteriorated further, making it impossible to continue. The match was abandoned before College had the opportunity to bowl a ball, leaving both teams frustrated by the elements.

College 84 for 8
Mason 21

Match abandoned

vs Westville (50 overs) – Goldstone's

On a warm Maritzburg morning, Mason won the toss and opted to bat first. The opening duo of Sutherland and Nadasan provided a steady foundation, building a promising partnership of 47. However, a commendable display of sportsmanship from Sutherland, who walked despite being given not out, marked the beginning of a batting slump for College.

Following the bright start, College's batsmen struggled to build on the foundation, as wickets fell at regular intervals. Without meaningful partnerships to stabilise the innings, College was bowled out for a modest total of 112 in 33 overs.

In response, Westville took early control, capitalising on the powerplay to put College's bowlers under pressure. A sharp runout provided College their first breakthrough, and they managed to claim two more wickets through captain Mason and off-spinner Da Costa. Despite these efforts, the low target proved challenging to defend, and Westville reached 113 comfortably in the 26th over, securing a dominant win.

College 112 all out
Nadasan 30

Westville 113 for 3

Westville won by 7 wickets

vs St Charles – Away

On a hot Pietermaritzburg morning, St Charles won the toss and chose to bat on a promising pitch. Their openers capitalised early, putting on a strong 87-run stand before a sharp runout by stand-in captain Da Costa broke the partnership. By tea, St Charles were 113 for 3 after 25 overs, with the match evenly poised. However, a pivotal 100-run partnership for the fifth wicket shifted momentum firmly in their favour, allowing them to post an imposing 273 for 6 in their 50 overs.

College's reply got off to a disastrous start, losing opener Sutherland for a second-ball duck. Willson, promoted to number 3 in place of the injured Mason, tried to stabilise the innings, but College struggled to form meaningful partnerships. Mason, despite nursing a thumb injury, returned to anchor the innings with grit and determination. He shared a 51-run stand with Gibson and added 43 more with McKean, keeping College in the hunt.

Mason's valiant century off 110 balls was the standout performance, but his dismissal in the 42nd over left the lower order with too much to do. College was eventually bowled out for 189 in the 45th over, falling 84 runs short of the target.

St Charles 273 for 6
McKean 2/42

College 189 all out
Mason 102

St Charles won by 84 runs

vs Hilton College – Away

In dense cloud, the match was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

vs DHS (50 Overs) – Away

The Maritzburg College 1st XI travelled to Durban to face DHS on the Theobald Oval, where Mason won the toss and chose to bat first. Their strategy was to bat through the 50 overs and set a competitive target. However, DHS quickly disrupted College's plans, as their disciplined bowling attack made early breakthroughs, placing College in a difficult position.

College's top order collapsed to 7 for 4, with batsmen struggling to rotate the strike and find any rhythm. The lone resistance came from a 39-run partnership between Mason and Dedekind, which briefly stemmed the tide and put DHS under some pressure. However, once this stand was broken, the innings crumbled, and College was bowled out for a modest 77 in just 32 overs.



In response, DHS chased down the target with ease, racing to 79 for 1 in only 17 overs. College's sole wicket came from a brilliant piece of fielding by Dzanibe, whose direct hit from cover provided a brief moment of excellence on an otherwise challenging day for the visitors.

College 77 all out
Mason 22

DHS 79 for 1

DHS won by 9 wickets

vs Kearsney (50 overs) – Goldstone's

Maritzburg College 1st XI faced Kearsney on Goldstone's in humid conditions. Mason won the toss and chose to bat, aiming to surpass 200 runs. However, Kearsney's bowlers struck early, reducing College to 26 for 3 within 8 overs. Mason and Gibson then steadied the innings with a 59-run stand before Gibson was run out for 16 just before tea. College reached 95 for 4 at the break. After tea, Mason and Da Costa added 58 runs, but both their wickets fell in quick succession, with Mason top-scoring on 75. Late contributions from Dedekind and Dzanibe (45 runs off 53 balls) lifted College to 213 all out in their 50 overs.

Defending the total, Willson delivered a superb opening spell, swinging the ball and removing both Kearsney openers, finishing with 2 for 11 in 6 overs. Dzanibe and de Bruyn maintained the pressure, restricting Kearsney to 94 for 2 at tea. After the break, Da Costa's tight 10-over spell (0/14) and Mason's incisive bowling dismantled the middle order, taking 4 wickets for 23 runs in 8 overs. College's sharp fielding and disciplined bowling prevented Kearsney from forming key partnerships, eventually bowling them out for 181 in the 49th over to seal a 32-run win.

College 213 all out (50 overs)
Mason 75

Kearsney 181 all out (49 overs)
Mason 3/38
Willson 2/11

College won by 32 runs



Dzanibe warms up on Goldstone's ahead of the game.

Festivals

Pre-Season Festival

The 2024 cricket year started with a preseason festival hosted at College, and unfortunately inclement weather played havoc with the organisation of the festival. With the loss of a flooded Collegians field and day 1 totally rained out, the formats had to change to ensure all schools got some cricket in, only T20 cricket was possible.

Match 1 vs Kempton Park

Kempton Park 150 for 4
McKean 2/15

College 119 for 9
Mason 32

Kempton Park won by 31 runs

Match 2 vs Parktown

Parktown 126 for 7
Naidoo 2/6

College 130 for 6
Sutherland 26, Dzanibe 25*

College won by 4 wickets

Clifton Centenary T20 Festival

Maritzburg College 1st XI participated in the Clifton Centenary T20 Festival, which brought together nine of the top ten KZN schools alongside St John's from Harare.

Day 1

Match 1 vs Michaelhouse

Michaelhouse 139 for 6

College 140 for 8
Mason 30
Gibson 35

College won by 2 wickets

Match 2 vs Westville (shortened game)

Westville 131 for 7

Mason 2/16

Match abandoned due to rain

Day 2

Match 3 vs DHS

The morning match against DHS was washed out without a ball being bowled.

Match 4 vs Northwood

College 125 for 8

Northwood 9 for 0 (after 1 over)
Gibson 26
Dzanibe 26

Match abandoned due to rain

Day 3

Semi-final vs Glenwood

College 132 for 8

Mason 44

Konigkramer 20

College won by 10 runs

Glenwood 122 for 7
Da Costa 1/15

Final vs DHS

College 127 for 8

Dzanibe 42*

DHS won by 5 wickets

DHS 131 for 5
Dzanibe 2/29

St David's Fasken Law Two-Day Cricket Festival

This Festival is played in a format which was a new experience for a few of our players. Two, 2-day matches afforded them an opportunity to test themselves mentally in a double innings format. The team fared well against strong opposition and L Sutherland was awarded Batsman of the Festival.

vs St John's College

College 247 for 6 declared
Sutherland 66, Nadasan 56
van Niekerk 53, Currie 34

St John's 221 for 9 declared
Mason 3/43, Hughes 2/34

College 243 for 7 declared
Sutherland 132, Nadasan 47

St John's 188 for 9
de Bruyn 2/16, Senzere 2/38

Match drawn

vs Noordheuwel High

College 187 all out
Sutherland 63, Mason 35
De Bruyn 45

Noordheuwel 225 all out
Mason 6/41, Hughes 2/23

College 243 for 8
Mason 75, Nadasan 52

Noordheuwel 109 for 4
Senzere 2/39

Match drawn



St John's Harare T20 Festival

The Maritzburg College 1st XI had the privilege of traveling to Harare, Zimbabwe, to participate in the annual St John's T20 Festival. Placed in Pool A alongside the hosts St John's, Prince Edward and CBC Bulawayo, the team also played a warm-up match against Wise Owl School at St George's College. The festival provided valuable experience for the College team, with standout performances from Mason, who was named the Most Valuable Player.

Day 1

Match 1 vs Prince Edward

College 185 for 3 Prince Edward 110 all out
Da Costa 74, Mason 70* Mason 5/21, Pembridge 3/19

College won by 75 runs

Match 2 vs Christian Brothers' College (CBC) Bulawayo

CBC 116 for 9 College 117 for 1
Mason 4/27, Da Costa 2/6 Nadasan 32*, Mason 30*

College won by 9 wickets

Day 2

Match 3 vs St John's

St John's 168 for 9 College 145 all out
Hughes 3/31, Mason 2/15 van Niekerk 51, Currie 36*

St John's won by 23 runs

Day 3

Quarterfinal vs Falcon College

College 200 for 4 Falcon 172 for 5
Gibson 97, Mason 35 Dedekind 3/11

College won by 28 runs

Semi-final vs Kearsney

Batting first, College struggled on a tired pitch. Only Mason and Nadasan made double figures, as College stumbled to 73 all out in 18 overs. Despite an early chance, the bowlers could not make an impact as Kearsney chased down the target in the 9th over, losing just two wickets.

College 73 all out Kearsney 77 for 2
Mason 22, Nadasan 22

Kearsney won by 8 wickets

Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Festival

The annual Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Festival, hosted by Maritzburg College, faced the worst possible start as heavy rain and even snow disrupted proceedings. The 24 teams from across South Africa were greeted by the unseasonal weather which forced all matches on Day 1 to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. The Roy Gathorne Oval at Michaelhouse was blanketed in snow, providing a surreal and unusual sight for a cricket festival. Play resumed on the second day with adjustments to match formats to maximise cricket over the remaining days.

The final day brought the excitement of a televised T20 match, broadcast on SuperSport channel 216.

Day 2 vs Affies – Goldstone's

Affies 187 for 4 College 173 for 7
Sutherland 86, Mason 35

Affies won by 14 runs

Day 3 vs Hudson Park – Goldstone's

College 374 for 6 Hudson Park 146 all out
Sutherland 152, Da Costa 82 Da Costa 3/19, Willson 2/10
Gibson 72 Nadasan 2/13
College won by 228 runs

Day 4 vs St David's – Goldstone's

College 159 for 5 St David's 131 for 4
Mason 69, Gibson 54 Da Costa 2/19
College won by 28 runs

Eston T20 Night Series

The Beaumont Eston Club once again provided the scenic backdrop for the One Insurance T20 Night League, with Maritzburg College placed in Pool A alongside St Charles College and the Tuskers Hub. The College 1st XI delivered a mix of dominance and drama throughout the tournament, finishing as runners-up after a hard-fought final.

Mason was named Batsman and Player of the Tournament.

Match 1: Maritzburg College vs Tuskers Hub

College 196 for 2 Tuskers Hub 61 all out
Sutherland 86, Mason 55 Pembridge 3/7

College won by 135 runs

Match 2: Maritzburg College vs St Charles College

St Charles 113 for 8 College 115 for 4
Konigkramer 3/27, Hughes 2/21 Mason 49*

College won by 6 wickets

Semi-Final: Maritzburg College vs Hilton College

Hilton 152 for 2 College 155 for 7
Mason 41, Gibson 27

College won by 3 wickets

Final: Maritzburg College vs St Charles College

St Charles 170 for 3 College 138 for 9
Konigkramer 2/35 Mason 50, Nadasan 31

St Charles won by 32 runs

Mr R Coutts



After a tidy cut to point, Gibson sets off down the Goldstone's pitch on his way to 54 in the Michaelmas Week game against St David's.

1st XI Statistics - BATTING

Name		Matches	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Strike Rate	Highest Score
C Mason	50 overs	10	10	1	396	44	61.5	103*
	T20	16	15	4	587	53.4	114.9	70*
	100 ball	5	4	0	110	27.5	129.4	71
	Time	2	4	0	123	30.8	60	75
D Nadasan	50 overs	8	8	0	104	13	40.9	39
	T20	15	13	3	267	26.7	106	60
	100 ball	3	3	0	88	29.3	163	70
	Time	2	4	0	156	39	35.6	56
T van Niekerk	50 overs	9	7	1	17	2.8	56.7	7
	T20	21	15	6	206	22.9	119.8	56
	100 ball	3	1	0	1	1	50	1
	Time	2	3	0	54	18	73	51
L Sutherland	50 overs	10	10	0	314	31.4	80.9	152
	T20	15	14	1	247	19	125.4	86
	100 ball	5	5	2	141	47	110.2	46*
	Time	2	4	0	262	65.5	67.2	132
D Naidoo	50 overs	6	5	1	39	9.8	67.2	21
	T20	17	13	2	46	4.2	76.7	13*
	100 ball	2	2	1	7	7	100	4*
	Time	2	4	1	36	12	45	17
S Hughes	50 overs	7	4	2	16	8	34.8	11*
	T20	19	5	5	17	17	106.3	6*
	100 ball	5	1	0	0	-	-	0
	Time	2	1	0	2	2	33.3	2
N Pembridge	50 overs	3	1	1	4	4	400	4*
	T20	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
	100 ball	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Time	2	1	1	13	13	32.5	13*
B Senzere	50 overs	1	1	0	4	4	19	4
	T20	11	4	0	1	0.3	14.3	1
	100 ball	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Time	2	3	1	29	14.5	56.9	13
O Da Costa	50 overs	9	9	1	169	21.1	69.5	82
	T20	16	15	2	229	17.6	114.5	74
	100 ball	4	4	2	149	74.5	152	71*
M Gibson	50 overs	10	10	2	266	33.3	64.1	72
	T20	14	13	0	303	23.3	115.6	97
	100 ball	5	4	2	59	29.5	159.5	35*
R McKean	50 overs	9	9	4	121	24.2	47.3	38
	T20	6	3	0	24	8	92.3	17
	100 ball	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
J Konigkramer	50 overs	9	6	1	27	5.4	71.1	12
	T20	10	8	2	88	14.7	108.6	20*
	100 ball	3	2	0	5	2.5	41.7	5
K Dedekind	50 overs	3	2	0	38	19	58.5	24
	T20	12	8	4	106	26.5	134.2	50*
	Time	2	2	0	10	5	45.5	6
R Willson	50 overs	5	4	0	31	7.8	47.4	19
	T20	14	4	1	8	2.7	61.5	4
	Time	2	2	0	29	14.5	46.8	22
K de Bruyn	50 overs	4	3	0	23	7.7	67.6	11
	T20	5	3	1	16	8	94.1	11
	Time	2	4	1	62	20.7	73.8	45
S Dzanibe	50 overs	7	5	0	47	9.4	54.7	22
	T20	10	6	1	121	24.2	111	42*
	100 ball	4	3	1	27	13.5	87.1	11



1st XI Statistics - BOWLING

Name		Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Bowling
C Mason	50 overs	10	79.5	4	312	11	28.36	3 for 29
	T20	16	51.83	1	311	22	14.13	5 for 21
	100 ball	5	12	0	59	3	19.66	1 for 13
	Time	2	51.5	8	183	11	16.6	6 for 41
D Nadasan	50 overs	8	21	3	82	4	20.5	2 for 13
	T20	15	14.83	1	63	10	6.3	5 for 11
	Time	2	24	3	68	1	68	1 for 28
D Naidoo	50 overs	6	4	0	14	0	-	0 for 14
	T20	17	1.66	0	15	1	15	1 for 15
S Hughes	50 overs	7	27.33	2	113	3		1 for 9
	T20	19	55.66	2	374	16	23.375	3 for 31
	100 ball	5	9.33	1	59	0	-	0 for
	Time	2	28	1	99	4		2 for 23
N Pembridge	50 overs	3	13	0	78	1	78	1 for 18
	T20	11	25	1	155	10	15.5	3 for 7
	100 ball	1	2	0	8	0	-	0 for 8
	Time	2	8	3	39	2	19.5	1 for 1
B Senzere	50 overs	1	4	0	28	0	-	0 for 28
	T20	11	28	0	213	4	53.25	1 for 11
	100 ball	3	10	1	56	3	18.7	2 for 14
	Time	2	37	0	172	6	28.7	2 for 37
O Da Costa	50 overs	9	76.83	18	235	10	23.5	4 for 13
	T20	16	47.5	3	259	14	18.5	2 for 6
	100 ball	4	8	0	43	3	14.3	2 for 18
M Gibson	50 overs	10	25.5	5	93	4	23.3	3 for 13
	T20	14	9	0	47	3	15.7	1 for 12
	100 ball	5	6	0	43	2	21.5	1 for 13
R McKean	50 overs	9	35.5	3	156	4	39	2 for 15
	T20	6	15.16	0	102	3	34	1 for 11
	100 ball	1	2	0	10	0	-	0 for 10
J Konigkramer	50 overs	9	23	0	103	4	25.8	2 for 27
	T20	10	20.5	0	181	6	30.2	3 for 27
	100 ball	3	2	0	26	0	-	0 for 26
K Dedekind	50 overs	3	2	0	12	1	12	1 for 12
	T20	12	17	2	114	5	22.8	3 for 11
	Time	2	16	4	60	3	20	1 for 3
R Willson	50 overs	5	23	2	81	5	16.2	2 for 10
	T20	14	39	4	211	9	23.4	3 for 0
	Time	2	6	1	32	0	-	
K de Bruyn	50 overs	4	8	0	35	1	35	1 for 25
	T20	5	6	0	22	1	22	1 for 14
	Time	2	10	2	41	3	13.7	2 for 16
S Dzanibe	50 overs	7	35	3	149	8	18.6	4 for 19
	T20	10	24	2	141	9	15.7	2 for 22
	100 ball	4	8	0	45	1	45	1 for 25

2nd XI

The 2nd XI really poured their hearts into the game from the start, showing true dedication even in tough times. We were like a close-knit family, always there for each other, both on and off the field. Despite some lineup changes due to injuries and exams, every player proudly represented the College badge. The parents were wonderful supporters, cheering us on through thick and thin. While we faced losses in the 50-over games initially, we finished strong with a victory in the 100-ball game.

Our appreciation goes to the Sixth Formers who played through final exams, their dedication was valued. Dedekind's century on Goldstone's was a game-changer, securing a victory by 21 runs, and Goslett's 50 at number 8 helped set a solid score. In the final term, the boys shone on Goldstone's, maintaining an unbeaten record. Coaching each of these players was an absolute joy, and I anticipate great cricketing futures for many of them.

Regular players:

C Ferraz (captain), J Currie, C Goslett, W Beauclerk, N Jackson, B Hosking, N Narain, D Warren, E Bester, A Bharath, K de Bruyn, D du Toit, T Fulton, R Venter

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 7 wickets
vs Clifton	lost by 30 runs (Beauclerk 3/21)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned (Currie 44)
vs DHS	lost by 68 runs (Dedekind 4/48)
vs St Charles	lost by 4 wickets (Hosking 53, Goslett 50, Pembridge 3/25)
vs Kearsney (100 ball)	won by 4 runs
vs Northwood	lost by 6 wickets (Bharath 41, Goslett 3/23)
vs Westville	lost by 81 runs
vs St Charles	won by 21 runs (Dedekind 100)
vs Hilton	won by 1 wicket (du Toit 3/10, Venter 3/25)
vs DHS	won by 5 wickets (Goslett 3/37, Pembridge 3/20, Venter 3/21)
vs Kearsney	lost by 69 runs (Naidoo 3/22, Pembridge 3/31)

Messrs RJ Coutts and L Barnard

3rd XI

The 3rd XI of 2024 had two very distinct seasons. Term 1 saw the team go undefeated with three convincing victories. The Sixth Formers led from the front with some superb individual performances that helped the team get over the line every time. With the bulk of the matrices choosing not to continue playing during terms 3 and 4 however, the team was made up mostly of the U16A team from the first term. A lack of maturity in key moments saw the team suffer rather heavy defeats in their first two games, losing both from positions of early strength. However, the match against Northdale Hub was a turning point, with van Rooyen scoring an outstanding hundred and Jackson, playing in his last sporting fixture for College, taking a superb 6 for 21 to close out the match in style.

It has been a pleasure for us to coach this group of boys, who at times played such wonderful cricket that was a sight to behold. We wish those leaving College all the best and we look forward to seeing the returning players excel in 2025.

Regular players:

J Samuel (captain), G Askew, A Barnes, E Clark, T Ekerold, C Erasmus, E Fabre, M Gwala, D Jackson, T Katz, L Miller, D Naidoo, N Naidoo, R Schirge, R Tocknell, C van Rooyen, S Wiggill

Results:

vs Westville	match cancelled
vs Clifton	won by 9 wickets (Miller 5/28, Hosking 71, Fulton 65)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned
vs DHS	won by 76 runs (van Rooyen 74*, Clark 66*)
vs Howick 1st XI	match abandoned
vs Kearsney	won by 36 runs (Erasmus 71)
vs Northwood	lost by 114 runs (Wiggill 3/39)
vs Westville	lost by 79 runs (Samuel 3/24)
vs Northdale Hub	won by 227 runs (van Rooyen 117, Clark 66*, Jackson 6/21)
vs Michaelhouse	match cancelled
vs DHS	match cancelled
vs Howick 1st XI	won by 6 wickets (Jursa 66)

Messrs R Bremner and M Diaz

4th XI

The 4th team had a spectacular beginning to their year, winning five from five matches with some superb individual performances and even better team efforts. The culture and dedication of the players in the team showed in their results. The boys are commended on their achievements.

The team had an enjoyable end to the year. Despite two disappointing outcomes, the season was turned around due to the revelation that spin can open the bowling. We had a fine group of boys who all enjoy the game and get along very well. The match against Howick 1st team was something to savour. Although the match was lost, we all enjoyed being treated like a 1st team. Some other highlights were beating Kearsney by 9 wickets, and Gwala's 5-16 against St Charles.

Regular players:

K Botha, D Jursa, D Palmer, T Kruger, J Thompson, M Smart, J Jordaan, M Gwala, C Wood, J Armstrong, T Armstrong, N Deyzel, G Egberink, T Ekerold, D Simpson, J Thackwray, R van der Vliet

Results:

vs Westville	won by 62 runs (Ekerold 62, Clark 3/19, D Naidoo 4/24)
vs Howick 2nds	won by 171 runs (Knoetze 105, Gwala 42 and 5/13)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 49 runs (Botha 56, Ekerold 44)
vs DHS	won by 6 wickets (van der Vliet 3/16, Ekerold 51)
vs St Charles 3rds	won by 6 wickets (Deyzel 3/14, Ekerold 57)
vs Northwood	lost by 8 wickets (Jursa 89)
vs Howick 1st	lost by 7 wickets (Gwala 3/28)
vs St Charles 3rds	won by 5 wickets (Gwala 5/16, Wiggill 3/11)
vs DHS	cancelled
vs Kearsney 3rds	won by 9 wickets (Thompson 3/10)

Messrs A van der Kruit and C Myburgh



CRICKET

5th XI

In the first term, the 5th XI had a remarkable run, winning all four of their matches. This was due to determination and courage. Their success was due to the batsmen chasing down the runs in all their winning games. Not to be outdone, the bowlers also picked up wickets at regular intervals, not allowing the opposing batsmen to settle in.

The team had a good core of players from which to choose and did not change significantly for every game.

Unfortunately, in the third term the team changed significantly. This was a result of the matrics choosing to focus on academics, as the U16 and Open age groups combined to comprise the 5th team in term 3, producing mixed results, due to an unsettled team and significant team changes.

The players' journey to improvement must be consistency, determination and practice. My thanks and appreciation to the parents for their constant support, and those players who go the extra mile.

Regular players:

C van Heerden, J Martin, J Steyn, T Ekerold, M Borchers, D Ferguson, S Tredgold, M Martin, W Naidoo, G Egberink, W Strachan, C Wilson, R Maartens, T Thompson, H Maluleke, L Hart, K Singh, D Jackson, J Thackwray, R van der Vliet, Y Aheer, K Leonard, R Armoed, C Hurson, A Ngayi, S Maharaj, B Barnard, A Tilbury, L Lotter

Results:

vs Michaelhouse	won by 3 wickets
vs Michaelhouse	won by 8 wickets (Wilson 3/16)
vs DHS	won by 7 wickets
vs St Charles 4ths	won by 3 wickets (Wilson 4/19)
vs Northwood	lost by 6 wickets
vs Westville 4ths	won by 4 wickets (Thackwray 3/15, D Jackson 43*)
vs St Charles 4ths	lost by 16 runs
vs DHS	lost by 53 runs (Borchers 4/16, Aheer 3/33)
vs Kearsney 4ths	won by 19 runs (Fitz 3/25, Aheer 3/9)

Mr V Noubouth



U16A

Back row: D du Toit, S Wiggill, J Thompson, E Fabre, T Katz, A Bharath

Front row: R Schirge, R Willson, Mr J McCabe, N Naidoo, A Barnes

Absent: K de Bruyn

The U16A cricket team had an outstanding season, achieving great things during their six-game schedule. With a record of four wins, one loss and a game unfortunately being abandoned due to weather, they finished with a strong 66%-win rate.

Throughout the season, each player displayed their individual talents, contributing to the team's success and proving their potential. From outstanding batting performances to impressive bowling displays, these boys have demonstrated their skill, dedication and enthusiasm for cricket.

As they continue to develop and move into the open cricket setup, we have no doubt that they will achieve the ambitious goals they have set for themselves.

It has been a pleasure to watch these young gentlemen progress, and we look forward to seeing them make their mark on the future of College cricket.

Regular players:

R Willson (captain), K de Bruyn, D du Toit, T Katz, A Bharath, E Fabre, N Naidoo, R Schirge, J Thompson, A Barnes, D Palmer, S Wiggill, J Jordaan, S Pedlar

Results:

vs Westville	won by 58 runs (de Bruyn 6/26, Naidoo 3/29)
vs Howick 1st	won by 188 runs (de Bruyn 94, Willson 3/9)
vs Michaelhouse	lightning stopped play (Wiggill 3/31)
vs DHS	lost by 2 wickets (Fabre 65, Willson 42)
vs St Charles	won by 7 wickets (Willson 7/7 and 54*, Bharath 40)
vs Kearsney	won by 5 wickets

Messrs F Fourie and J McCabe



U16B

The U16B team had quite a successful send-off before their departure to the abyss of open cricket. This team has been together for three years now and have grown into a very familiar and tight-knit group. Our best game was possibly an abandoned one against Michaelhouse. The boys from Balgovan were deemed the best U16B team in the southern Natal area, and we were well-positioned and playing beautiful cricket. Another highlight of the season was C Francis performing a one-man demolition job on DHS, taking 7-9 and a front-page dive catch in the outfield.

Regular players:

D Jursa, B Barnard, D Palmer, T Kruger, M Smart, C Francis, J Jordaan, J Armstrong, S Pedlar, K Clements, J Pay, C Wood

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 48 runs (Pedlar 4/15, Jursa 3/18)
vs Clifton 4ths	won by 152 runs (Clements 49*, Kruger 42*)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned (Barnes 5/27)
vs DHS	won by 8 wickets (Francis 7/9)
vs St Charles	won by 3 wickets

Mr C Myburgh

U16C

The U16C cricket team had a solid season, playing four matches with an even record of two wins and two losses. The boys displayed great determination and skill, with some outstanding individual performances that made a real impact on the games.

Their commitment to the team was commendable, both during practices and in matches, creating a positive and collaborative environment. This dedication laid the foundation for their achievements and set the tone for future success. Well done to the lads for a season of hard work and memorable moments.

Regular players:

A Hukum, A Dladla, B Bryant, B Fourie, C Ncwane, D Clark, J Theeralingham, L Lotter, R Sheikh, S Matshisa, S Maharaj, T Brande, W Nzuzi, Y Aheer

Results:

vs Northdale Hub	won by 29 runs (Maharaj 97*, Brande 4/22)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 85 runs
vs DHS	won by 8 wickets (Aheer 42*, Barnard 41*, Matshisa 3/12, Ncwane 3/15)
vs St Charles	lost by 3 wickets (Nzuzi 45, Bryant 3/8)

Messrs K Nipper and R Coutts



S Hughes opened the bowling in the Eston T20 final against St Charles College.



T van Niekerk opens the batting in a T20 afternoon game against Hilton College.



G Hosking bats in the U15A 50-over game against Kearsney College on Barns' field. In this last game of the year, College won by 190 runs.





U15A

Back row: L Marcus, L Puddu, T Stead

Second row: L Venter, W van Rooyen, M Meyer, R Schoeman

Front row: O Mhlanga, G Hosking (captain), Mr J McCabe, L van der Merwe, J Pembridge

Absent: Mr L Barnard

The U15A cricket team has shown remarkable growth and development throughout the season, evolving into a cohesive and resilient unit. Despite a tough start and some challenges during the year, the boys embraced the constant changes and tinkering with the lineup, which ultimately allowed them to adapt and reach their most optimal form.

Their hard work and perseverance paid off as they finished strong, securing three consecutive wins, including an historic first-time victory against St Charles. This achievement is a testament to their character, determination and ability to come together as a team.

The boys should be extremely proud of how far they have come, as they have not only developed their cricketing skills but also learned valuable lessons about maintaining a positive, winning mentality while enjoying the game.

Their growth over the season sets them up for future success and highlights the importance of teamwork, adaptability and enjoying the journey. Deserving special recognition are Puddu and Venter on an outstanding cricket season with Puddu scoring 209 against Kearsney and Venter contributing impressively with both bat and ball throughout the season.

Regular players:

G Hosking (captain), L Venter, L Puddu, M Bisset, J Pembridge, L Marcus, M Meyer, W van Rooyen, N Seakeco, O Mhlanga, R Schoeman, T Killick, T Stead, L van der Merwe

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 1 wicket (Schoeman 3/34)
vs Clifton	won by 43 runs (Meyer 66 and 4/39, Hosking 43)
vs Michaelhouse	lightning stopped play (Pembridge 46)
vs DHS	won by 3 wickets (Hosking 5/34, Venter 3/15, Puddu 44)
vs St Charles	lost by 1 wicket (Marcus 3/27, Schoeman 3/23)
vs Kearsney	won by 40 runs (van der Merwe 50*, Hosking 5/3)
vs Northwood	match tied (van Rooyen 4/44, Venter 3/34, Killick 50, Puddu 43)
vs St Stithians	match drawn (Venter 43, Meyer 5/99)
vs St John's	match drawn (Venter 6/6 and 40*, Mhlanga 4/13)
vs KES	lost by 45 runs (Meyer 3/28, Puddu 71, Hosking 71)
vs Waterkloof	lost by 6 wickets (Puddu 43)
vs Westville	lost by 28 runs (Puddu 150, Venter 50)
vs St Charles	won by 3 wickets (Venter 59, Puddu 43, Meyer 40)
vs DHS	won by 8 wickets (Bisset 3/13, Puddu 59*)
vs Kearsney	won by 190 runs (Puddu 209, Venter 90, Schoeman 3/45)

Messrs L Barnard, J McCabe and J Meiring

U15B

The 2024 season was a year of two very different seasons. The boys did not apply themselves at the beginning of the year, hence our loss against Westville. The team included many of the U14B players from 2023 who had had a stellar season. There was certainly enough firepower to score big runs and take plenty of wickets. Our discipline in the first two weeks was poor, as the team struggled with consistency. However, as the term progressed, they played some beautiful cricket, with results showing what the boys could do. The match against Howick certainly gave the lads some much needed confidence and they used it to their advantage.

The team faced changes as we were constantly feeding our best players to the A-team for them to be competitive. The team was well-led by S Schirge in both terms, with his deputies N Seakeco and N Lessing for the first term. In the last term, with numerous players being promoted to the A-team, Lessing and T Stead deputised for Schirge. The departure of Seakeco to the A-team left us in a vulnerable place as he was our opening batsman and wicketkeeper. Special mention goes to K Hellberg, B Zakwe, T Stead, J Thomas and T Smith who had very strong finishes to the year. There are several players who can make the step up to U16A and B next year.

We have had pleasing results and a win rate above 70%. It has been a pleasure leading the team with Mr T Cloete throughout the year.

Regular players:

S Schirge (captain), N Seakeco, Q Langford, J Thomas, T Smith, T Killick, K Hellberg, J Lubbe, B Zakwe, N Lessing, T Stead, J Dunne, O Mhlanga, H Kyle, J-L Hendriks, C Barnard

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 8 wickets
vs Howick	won by 8 wickets (Killick 4/6, Dunne 3/11, Schirge 3/15)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned (Killick 87 and 3/35, Seakeco 80)
vs DHS	won by 4 wickets (Bisset 3/20)
vs St Charles	won by 7 runs (Lessing 55)
vs Kearsney	won by 29 runs
vs Northwood	won by 67 runs (Hellberg 102, Schirge 3/41)
vs Westville	lost by 65 runs
vs St Charles	lost by 2 wickets (Stead 3/27)
vs Hilton	won by 4 wickets (Smith 61, Thomas 50)
vs DHS	won by 45 runs (Stead 3/8, Schirge 3/15)
vs Kearsney	won by 23 runs (Thomas 57, Zakwe 5/23)

Messrs M Morolong and T Cloete

U15C

The U15C cricket team enjoyed a largely successful season, marked by strong teamwork, skill and sportsmanship that reflected the school's core values. The players trained with dedication, and their efforts translated into several impressive performances on the field.

Highlights included dominant wins over Howick and long-time rivals DHS, where the team excelled with both bat and ball. All-rounders Venter, White, Bernstein, Rajarathnam and Scholtz consistently laid solid foundations, either through key partnerships or impactful bowling spells. The pace trio of Venter, Volans and Hendriks formed a potent attack, regularly taking crucial wickets and applying pressure on opponents.

A standout moment came during a tightly contested mid-season match against the Northdale Hub on Nicholson's. Captains Rajarathnam and

Venter led from the front, with Venter scoring a determined half-century and both players inspiring the team through the final overs.

Fielding was another strength, with Bernstein, Dry, Lubbe, Matthee and Scholtz all contributing behind the stumps at various times. Their sharp reflexes and co-ordination often turned matches in College's favour.

The season ended with a strong record of wins and a few narrow losses that offered valuable lessons. Every player made meaningful contributions, displaying a promising future for this spirited team.

Regular players:

D Rajarathnam (captain), D Dry, S Bernstein, M Venter, T Smith, J-L Hendriks, D Matthee, K Lubbe, D Scholtz, L Shelembe, A Vayani, M Volans, J White, B Mnguni, J Shawe

Results:

vs Clifton	won by 1 run
vs Michaelhouse	match drawn
vs DHS	won by 9 wickets (Smith 46*)
vs Sweetwaters Hub	won by 5 wickets (Hendriks 3/7)
vs Northwood	lost by 43 runs
vs Northdale Hub	lost by 19 runs (Mnguni 3/13)
vs Northdale Hub	won by 8 runs (Venter 52)
vs DHS	won by 19 runs
vs Howick	won by 5 wickets (Rajarathnam 3/13)

M R Barbour

U15D and U15E

The 2024 season was an exceptional one for the combined College U15D and U15E teams. Despite an early loss to an older, more experienced side, the team bounced back impressively, winning all remaining matches and exhibiting their skill, resilience and unity. From the outset, the boys demonstrated their ability to score runs and take key wickets, with the latter half of the season highlighting their adaptability and determination.

Several players narrowly missed out on half-centuries, reflecting the team's batting depth and composure under pressure. The bowling unit was a major strength, with Carle, Powell, Vayani and Khawula consistently delivering match-defining performances. Their knack for taking wickets at crucial moments often shifted momentum in College's favour.

While fielding was an area identified for improvement, the team's commitment to growth was evident. Players supported one another and worked hard to elevate their overall performance. Special mention goes to Carle for his consistent wicket-taking, Powell for his impactful spells, Vayani for his reliability in pressure situations and Khawula for his game-changing contributions.

The season was a testament to the team's potential and character. Their collective effort, resilience and growth laid a strong foundation for future success.

Regular players:

A Anthony, B Mnguni, B Smith, D Matthee, D Dry, E Bhengu, G Kloppe, J Carle, J Schwikkard, J Moodley, J Shawe, J Green, K Peter, K Gregory, K Khawula, L Sibobi, L Venter, L Powell, M Hadebe, M Volans, M Ahmed, M Vayani, N Mathaphershad, R Pillay, R Young, R Boshoff, S Jansen, T van Staden, Y Moodley

Results:

vs Westville	cancelled
vs Michaelhouse U16D	won by 9 runs



vs Michaelhouse U16D	lost by 6 runs	vs St Charles U15C	won by 8 wickets
vs DHS	won by 8 wickets	vs Hilton U15C	cancelled
vs St Charles U15C	won by 12 runs	vs DHS	won by 8 wickets (Vayani 3/12)
vs College U15E	won by 65 runs (Carle 3/10)	vs Kearsney U15C	won by 9 wickets (Khawula 3/15)
vs Northwood	won by 34 runs (Powell 3/12)		
vs Westville	won by 5 wickets		

Mr J Taljaard



U14A

Back row: H Storm, J Wilson

Second row: T Bhatt, T Addison, L Bishop, B Brigg

Front row: W Johnson, R Palmer (captain), Mr K Nipper, J Greaves, S Wessels

Absent: Mr O Kajee, K Bayliss-Lane

As the dust settled on the Second Form Orientation week, our U14 cricketers braved the rain as cricket trials for the 2024 year began. After careful consideration, the U14A cricket team led by Palmer was selected to represent the red, black and white.

The early defeat to Westville indicated issues that needed to be addressed during the year, and the boys quickly learnt the importance of taking chances when presented. As the term went by, the team gelled as a unit and were competitive in most encounters. Victories against Clifton and St Charles were a good morale boost. All in all, the boys showed considerable improvement throughout the season but were unable to put together a complete performance on a regular basis.

Term three pre-season began, and some boys seemed to hit the ground running during training sessions. After an indifferent start to the term, we headed to Hilton for the U14 festivals. The boys gave an excellent account of themselves playing a good brand of cricket, registering victories over St Alban's, Wynberg and Rondebosch in the process. Going undefeated throughout the festival was certainly the highlight of the team's cricket season.

As the season ended, our boys played decent cricket in patches but struggled to complete the job after many good starts during the first session. The thrilling tie against DHS is certainly one for the memory books.

Although the results were not always favourable, our boys can be satisfied by the way they conducted themselves both on and off the fields as well as the level of improvement in their individual skill set throughout the year. Special mention must go to Mr Nipper for sharing his expertise with the boys, his efforts are greatly appreciated. Furthermore, we thank Bryn Brokensha (OC 2013) for his support and guidance and being a vital member of the coaching staff.

Regular players:

R Palmer (captain), W Johnson, B Brigg, H Storm, L Bishop, J Wilson, S Wessels, J Greaves, T Bhatt, K Bayliss-Lane, T Addison

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 193 runs
vs Clifton	won by 111 runs (Johnson 41)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned
vs DHS	lost by 75 runs (Palmer 3/14)
vs St Charles	won by 48 runs (Palmer 3/16, Wilson 3/23)
vs Kearsney	lost by 7 wickets
vs Northwood	lost by 72 runs (Bishop 4/25)
vs Westville	lost by 22 runs
vs St Charles	lost by 129 runs
vs Hilton	match cancelled
vs DHS	match tied (Storm 4/23)
vs Kearsney	lost by 62 runs (Bishop 3/48, Brigg 43*)

Hilton U14 Festival

vs St Stithians	match abandoned
vs St Alban's	won by 5 runs (Bayliss-Lane 49*, Palmer 3/34)
vs Wynberg	won by 4 wickets (Wessels 6/7)
vs Rondebosch	won by 4 wickets (Storm 3/20)

Mr O Kajee



U14B

The U14B cricket side had an inconsistent year in terms of results but demonstrated a strong willingness to grow and compete at a high level. The players encountered some steep learning curves along the way but showed grit and determination in tough situations. The lads exemplified what it means to play for one another, often sacrificing personal gain for the team.

The team started to come into their own as we entered the fourth term, winning three of the four matches played. A highlight was the match against a strong Westville team on Snow's. After a poor start (26/3), Linde and Watson steadied the ship during the middle overs, allowing the big hitters down the order to open up and eventually post a total of 225 runs in 40 overs. A true example of discipline and grit got us over the line that day, serving as a testament to the boys' growth both in character and skill throughout the year.

A special season came to an end in style with a victory over a talented Kearsney team. An energetic bowling and fielding display after lunch secured a memorable 50-run victory, leaving the opposition wondering where it went wrong – guess you cannot buy a fighting spirit.

Underrated, but the fight in this team could never be understated. This group of special characters will not be forgotten by the coaching staff. We wish them all the best in their future College cricketing careers and hope they have taken away valuable life lessons from this season.

Regular players:

S Watson (captain), A Linde, R Francis, J Badenhorst, R Wichmann, C Baxter, J Smith, R Fitz, M Pauw, D Swanepoel, N Jakatyana, N Folscher, D Davies

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 68 runs (Watson 3/22)
vs Clifton	won by 4 Wickets
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 6 Wickets
vs DHS	won by 4 runs (Francis 82, Swanepoel 3/24)
vs St Charles	won by 75 runs (Watson 65*, Francis 50, Pauw 3/34, Smith 3/26)
vs Kearsney (100 ball)	lost by 24 runs (Badenhorst 38, Smith 3/21)
vs Northwood	lost by 115 runs (Wichmann 3/23)
vs Westville	won by 51 runs (Linde 55, Watson 4/31)
vs St Charles	lost by 14 runs (Davies 3/21)
vs Hilton	won by 92 runs (Msimang 3/15, Badenhorst 55, Francis 43)
vs DHS	match cancelled
vs Kearsney	won by 50 runs (Watson 4/23)

Messrs P Gonlag and S Stopford

U14C

The U14C cricket team had a very productive 2024 cricketing season. The boys always gave their utmost on the field, at games as well as at practices. Their commitment and dedication enabled them to reach greater heights in their cricketing prowess. Led by their captain, Fourie, the boys won eight of their 12 games played. They showed grit and determination even when the odds were against them. This was evident in their second encounter against Westville when the boys fought to a 4-wicket victory, after their 40-run loss to Westville in the first term.

The boys learnt each other's strengths and weakness. They began to develop the ability to read each other. It soon became evident that they were developing by leaps and bounds, not just in an individual capacity, but as a team. This bodes well for the future as cricket is, after all, a team sport. It was a great season for the boys, and it was a joy and privilege to work with such a promising and enthusiastic group of young cricketers.

Regular players:

J Fourie (captain), C Bowyer, B Church, J Fincham, N Jakatyana, J Lusso, M Moloi, N Msimang, N Ntshingila, T Saville, N Sikhakhane

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 40 runs
vs Howick A	won by 8 wickets
vs DHS	won by 8 wickets
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 19 runs
vs St Charles	won by 6 wickets
vs College U14D	won by 79 runs
vs Northwood	lost by 20 runs (Riley 3/15)
vs Westville	won by 4 wickets (Mpisane 4/8, Church 3/14)
vs St Charles	won by 35 runs (Moloi 41, Msimang 5/10)
vs Howick A	match abandoned on account of lightning
vs DHS	won by 6 wickets (J Fourie 49)
vs Howick	won by 10 wickets (Msimang 4/2)

Mr R Pillay

U14D

In the first term we played six and lost two games and in the fourth term we played five games and won four, so a 70% win ratio is most satisfactory. The boys showed commitment and fight in all their matches and displayed true College spirit. There were some great individual performances, but the biggest success was the way in which the team played as a unit.

Regular players:

C Reitz, D Smart, J Smith, J van Amsterdam, J Lusso, L Mpisane, L Cooke-Tonneson, L Stainbank, M Nicholson, M Moloi, R Managaran, R Gowar, R Raghu

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 7 wickets (Wichmann 48*)
vs Grace College	won by 6 wickets
vs Michaelhouse	won by 5 wickets (Gowar 40)
vs DHS	won by 9 wickets (Lusso 40*)
vs Howick	won by 4 wickets
vs Kearsney	lost by 89 runs
vs Northwood	won by 3 wickets
vs Westville	lost by 2 wickets
vs St Charles	won by 8 wickets
vs DHS	won by 6 wickets
vs Kearsney	won by 7 wickets

Mr S Botha



U14E

The 2024 season was a year of mixed fortunes for the U14E team. While there were moments of brilliance, consistency proved to be a challenge. The team, led by Ngcobo, displayed glimpses of their potential throughout the season. Players like Havemann, Maduna and Tonny consistently showed skill and determination.

Despite the ups and downs, the players showed significant improvement as the season progressed. The experience gained will undoubtedly benefit them in the future. Special mention must go to every player for their positive quality, leadership, sportsmanship and consistent performances. With continued hard work and dedication, they have the potential to achieve great things.

Regular players:

N Ngcobo (captain), L Brande, L Ndlovu, R Havemann, E Maduna, R Riley, L Borchers, A Tonny, R Rodgers, Z Vava

Results:

vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets
vs Hilton U14C	won by 10 wickets
vs St Charles	won by 8 wickets
vs Merchiston 6th	won by 9 wickets
vs Northwood	lost by 2 runs
vs Howick U14A	won by 5 wickets
vs DHS	won by 156 runs (Havemann 64)

Mr J Maistry

U14F

The U14F cricket team had an impressive season, playing six matches and securing victory in four of them. Their determination and teamwork shone through, making them a formidable side on the field. Although two matches did not go their way, the boys displayed exceptional resilience and sportsmanship, giving their all until the final ball. Their commitment to improving and supporting one another was evident throughout the season, and their enthusiasm for the game never wavered. Congratulations to the team on a successful season, a tremendous effort that reflects their hard work and dedication.

Regular players:

A Ntombela, A Kunene, A Mnguni, A Mpofana, B Church, E Langa, E Hadden, J Wright, J Govender, J Gounder, K Gouws, K Harper, L Chetty, L Ntuli, M Mabaso, O Mostert, P Hellberg, R Trodd, R Coetsee, S Ngubane, S Maziko, T Mfayela

Results:

vs Merchiston 7th	won by 6 wickets
vs Northwood	won by 10 wickets (Hadden 4/10)
vs DHS U14E	won by 129 runs (Brande 58*, Hellberg 50*, Church 3/8)
vs Imbali Hub	lost by 57 runs
vs Northwood	lost by 7 wickets
vs Pelham	won by 142 runs

Mr R Abrahams



Having just beaten Kearsney College by a handy 32 runs in the last game of the 2024 season, and having just thanked the parents on the balcony of the Pieter Nel Pavilion, the 1st XI stops for a last photo opportunity on their final walk across Goldstone's to the Kent Pavilion change room.



Cross-Country

Back row: N Mntungwa, A Phakathi, B Foster, J Odell, E van der Merwe

Fourth row: J Wilson, Z Dladla, S Norton, M Jewaskiewitz, S Adie, L Luthuli

Third row: D Cruickshank, C Higgins, J Gotte, D Becket, N Deyzel, D Lewis, K Searle

Second row: L Shangase, N Msimang, E Hamadziripi, J Wilson, L Makhoba, K Phungula, S Ismail, N Curry

Front row: L Newlands, Mr L Tshabalala, J Werth (captain), Mr L Kruger, E McAllister, Mr H Ntenezi, C Gould

The 2024 cross-country team had a good season with some sound results. The highlight this year was our powerful junior team coming first and our experienced senior team coming second in the final reckoning of the Midlands league. 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 were placed in the top 30 of the league. Furthermore, we hosted our first race in two years on our beautiful campus which was well attended by over 200 runners.

Running against some of the best schools in the Midlands, the competition was strong this year. However, in typical College fashion, we always had boys fighting back and leaving it on the track. We also hosted a race against a very strong Affies side, which was a mix of junior and senior runners. Our best performing team was our junior team, where S Ismail and L Makhoba came 5th out of eight teams. The race was done in a relay format similar to

the previous year. Furthermore, we also ran against KES in Johannesburg in the last exchange between the two schools. Our top senior team came third and our top Junior side came second.

Thereafter was the KZN Championships where L Makhoba came sixth overall in his age group. The last event was an exciting new relay race held at Michaelhouse in October. There were seven teams. College 1, represented by E McAllister, C Gould, G Wilson, S Ismail and L Makhoba, came third and College 2, represented by N Mntungwa, G Wilson, K Searle, N Msimang and D Davies, came fifth overall. We are looking forward to next year's season as we start to rebuild our cross-country fraternity.

A big thank you to the cross-country boys and coaches Messrs Tshabalala and Ntenezi, and J Werth in his second and unfortunately last year of captaining cross-country.

Mr L Kruger





Cycling

Back row: C Wood, G Jordan

Third row: H Dlamuka, K Leonard, H McIntyre, A Naidoo

Second row: C Baxter, D Rencken, D Janneker, K Searle, D Chunilall, B Fourie

Front row: MJ Barnardo, L Newlands (captain), Mrs K Bartholomew, B Foster, M Jewaskiewitz

Absent: C Sellick

Maritzburg College cycling this year has been a great example of teamwork and collaboration between many stakeholders who are keen to have more boys competing in mountain biking events. A good relationship was formed between the parents, cyclists, Tipping Point Brink Cycling Academy, KZN Schools Cycling organisation and sponsors of Maritzburg College Cycling.

The cyclists trained hard throughout the year and participated in numerous 45 km mountain bike events such as Eurosteel Drak Descent two-day stage race, Wartburg Classic, Shongweni Classic, Karkloof Classic, Eston Classic and the aQuellé Tour Durban MTB race, Curry's Post Gravel Growl race, and Scottburgh Classic. Many of these races ended with the likes of B Foster, C Sellick and L Newlands placing in top three positions. Many of the top riders also participated in the Provincial XCO series as well as the school exchange races, the first being in Gauteng hosted by Pretoria Boys High School in term 2, and then again at Affies in term 3.

Maritzburg College cycling was privileged to host the PBHS cycling team at The Knoll Guest Farm which allowed cyclists to test their stamina on the large elevation stretches and to shine on the technical aspects of the course. Maritzburg College also hosted the third event of the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series and stakeholders involved produced unique track elements such as a floating bridge across the pool, tabletop ramps, and single-track XCO paths on steep banks.

Two cyclists who have consistently done well are L Newlands and C Sellick, often placing on the podium at the KZN Schools Cycling Interschool Series. Several of the other Maritzburg College cyclists placed in the top five in all four races. Four of these top riders participated in South African XCO Cup Series: Newlands participated in three of the four SA Cup races. Sellick, Foster and K Searle, all participated in the SA Cup Final at Cascades against

other provinces and neighbouring countries. For their admirable results and consistent efforts in these series the following boys were congratulated on their selection to the KZN School Cycling team that travelled to Brits: L Newlands, C Sellick, B Foster, M Jewaskiewitz, K Searle and D Janneker.

What was pleasing to note from these Nationals is that the collective efforts of the team allowed for Maritzburg College to be acknowledged as the fifth boys' school for cycling in South Africa, each of their admirable placings over the two days added to the fact that KwaZulu-Natal Schools Cycling Team was awarded second position overall. Newlands second place in the U17 final race on the Sunday was a highlight for the team.

To end the season, the Amashova Race from Pietermaritzburg to Durban was used to support a worthy awareness campaign. Sellick rode the 106 km with Billy Macleod, a recipient of a heart transplant in September 2022. M Barnardo, C Wood, A Naidoo, C Sweetnam and J Jankovich all rode in support of Hero777 Organ and Tissue Awareness Organisation.

Special thanks go to the families of each of the cyclists who give so generously of their time to the Maritzburg College Cycling Team.

Regular cyclists:

L Newlands (captain), C Sellick (vice-captain), B Foster, M Barnardo, H McIntyre, M Jewaskiewitz, G Jordan, K Searle, D Janneker, B Fourie, A Naidoo, C Wood, L Kubekha, H Dlamuka, D Rencken, C Baxter.

Mrs K Bartholomew



Esports

Back row: L During, T Naidoo

Third row: O Zondi, D Nel, P Desebrook, N Khoza

Second row: S Buthelezi, M Khanyile, S Chili, N Mthembu, A Sheik, M Mabaso

Front row: R Hadden, L Wassink, Mr T Tshabalala, P Gumede, R Mongoato

Absent: P Khumalo

This past season has tested our Esports boys like never before. We faced significant hurdles, particularly due to unexpected power cuts and reshuffling of game schedules that disrupted our usual rhythm. These challenges, though being tough, sparked a wave of adaptability and teamwork. We quickly adjusted by modifying schedules, arranging backup power solutions and keeping our players informed and connected throughout the process.

Just as we began to regain momentum a new obstacle emerged, the rescheduling of games to later evening slots. This created some complications for our boarder boys who had school responsibilities and for players playing at home, many of whom struggled with unstable internet connections. These logistical issues posed real setbacks, but despite it all, our boys stood strong. In fact, participation did not stop, it held steady and even grew. We saw an encouraging influx of new members and rising interest across the board. A recent games night proved to be a turning point, drawing in not only Esports enthusiasts but also many students who simply enjoy gaming in all its forms. The energy and turnout at that event reminded us of how much potential lies within our boys.

The resilience and enthusiasm of our players have been inspiring. We have weathered a rocky season but have not lost sight of our goal. If anything, these challenges have laid the foundation for something greater. We are

already preparing for the next season with a renewed sense of purpose and plans for significant improvements. These include better support systems, more streamlined coordination and exciting new initiatives to boost performance, morale and engagement.

There is a sense that something big is on the horizon for our Esports community. With lessons learned and new opportunities in sight, we are entering a phase of growth, innovation and unity. The best is yet to come, and we are ready for it.

Regular players:

L During, T Naidoo, O Zondi, D Nel, P Desebrook, N Khoza, S Buthelezi, M Khanyile, S Chili, N Mthembu, A Sheik, M Mabaso, R Hadden, L Wassink, P Gumede, R Mongoato, P Khumalo, L Ngxekisa, N Phungula, S Mkhize, S Chili, A Sheik, M Takudzwa

Mr T Tshabalala





Golf

Back row: M Kauffman, D Naidoo, J Nelson, S Watson

Middle row: M Smith, J Wolter, C Nelson

Front row: M Howells, J Perumal, Mr D Trodd, F Pillay, K Manickum

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 Second 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 Third and Fourth Form boys starting golf in the third term. Hopefully they develop a genuine interest in the game, and these boys will return 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, F Pillay and J Perumal. This was very pleasing, and the boys are commended for their efforts and success. They represented 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.

The Maritzburg College Strokeplay and Matchplay Champion for 2024 was F Pillay.

Regular players – 1st team:

F Pillay, J Perumal, K Manikum, M Howells, C Nelson, J Nelson, D Naidoo, J Wolter, M Kauffman, S Watson

Results:

vs St Charles	won (H)	lost (A)
vs Michaelhouse	lost (A)	lost (H)
vs Hilton	halved (H)	lost (A)
vs KES	lost (A)	
vs PBHS	won (H)	lost (A)
vs Affies	lost (H)	

Mr D Trodd



1st XI

Back row: Siwaphiwe Sithembu, E Fabre, B Hosking, M Gibson
Third row: E Maynard, T Fulton, D Jackson, G Askew, R McKean, R Schirge
Second row: A Mthlane, E Dlamini, B Dlamini, K Jenkins, M Smith
Front row: N Holmes (vice-captain), Mr M Sanders, I Mosupye (captain), Mr K Emerson, Mr G Ford, J Konigkramer (vice-captain)

Review by the Director of Hockey

The 2024 hockey season was always going to be an interesting one with the rollout of a new, 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 proactive mentality. We commend the players and staff for adapting to the new way and implementing successfully.

Not only was the hockey more exciting but the installation of the lights at Pape's was a momentous occasion for the school. The lights have 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, and we are now able to host tournaments and festivals again. We hosted the annual Nomads festival for the 1st teams. This was a huge success and the standard of hockey on display was of the highest level. We then hosted the U12 Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) as well as a primary school's festival for U11 and U13s. Thank you to everyone who participated and assisted in making all these festivals and tournaments a huge success.

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 seven staff members were selected to represent KZN Inland at various national and regional tournaments around the country. From those tournaments seven boys were selected for 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, SJ 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 (coach), Mr A Mthlane (assistant coach), Mr P Gonlag (manager), Mr M Diaz (video analyst), Ms C Johnson (physio)

- 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, (assistant coach), Mr D Joshua (manager)
- KZN Inland U14C:** J Fincham, C Baxter, B Nkosi, W Johnson, N Jakatyana, E Gwala, Mrs J Stoute (manager)
- 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

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

We are 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 Boys is an inspiration to all our young hockey playing Collegians.

This year has seen its ups and downs with the implementation of new systems, but for the most part it has been a good season. 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 exciting. Thank you to everyone who played, coached and supported the entire hockey programme throughout the 2024 season. I look forward to 2025 and the journey of Maritzburg College Hockey. The future is bright.

Mr M Sanders





I Mosupye passing the ball under his shoulder vs Pretoria Boys High.

1st XI

The College 1st XI hockey team began their season with high hopes following a rigorous pre-season, but their opening match against Kearsney revealed they were not yet fully prepared. Adjusting to a new playing style presented early challenges, and it took a few weeks for the team to find their rhythm. However, participation in various festivals helped mould this team into a unit.

Arriving at Nomads and adjusting our playing style and facing teams from around the country, we were challenged and made to play at our best. Hosting Nomads on Pape's is special, something that only comes around once every ten years. Losing D Jackson to his ankle injury was a big moment in the season for us. It is in these moments as a coach that one realises how one has to back the players one has, and the best part is when those boys step up and show what they are made of. The last match versus Jeppe, playing with only 12 players due to captain I Mosupye leaving early and an injury during the game, showed the true spirit of the team. Again, so close and an effort that probably deserved a favourable result.

The KES Festival presented a significant challenge for College, particularly in the absence of key defender, Jackson, whose absence was keenly felt. Yet the team's adaptability and resilience were exemplary. A notable moment of commitment came when Fulton, mid-way through his holiday, answered the call to join the squad in Johannesburg.

It was during this festival that the team began to truly cohere. Players embraced roles based on the team's needs rather than personal preference – Sithembu's selfless shift to left defender being a prime example. The squad's growing understanding of structure and tactical versatility became evident, as did their trust in one another. However, adversity struck again when McKean suffered a concussion against Rondebosch, further depleting the defensive line.

Day five brought a formidable test in the form of Grey College. Known for their relentless pace and physicality, they demanded the utmost from College. The match, a personal highlight for the coach, was a testament to the team's preparation and execution. Despite dominating tactically and frustrating their opponents, College was unable to find the decisive goal. The match was further marred by a serious injury to Dlamini, whose broken jaw was likely a result of the pressure College had exerted.

Remarkably, he returned to the field and nearly salvaged the result with a superb drag-flick, only to be denied by an outstanding save.

Though the result did not reflect their efforts, the performance encapsulated the team's growth, resilience, and unwavering commitment—hallmarks of a side that had matured through adversity and played with heart.

Momentum picked up in the second term as the team intensified their training and honed their skills. Despite returning from the KES festival with a string of injuries, the team showed resilience. New players like B Hosking and A Mthlane stepped up, making significant contributions. Hosking made a memorable debut with a spectacular backhand goal, while Mthlane bolstered the defence during R McKean's recovery from concussion. McKean, once cleared, also proved his capability and adaptability at the 1st XI level.

An exceptional achievement of the season was securing a double victory over PBHS, a challenging opponent. Another highlight was the commanding win over Michaelhouse on Reunion Day, marked by impressive goals and a festive atmosphere. Despite some frustrating umpiring decisions, particularly in Durban against Westville, the team learned valuable lessons about focusing on what they could control and striving to decisively secure wins.

The season concluded on a high note, with the team having shown marked improvement as they played with belief and enthusiasm for their school. Playing under the lights at Pape's added excitement and drew enthusiastic support from boarders and fans, enhancing the matchday experience on a Friday night.

Key players I Mosupye and J Konigkramer brought experience and leadership, having both joined the 1st XI in their U16 year. Mosupye ended the season with 65 caps and Konigkramer with 55. The team's record stood at 24 games played, with 12 wins, 5 draws and 7 losses, scoring 44 goals and conceding 30. Yet, the season was about more than statistics. It was about the bonds formed, the challenges overcome, and the shared experiences that defined their journey.

The team embraced the identity of the Red Army, earning the respect of their peers and supporters. With nine younger players set to return next season, the future looks promising for College hockey.

Gratitude is extended to the parents for their unwavering support and to Mr Ford, the strength and conditioning coach, whose dedication and energy were instrumental in keeping the team in peak physical condition. Mr Diaz also played a crucial role with his video analysis, helping the team prepare strategically for matches.

Captain Mosupye led by example, fostering a team culture rooted in hard work, inclusivity and competitiveness. This ethos was central to the team's success and unity.

I have had the privilege of coaching the Red Army for the past five years, and this is to be my last. I have enjoyed the challenge and opportunity to coach College's best players, while trying to build a culture of enjoyment for hockey and raising good men of integrity. Sport teaches us many lessons, no more so than that preparation is key and one needs to get the small things right. The future is bright for the Red Army, and the many talented returning players for next year finds the 1st XI in a strong position to play an exciting brand of hockey.

Player Critique:

I Mosupye (captain, midfield, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): Small in stature, huge in heart. He was the engine room of the team, and his work-rate was felt on the field. His telling carries to break the line threatened the opposition. Well-respected by all his teammates, he gave his all for the team.

J Konigkramer (vice-captain, forward, KZN Inland U18A, Honours): With such a high work rate, he is always going to impact the game. His drag-flicking developed, he scored many great goals and got himself into good positions to create scoring chances. An excellent understanding of how to press, he put defenders under huge pressure.

N Holmes (*vice-captain, goalkeeper, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): His experience was evident as he communicated well with his defence and remained calm under pressure. He made many telling saves to keep his team in the game and gave us confidence to step up the field higher and attack.

B Dlamini (*midfield, SA U18B, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): His work ethic and drive set him apart. He led with purpose and intent and would often be seen sprinting back to help in defence. An unselfish player, he was a nightmare for opposition defenders to mark and manage in the attacking third.

R McKean (*defender, KZN Inland U18C, Colours & Scarf*): A solid and simple defender. He often got the team out of trouble and could be relied upon to get out of a high press. Not fazed by pressure, he was a calming influence on the younger players.

D Jackson (*defender, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): Unfortunately, due to injury he missed most of the season. A dynamic defender who can play in the blocker role, he threatens every time he has the ball. He played the free-man role with composure and stifled many attacks from the opposition. He will be an important player next year as he controls the middle of the field.

G Askew (*midfield, KZN Inland U18C, Colours*): One of the happiest and most relaxed players I have coached. He grew in confidence as the season went on and demonstrated his capabilities.

U Dlamini (*midfield, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): He unfortunately missed most of the season due to injury but managed to return to fitness to represent his province. A motivated player whose strengths are his speed and versatility. We expect there will be much more to come from him next year.

K Jenkins (*midfield, KZN Inland U18A, SA U17, Honours*): Exceptionally skilled at carrying the ball and eliminating defenders, he had to learn when to use this skill and when to pass and, as his decision-making matured, he became a threat in many areas of the field. He is able to change a game in an instant. He adapted well to his role as a blocker and grew as a defender.

T Fulton (*midfield/forward, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf*): He has learnt to keep it simple and has the ability to connect with the other players. He can create something out of nothing and was difficult for the opposition to manage.

S Sithembu (*midfield, SA U17, KZN Inland U16A, Large White Badge*): A versatile player who put the team first. He learnt good lessons this year as he adjusted to the demands of the playing level. Towards the end of the season, he was able to make his mark and change the game in a moment. An exciting player to watch for in the future as he plays with composure and hunger.

R Schirge (*defender, KZN Inland U16A*): An exciting defender, good going forward and hard in defence. He made effective connections going forward which often led to opportunities in the circle. He is hugely competitive, working hard on the field to make a difference. He learnt valuable lessons this year.

E Fabre (*defender, KZN Inland U16A*): His distribution skills are his biggest strength; he often slapped the ball hard and long through the lines to find his forwards. As he learns to remain composed and not force his passes, he will threaten the opposition even more. He threw good high-balls up the field and his disguise slap allowed him to penetrate the lines of the opposition press.

M Smith (*forward, KZN Inland U16A*): An exciting player with the ball on his stick. His speed and deception often left the most experienced forwards chasing him. As he learnt to lead off the ball and do the unrewarded work, he became more effective and next year he will find himself scoring more as he backs himself in the circle.

A Mthlane (*defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours & Scarf*): He was often the start of an attack and learnt to deal with being pressed by finding a pass. He was solid in defence and made many important tackles while chasing down the opposition forwards.

M Gibson (*forward, Large White Badge*): He battled with injury throughout the season, but this did not dampen his attitude or effort. He has a hunger for goals and has a high work rate which allows him to cover lots of ground on the field.

E Maynard (*forward, Large White Badge*): A top-class athlete who is probably the most conditioned in the squad. He has a big engine and makes some telling contributions. His work ethic is his greatest strength, and it was encouraging to watch the defensive side of his game develop.

B Hosking (*forward, Large White Badge*): He has a real talent in front of goal and hits the ball harder than most. His two goals against Glenwood will be a highlight for him and he contributed when the team needed him, always giving of his best.

Match Reports

vs Kearsney (away) lost 0-2

The first game of the season came quicker than expected. The squad was still being selected, and the weekend consisted of a series of practice matches, however the match versus Kearsney was an official fixture. Kearsney started the game strong and applied early pressure on College with a high and energetic press. College were inconsistent in their ball retention, and unforced errors allowed Kearsney to create turnovers. When College was able to move the ball at pace, they broke the press and looked threatening.

Kearsney created many chances and accumulated multiple penalty corners, but the College goalkeeper, Holmes, was superb and kept attempt after attempt out of his goal. Later in the third quarter Kearsney found the breakthrough. Holmes made a good save from the drag-flick but was unsighted when the striker shot from the top circle and the ball went past him. College fruitlessly tried to find the equaliser. With two minutes left Kearsney made it 2-0 with a drag flick that beat both goalkeeper and post-man.

Kearsney were the better team on the day and were able to use their territorial dominance to grind out a good win. The College 1st XI learned good lessons and saw that they would need to be more clinical with the ball to get the result.

vs Clifton (Pape's Astro) drew 2-2

It was a momentous evening as the College 1st XI inaugurated their newly installed floodlights on Pape's Astro with a spirited fixture. A sizeable crowd comprising boarders, staff and enthusiastic supporters gathered to witness the occasion under the Friday night lights.

Clifton's 1st XI commenced the match with notable intensity, displaying swift ball movement and dynamic build-up play. However, College matched their energy, resulting in a tightly contested first quarter with few clear opportunities. As the match progressed, College began to assert greater control, particularly in the third quarter, capitalising on turnovers and launching incisive counterattacks. A rare goalkeeping mishap led to a penalty stroke for Clifton, compounded by a yellow card for Holmes, who had removed his helmet during open play. Clifton duly converted, taking the lead.

College responded with determination. Following a saved penalty corner, a goalmouth scramble allowed debutant Schirge to react swiftly and equalise. Sustained pressure from College ensued, with further chances narrowly denied by Clifton's resolute defence. In the fourth quarter, College's cohesive build-up culminated in Dlamini's powerful backhand, deftly deflected into goal by Konigkramer. Yet, fatigue took its toll, and a turnover enabled Clifton to counter swiftly, levelling the score with a precise backhand finish, concluding an exhilarating encounter.

vs Glenwood (away) won 5-0

The College 1st XI travelled to Durban for a Friday evening fixture, always a highlight on the calendar due to the vibrant atmosphere it generates. Despite challenging weather conditions with gusty winds and slanting rain, and the absence of four regular players through injury, College delivered a commanding performance, bolstered by the inclusion of four debutants.

The match commenced at a brisk tempo, with both sides pressing high and circulating the ball effectively on the slick surface. College fashioned several

opportunities in the opening quarter but were denied by Glenwood's goalkeeper. The breakthrough came in the second quarter when Sithembu intercepted in midfield and delivered a precise angled pass into the circle. Debutant Hosking, with his very first touch for the 1st XI, controlled the ball, shifted to his backhand, and struck powerfully to open the scoring.

College intensified their dominance in the second half. Konigkramer netted twice, first with a backhand following a disrupted penalty corner, then with a clinical drag-flick. Hosking added his second after a turnover initiated by Dlamini, who later assisted Maynard for the fifth goal following another high press. It was a comprehensive and disciplined display from College, who executed their game plan with precision and denied Glenwood any real foothold in the match.

vs PBHS (Pape's Astro) won 1-0

The fixture between College and Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) is traditionally a closely contested affair, and this encounter proved to be no exception. PBHS began with intensity, creating an early opportunity within the opening minute. However, it was College who dominated the first half, controlling possession and territory as PBHS adopted a more defensive posture.

College's breakthrough came in the first quarter following composed build-up play from the back. McKean delivered a probing ball forward, which was miscontrolled by a PBHS defender, allowing Fulton to collect the loose ball and deftly lift it over the onrushing goalkeeper. Despite further chances, including a well-executed penalty corner from Konigkramer that drew a superb diving save, College were unable to extend their lead before half-time.

PBHS emerged from the interval with renewed energy, briefly unsettling College. A lapse in discipline led to a penalty corner, but College's defence held firm, repelling seven successive set pieces. The PBHS goalkeeper continued to impress, denying Maynard and later saving a penalty stroke from Mosupye. In a tense finale, PBHS struck the crossbar and post in quick succession, but College held on. Though only one goal separated the sides, the match was rich in quality, with both goalkeepers delivering standout performances in a classic schoolboy hockey contest.

vs DHS (Pape's Astro) lost 2-4

On a sweltering day in Pietermaritzburg, the College 1st XI faced a spirited DHS side in a fiercely contested encounter. The intensity of the match, coupled with the high tempo, tested both teams physically and emotionally. The game was marred at times by overly aggressive challenges, which the umpires struggled to contain, resulting in five yellow cards being issued.

College began brightly, creating a chance within the opening seconds and earning two early penalty corners, both of which were well defended. DHS, however, exhibited their pace and flair on the counterattack. College took the lead in the first quarter through Konigkramer's sharp finish from the left of the circle. DHS responded with a well-worked equaliser and seized the

lead on the stroke of half-time via a penalty corner after a defensive lapse.

Although DHS gained momentum in the second half, College levelled the score through another Konigkramer effort following a goalmouth scramble. Despite further opportunities, College could not capitalise. As fatigue set in, DHS thrived in the open play, scoring twice in the final minutes, a drag-flick from a penalty corner and a clinical backhand finish following a turnover. The match concluded in favour of DHS, who proved more clinical during key moments of the contest.

vs Westville (away) drew 3-3

College travelled to Westville for a Friday afternoon fixture and began the match with commendable intensity. Their high press and early turnovers placed the hosts under immediate pressure, resulting in a series of penalty corners. While the initial efforts were thwarted, captain Mosupye capitalised on a misplay at the top of the circle to open the scoring with a firm push past the goalkeeper.

Westville responded with a rare opportunity, punishing a College error with a well-taken backhand finish to level the scores. College regained the lead through Konigkramer, whose drag-flick found the side netting following another effective turnover. They entered the half-time break 2-1 ahead and in control.

The second half saw Westville adopt a deeper press, disrupting College's rhythm. A controversial moment arose late in the third quarter when a deflected ball, with no Westville player nearby, was inexplicably awarded as a goal, shifting momentum. Despite physical challenges from the hosts, largely unpunished, College pressed on. Konigkramer again proved influential, assisting Sithembu for a composed finish to restore the lead. However, Westville equalised once more via a penalty corner in the closing minutes. Though College pushed for a winner, they were unable to break through. The match ended with College left to rue missed opportunities and contentious officiating.

vs St Charles (Pape' Astro) won 2-1

St Charles visited Pape's Astro for a Friday night fixture, providing another enjoyable evening of hockey under lights for the spectators. College began the match with authority, dominating possession and territory as St Charles adopted a deep defensive structure. Early pressure yielded several penalty corners, but resolute first-wave defence kept College at bay. The breakthrough came in the sixth minute when Jenkins found Dlamini in the circle. His backhand effort was saved, but Konigkramer reacted swiftly to slot home the rebound. College continued to press and were rewarded with a second goal when Sithembu entered the circle from the right and sent a ball across the face of goal, which evaded all defenders and nestled into the far corner.

In the second half, St Charles tightened their defence, limiting College's attacking opportunities. The best chance came in the third quarter when Dlamini's solo run earned a penalty stroke, only for the St Charles



In a celebration game on the installation of lights on Pape's the 1st XI return to the astro for the second chukka in a friendly against St Charles College.

goalkeeper to redeem himself with a fine diving save. The final quarter was scrappy, with numerous unforced errors. St Charles pulled one back following a turnover and a determined run into the circle. Despite a nervy finish, College maintained composure to secure a victory, though their second-half performance lacked fluency and control.

vs Michaelhouse (Pape' Astro) won 2-0

Michaelhouse arrived at Pape's on Reunion Day buoyed by consecutive victories and hopeful of a rare triumph on College turf. However, College, having reflected on their previous performance, entered the match well-prepared and determined. From the outset, they unsettled Michaelhouse with their pace and intensity, forcing numerous turnovers and limiting the visitors to speculative overheads in an attempt to gain ground.

College signalled their intent early, with a disallowed goal in the opening minute and several promising circle entries. Despite their dominance, they were unable to convert in the first half, with Michaelhouse defending resolutely and their goalkeeper making a crucial save to deny Maynard.

The match remained goalless until the final quarter, when College responded to a rousing team talk with renewed urgency. A swift counterattack, initiated by Konigkramer and finished by Sithembu, broke the deadlock. Michaelhouse pressed forward in response but were again undone on the counter. Mthalande's interception sparked a flowing move, culminating in a superb aerial pass from Konigkramer to Fulton, who found Dlamini at the far post for a clinical finish.

College secured a deserved victory, displaying their attacking flair and defensive discipline. The performance delighted the Reunion Day crowd and reaffirmed the team's growing cohesion and confidence.

vs Northwood (away) lost 1-2

College travelled to Northwood for their Founder's Day fixture, where the home side rose to the occasion. College began the match strongly, dominating the first half and creating several chances. Their early pressure was met with resolute defending, particularly from Northwood's first-wave runners and goalkeeper. The breakthrough came shortly before half-time when Jenkins drove into the circle, and Konigkramer squared the ball for Sithembu to finish neatly at the back post.

The third quarter saw the game open up, with both sides creating opportunities. Northwood responded with a well-executed penalty corner variation, drawing level after a swift counterattack. College, having failed to capitalise on earlier chances, began to feel the pressure. In the final quarter, Northwood's intensity increased. They earned another penalty corner which gave them the lead. College pressed for an equaliser and were awarded a penalty corner on the final whistle. A deliberate foul in the circle went unpunished with a stroke, and the final attempt was again thwarted by Northwood's defence.

Despite a promising start, College was left to rue missed opportunities and a lapse in concentration, as Northwood claimed a hard-fought victory.

vs Hilton (Pape's Astro) drew 1-1

The fixture against Hilton proved a frustrating encounter for College, who began the match sluggishly. The opening quarter was marred by unforced errors, particularly from the back four, whose imprecision in possession allowed Hilton's press to disrupt College's rhythm. Both sides struggled to create meaningful chances, with Hilton earning a solitary penalty corner that came to nothing.

In the second quarter, College began to find some fluency, but Hilton looked the more threatening side. Despite several chances, College's defence held firm, and their long diagonal passes began to trouble Hilton's zonal structure. The third quarter saw College create their best opportunities, including a penalty corner from which Konigkramer struck the crossbar, and a backhand effort from Dlamini that was well saved. Hilton, however, struck first on the counterattack, punishing a turnover with a swift move that ended in a composed finish. College responded immediately. Mosupye's incisive run and shot led to Sithembu equalising from the rebound.

The final quarter was fiercely contested, with physicality increasing and tempers flaring. College's best chance to win came from a penalty corner variation, but Dlamini was denied by the goalkeeper. Ultimately, neither side could find a winner, and the match concluded in a hard-fought and entertaining draw.

vs Affies (Pape' Astro) drew 1-1

College delivered a commanding performance against Affies, though the result did not reflect their dominance. From the outset, College imposed themselves with a high intensity press that disrupted the opposition's rhythm and denied them meaningful possession. The home side controlled territory and created numerous circle entries but were repeatedly denied by an outstanding performance from the Affies goalkeeper. Notable chances included a powerful drag-flick from Konigkramer, saved brilliantly, and a backhand effort that narrowly cleared the crossbar.

Affies offered little in attack, their best opportunity, a short corner, was comfortably dealt with by Jackson. College continued to press in the second half, and their persistence was rewarded when Konigkramer was fouled in the circle, earning a penalty stroke. Dlamini converted calmly to give College a deserved lead.

However, as the match wore on, unforced errors crept into College's play, allowing Affies to gain a foothold. With three minutes remaining, a defensive mis-trap gifted the visiting team a soft equaliser, though there was contention over whether the ball had travelled the required five metres before entering the circle.

Despite their dominance in possession and territory, College was left to rue missed opportunities. Affies, to their credit, defended resolutely and capitalised on a rare lapse to earn a draw.

vs PBHS (away) won 2-1

The return fixture between College and PBHS was another tightly contested encounter, with both sides creating numerous opportunities. Ultimately, it was the drag-flickers who would determine the outcome in a match rich in intensity and tactical nuance.

PBHS began with a structured and effective press, disrupting College's build-up play. However, College remained composed, gradually unlocking their defence through well-rehearsed patterns and dynamic movement. The opening goal came late in the first quarter after Jackson's precise overhead found Sithembu, who linked with Askew to win a penalty corner. Konigkramer converted emphatically.

PBHS responded with sustained pressure and earned several penalty corners. Their persistence paid off just before half-time, as their drag-flicker found the top corner to level the scores. College regained the lead in the third quarter through another penalty corner, with Konigkramer once again delivering a powerful flick into the top right corner.

The final quarter saw PBHS push forward relentlessly, but College's defensive unit stood firm. Despite a late yellow card, College managed the closing stages with discipline and composure. The decisive factor was efficiency, College converted two of three penalty corners, while PBHS managed only one from eleven. A thrilling match, played with heart, skill and tactical intelligence.

vs KES (away) won 5-3

College travelled north to face KES on their Old Boys' Day, producing a thrilling and high-tempo encounter. College began strongly, dominating possession and creating several early chances, including two well-saved drag flicks and a goal-line clearance. KES, though limited in attack, remained dangerous on the break. Against the run of play, a swift counter led to a penalty stroke, which the KES captain converted.

College responded with composure, equalising through Konigkramer after a high turnover and quick interplay. However, a lapse in concentration immediately after the restart saw KES earn a penalty corner, which was expertly dispatched. A moment of indiscipline from a KES player resulted in a red card, and College capitalised, levelling again through Smith just before half-time.



In the second half, College's structured ball movement and relentless pressure began to tell. Dlamini restored the lead with a composed backhand finish, and Konigkramer extended it with a powerful strike from the top of the circle. KES pulled one back with a third drag flick, but College sealed the match with a fifth goal, Konigkramer again on hand to finish after Mosupye's incisive run.

A deserved victory for College, who controlled the match and responded well to key moments of adversity



B Dlamini, I Mosupye (no 6), M Smith and J Konigkramer share the joy of his fourth goal – excitement not shared by the KES player on his home astro.

vs Glenwood (Pape's Astro) won 4-1

The final fixture of the season was charged with emotion, particularly for the College matriculants playing their last match, fittingly on Pape's. Glenwood, eager to avenge their earlier defeat, brought intensity from the outset, applying a full man-to-man press that made for an end-to-end opening quarter. Despite College's early dominance, it was Glenwood who struck first via a well-placed drag flick from a penalty corner. College responded with urgency. Konigkramer equalised with a thunderous drag flick, and shortly after, Smith's incisive run and pass found Schirge at the far post for a composed finish, giving College a 2-1 lead at half-time.

In the second half, Glenwood began to tire, and College took control. Dlamini and Konigkramer combined for a third goal, and Glenwood's ill-discipline, resulting in multiple cards, allowed College to dictate the tempo.

Dlamini, a constant threat, earned a penalty stroke after being fouled by the goalkeeper, which he converted with composure to seal a victory. Though College created numerous further chances, the Glenwood goalkeeper prevented a larger margin.

The final whistle marked a poignant moment for the departing matrics, whose enthusiasm and pride were evident. A dominant performance concluded a strong season, reflecting the team's growth and unity.

Nomads U18 Festival

Results:

vs Grey High 2-3, Wynberg 1-0, St John's 2-1, Selborne 0-2, Jeppe 0-1

King Edward School Festival

Results:

vs Queen's College 3-0, Waterkloof 1-0, Rondebosch 1-1, Parktown 3-0, Grey College 0-1

Mr K Emerson

2nd XI

This season, the 2nd XI hockey team delivered a number of outstanding performances, playing a total of 23 matches, winning 17, drawing four and losing only two. The team demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork and determination, which are reflected in their impressive goal statistics, scoring 75 goals and only conceding 13 goals. The team has shown both offensive prowess and defensive reliability.

One of the standout aspects of the team's offensive success has been their exceptional execution of penalty corners. The players displayed precise timing, accurate passing and powerful flicking, making their penalty corner routines a critical weapon in their offensive arsenal. The ability to consistently convert these set pieces into goals gave the team a competitive edge in tight matches. The top goal scorer of the season was captain R Bernstein with 18 goals.

Defensively, the team has been equally impressive. Their remarkable defensive record is a testament to the team's discipline, organisation and the outstanding performances of the back three of N Jackson, H McIntyre and K Botha. Their ability to maintain composure under pressure and effectively neutralise the opposition's attacks has been a key factor in the team's success. Goalkeeper M Barnardo had a stellar season in goals, making many fine saves at crucial times in matches.

The quality of hockey played by the team this season has been remarkable. The players displayed a good understanding of the game, executing well-coordinated plays and demonstrating a high level of technical skill. Their ability to maintain possession, control the pace of the game, and transition smoothly between defence and attack has been a pleasure to watch. Two players from the 2nd XI, S Mkhize and L Fitz, were selected for the Inland U18C Team at the inter-provincial tournament held in Pietermaritzburg.

It is most exciting that nine of the current players will be returning to College in 2025, which bodes well for the future of College hockey. The team can be proud of their achievements.

Regular players:

R Bernstein (captain), N Jackson (vice-captain), M Barnardo, M Borchers, K Botha, S Deane, A Dlamini, K Dube, M Gibson, B Hosking, E Maynard, H McIntyre, R van der Vliet, L Fitz, S Mkhize, N Westerdale, D Nadasan, N Mpanza

Results:

vs Kearsney 1-1, Clifton 5-0, Glenwood 13-0, PBHS 3-1, DHS 2-1, Westville 1-0, Howick 1st 4-1, St Charles 3-0, Michaelhouse 0-1, Northwood 2-1, Hilton 4-1, Affies 1-0, PBHS 1-1, KES 3-0, Glenwood 7-0

Michaelhouse Festival:

vs Bishop's 0-0, Jim Fouche 10-0, Potchefstroom High 5-0, St Andrew's School 4-0, Midstream 1st 2-1, Grey College 0-0, Falcon 3-2, Linden 1st 1-2

Mr R Coutts

3rd XI

The season got off to a rocky start with a loss against Kearsney, while the team were trying to find their feet and the squad trying to find the chemistry needed for the remainder of the season. The performance of the season was the nail-biting win on the road against a PBHS side that had beaten us in the first fixture. The team played well-organised hockey, with every player defending in the dying seconds of the game to secure that win.

The team played their best hockey when they were allowed to use the space and learned that individual brilliance does not have the same satisfaction as team brilliance. The top goal scorer battle went down to the wire on the last day of the season with S Deane ending with ten goals and T Motaung, despite scoring two on the day, lost out by one goal. B Thornton-Dibb (goalkeeper) was selected for the Midlands U18C side. The season will be remembered for how the 3rd hockey team changed from a team of individuals to a team known for their camaraderie, on and off the

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turf. T Braithwaite and T Kufal were selected by the boys in the squad as captain and vice-captain respectively.

It is most exciting that we have ten of the 16 players in the squad returning in 2025, which bodes well for the future of College hockey.

Regular players:

T Braithwaite (captain), T Kufal (vice-captain), N Mpanza, J Haugh-Lyons, D Ferguson, A Tilbury, J Tilbury, P van Heerden, J Wolter, D du Plessis, M Lancaster, T Motaung, B Thornton-Dibb (goalkeeper), S Deane, D Nadasan, N Ngcobo, L Shangase

Results:

vs Kearsney 0-2, Clifton 4-0, Glenwood 2-0, Howick 1st 0-3, PBHS 1-3, DHS 6-0, Westville 0-3, St Charles 2-0, Wembley College 1st 2-0, Michaelhouse 2-1, Northwood 1-0, Hilton 1-1, Affies 0-3, PBHS 1-0, KES 3-0, Glenwood 11-0

Mr D Joshua

4th XI

The 4th hockey team enjoyed a stellar season, marked by impressive performances and strong leadership. Under the exemplary guidance of captain, M Knoetze, and vice-captain, N Narain, the team demonstrated exceptional skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the year.

The season was highlighted by several standout victories, including a notable win against PBHS at home. This victory was a testament to the team's hard work and strategic prowess and displayed their ability to excel in challenging matches.

Despite the overall success, the team faced a few hurdles in the final stretch of the season. In their last three games, they experienced setbacks with away losses to PBHS and KES. These defeats, though disappointing, provided critical learning experiences and underscored areas for improvement.

The 4th hockey team had an outstanding season, characterised by commendable achievements and valuable lessons. The team's performance, spearheaded by its outstanding leaders, promises a bright future and continued success. L Hart was the top goal scorer.

Regular players:

M Knoetze (captain), N Narain (vice-captain), L Hart, C Nohiya, S Mpanza, L Mtsi, S Mtolo, L During, S Sithembu, V Cele, S Tredgold, J Martin, S Jama, C McDonald, K Ekstrand, J Gray, A Sewparsad, M van Heerden, L Dlamini, N Mkhulisi

Results:

vs Clifton 6-0, Glenwood 5-0 and 3-1, PBHS 1-0 and 0-2, Northwood 3-2 and 1-1, Westville 1-1, St Charles 3-0, Michaelhouse 4-0, Hilton 1-0, Affies 2-2, KES 0-4

Mr M Ngcobo

5th XI

The 5th hockey team had a unique season, marked by collaborative training and a successful debut game. Training alongside the 4th team provided invaluable experience and insight, enhancing the skills and cohesion of the 5th team players. It allowed them to refine their techniques, learn effective strategies and build team dynamics, setting a solid foundation for their development.

The team's sole win of the season was against Affies, where they demonstrated remarkable skill and determination. Their performance on the field was impressive. This win was a promising start for the team and displayed their potential and readiness for future challenges.

Overall, the 5th hockey team's season was a success. The victory against Affies and the training collaboration highlighted their capabilities and promise. With this strong beginning, the team is well-positioned for continued growth and success in the seasons to come.

Regular players:

L Hlela (captain), K Govender, W Naidoo, E Moodley, D Pillay, T Govender, N Brown, J Shuttleworth, W Naidoo, M Geach, I Masinga, T Blackburn

Results:

vs Hilton 1-1, Affies 3-2, PBHS 0-0

Mr M Ngcobo



T Fulton evaluates his options.



N Holmes heading to the goal.



S Sithembu breaking forward.



E Maynard during Nomad's Week.



On Pape's, the College 1st XI greet the boys who turned out to support them after the night game against St Charles College.





U16A

Back row: C Le Court-De Billot, G Hosking, V Ndlovu, M Smart, L Sishi, K Hellberg
Second row: G Motswadire, S Mchunu, K Mngwengwe, R Willson, S Zondi, S Schirge
Front row: L Shelembe, Mr A Mthlane, A Lembethe, Mr M Sanders, C Francis

The U16A team had a good but tough season, beginning with high spirits and energy. On and off the field, the boys got along and were inseparable, a group that was pushed and tested at times both during games and training. The team, led by A Lembethe, continued to work hard and showed what they could do, digging deep when necessary.

They showed great character and major improvements throughout the season's testing moments. The boys continuously supported each other, which was great to see and experience from the sideline. One of the best moments of the season was beating Michaelhouse on Pape's by a convincing score on Reunion Day, a day the U16A team will not forget throughout their hockey careers at Maritzburg College. Notable achievements made by some of our players are national representation for SA U16 by A Lembethe and C Francis.

The team never gave up and always proved themselves, they developed as players and gelled as a group. The memories they have shared and the laughter throughout the season will always be the good times in the U16A hockey team of 2024.

Regular players:

A Lembethe (captain), V Ndlovu, C Francis, R Willson, N Lessing, M Smart, K Hellberg, C Le Court De Billot, S Mchunu, S Schirge, C Zondi, K Mngwengwe, J Pembridge, G Motswadire, L Sishi, L Shelembe, G Hosking, H Hackland

Results:

vs Grey High 2-4, Wynberg 2-2, St John's 1-0, Selborne 2-0, Jeppe 0-4, Glenwood 4-1, PBHS 2-1, DHS 2-4, Westville 1-2, St Charles 3-0, Michaelhouse 3-0, Northwood 3-5, Hilton 0-0, Affies 1-1, PBHS 1-5, KES 1-2, Glenwood 5-0

Mr A Mthlane

U16B

The season can be described as one of missed chances and opportunities. We began with an unfortunate loss to Kearsney, but credit must go to the boys who picked themselves up and had a convincing win over Clifton the following weekend. During the April holidays, we attended the Mercian U16B Hockey Festival at Jeppe. A big thank you to Mr Brokensha and Mrs M Kritzinger for accompanying the team. The lads achieved some excellent results with four wins and one draw.

After the holidays, the boys continued playing creative hockey and produced some good results. Unfortunately, during the middle of the season, the results did not go our way. In games where we dominated, we were not able to take our chances and score goals, and this was evident with the losses we experienced. The boys were frustrated. However, they worked harder as a team and capitalised on the numerous chances they created in their matches. We ended our season with two positive wins.

A special mention goes to our captain, C Coetzer, and vice-captain, S Shabalala, who were dedicated to the team and led them with motivation. It was a pleasure to watch the boys grow and develop their hockey skills. Many lessons were learned along the way, and I hope that all the boys will take these lessons to heart and use them to grow and develop further next year.

Regular players:

C Coetzer (captain), S Shabalala (vice-captain), N Seakeco, L Puddu, N Lessing, S Wiggill, L Dlamini, D Arouca, J Pembridge, J Wang, S Kau, L Seshemane, C Wood, D Leclezio, Y Aheer, W Mbanjwa, N Moyo

Results:

vs Kearsney 0-3, Clifton 7-0, Jeppe 1-0, Parktown 2-1, St John's 5-0, St David's 2-2, St Benedict's 1-0, Glenwood 2-0, PBHS 3-1, DHS 0-3, Westville 2-1, St Charles 5-0, Michaelhouse 0-1, Northwood 1-1, Hilton 1-2, Affies 0-1, PBHS 2-3, KES 1-0, Glenwood 1-0

Mr P Gonlag



U16C

The U16C hockey team experienced a successful season in which they put together a good set of results. They began on a high by winning consecutive games. We experienced a slight bump in the road and went through a slump in the middle of the season but the boys showed dedication and resilience. There were many changes that were made in the season due to players getting opportunities in higher teams and injuries, but the boys were never despondent and always exuded positive energy, as expected when you play for the Red, Black and White. The boys showed great development from the beginning to the end of the season. There was immense talent in this group of players, and I would not be surprised to see them play in higher teams in years to come.

Regular players:

D Palmer (captain), N Moyo (vice-captain), S Bernstein, J Worthmann, R Holmes, S Johnson, U Zondo, A Dladla, I Nzama, A Hadebe, M Khumalo, S Makhanya, L Seshemane, R Sheik, B Mguni, W Mbanjwa

Results:

vs Kearsney 0-0, Clifton 6-2, Glenwood 1-0, PBHS 0-0, DHS 2-0, Westville 0-2, St Charles 3-2, Michaelhouse 3-1, Northwood 0-2, Hilton 0-3, Affies 2-6, PBHS 4-1, KES 1-1, Glenwood 6-0

Mr B Brokensha

U16D

The U16D season began slowly with a few draws and losses but the team ended on a high note with several good wins. The strikers all scored valuable goals, sometimes in spectacular fashion. The midfielders were all staunch in their support play and regularly forced turnover ball, putting the team on the front foot. They never stopped working and trying. The defenders were steadfast on defence.

Special mention must be made of B Bryant's leadership. He captained the team calmly and competently and led by example, always the first one to arrive and the last to leave. This team was a pleasure to coach as the boys embodied the principles of sportsmanship and brotherhood, both on and off the field. I am very proud of them.

Regular players:

B Bryant (captain), N Myeza (goalkeeper), T Caluza, S Nhlapo, L Khoza, K Mchunu, A Anthony, R Young, B Fourie, J Naidoo, J Ferguson, C Zwane, H Reitz, A Dladla, J Green, J Schwikkard

Results:

vs Kearsney 0-8, Clifton 10-0, Glenwood 9-2, PBHS 3-0, DHS 2-2, Westville 4-5, St Charles 1-3, Michaelhouse 6-0, Northwood 2-1, Hilton 4-1, Affies 1-6, PBHS 0-0, KES 2-0, Glenwood 3-0

Mrs M Kritzinger

U16E

The U16E hockey team had a long and enjoyable season together. The boys worked hard, were eager to improve and also had some of fun. Their hard work was backed up by an excellent set of results. There was an exceptional spirit in the team, and the boys thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. As the coach, I enjoyed watching the boys continuously improve after every training session. A big thank you to the parents who were always present in supporting the boys. I wish them all the very best in the future.

Regular players:

N Naidoo (captain), J Grunewald (vice-captain), K Khawula, T Marimuthu, E Naidoo, B Barnard, L Gumede, J Ferguson, S Payn, J Moodley, K Gregory, L Myeza, S Brijmohan, O Zuma, J Green, J Bloose, L Dlamini, O Mdekazi, M Nzama, R Ayisa

Results:

vs KES 0-2, PBHS 1-0, Affies 2-2, Hilton 3-0, Michaelhouse 2-0, St Charles 3-0, Westville 0-0, DHS 1-1, PBHS 0-0, Howick 2nds 1-3, Clifton 10-0, Kearsney 2-0

Mr W Shange

U16F

The U16F hockey team was a very spirited and brave group but they had a season of mixed results. Despite many challenges, such as a change in coaches, they managed to show perseverance and dedication for the game and for College. The records state: played 10, won 4, lost 3 and drew 3. As their coach, I was always impressed by their enthusiasm and fighting spirit. I would like to highlight S Glover, O Mdekazi and S Nzama who each scored more than three goals during the season. I learned a lot from each of these young players and felt privileged to coach them.

Regular players:

Z Mchunu (captain), Q Heyns (goalkeeper), E Mshengu, S Nzama, R Ayisa, L Shaw, J Bloose, R Pillay, F Erskine, S Gumede, C Scholtz, S Glover, T Taylor, S Zama, T Marimuthu, A Hlongwa

Results:

vs College 4ths, 0-4, PBHS 1-0, Howick, 0-5, Northwood 2-1, St Charles 1-1, St Charles 2-2, Affies 2-0, PBHS 0-0, Creston College 0-1, KES 3-0

Mr L Kruger

U16G

The U16G hockey team had a successful season, going undefeated for the majority of the season, losing only one game. It was very enjoyable to be on the sideline watching and coaching the boys throughout their season. The respect the boys showed was outstanding and it was incredible to see them put their hearts out on the pitch against every opponent they faced.

The boys were pushed hard during training and there were times of difficulty, yet even through those tough times the boys kept strong and showed that they could get through anything.

Regular players:

T Motsoeneng (captain), T Marimuthu, A Ramlall, A Hukum, D Rajarathnam, S Ince, K Horwill, K Khwela, M Msimango, RY Pillay, R Pillay, U Zikhali, T Bhatt, S Glover, R Cassim

Results:

vs Northwood 0-0, PBHS 1-1 and 4-0, Affies 3-1, St Charles 1-1, Maritzburg College U16F 4-6, Creston College 1-1

Mr H McIntyre



B Hosking in action at KES.





U14A

Back row: K Bayliss-Lane, J Wilson, J Fincham, N Jakatyana

Third row: N Ntshingila, M Mabaso, C Baxter, R Fitz, J Lusso

Second row: B Nkosi, S Wessels, R Havemann, R Rogers, J Greaves, W Johnson

Front row: J Smith, Mr M Sanders, T Addison, Mr A Mthlane, L Mpisane

The U14A hockey season was a magnificent success. These young boys performed admirably and grew immensely, both technically and tactically. The close-knit culture that developed assisted in their determination to perform and play to a high standard. This group of players proved their resilience as an asset and persevered to be deemed a team of quality and substance. Their resolve produced some outstanding results. They played 26 games, won nine, lost nine and drew eight games. The results may not be as they would have liked them to be, but the 2024 season was nonetheless a successful one.

Notably, the U14A team's results produced a ranking in the top 15 and an invitation to the Top Schools Tournament held in Paarl after the last game of the season. There, they played the strongest teams in South Africa in their age group. The boys performed admirably under trying conditions of the Cape's cold and wet winter. They finished eighth overall and improved their season ranking considerably.

T Addison, the team's captain, can be enormously proud of himself and his team's growth this year. They certainly will prove to be wonderful players and ambassadors for Maritzburg College in the future. I am sure the boys will agree that the converting of goals after the opportunities were created would have changed a large portion of the season's results.

Regular players:

T Addison (captain), J Fincham, J Greaves, J Lusso, C Baxter, N Ntshingila, R Fitz, J Smith, S Wessels, W Johnson, R Rogers, M Mabaso, L Mpisane, J Wilson, B Nkosi, N Jakatyana, E Gwala, R Havemann

Results:

vs Kearsney 1-1, Clifton 2-2, Grey High 4-1, Northwood 1-2 and 1-1, St John's 5-0, Selborne 3-1, Jeppe 2-2, Glenwood 2-1 and 3-0, PBHS 0-1 and 1-1, DHS 2-1, Westville 2-4 and 1-3, St Charles 2-0, Michaelhouse 0-3, Northwood 2-3, Hilton 2-2, Affies 2-2, KES 2-1, St Alban's 0-0, Paarl 3-1, Grey High 0-3, Paul Roos 0-3, Durbanville 1-2

Mr M Sanders

U14B

The U14B hockey team experienced a season characterised by tenacious displays, gritty comebacks, banter and growth. The young men who comprised this team have all shown tremendous development both on and off the hockey field. They embraced our philosophy of play and held one another accountable to maintain the high-performance standard. Having had the privilege of attending the Ken Florens Easter Festival, the time together proved to be the catalyst of camaraderie within the camp. This experience deepened their understanding of each other as people and importantly as players, setting the tone for the long season ahead.

Led firmly and humbly by N Msimang, his voice was heard and presence felt by the young men who walked into battle with him each weekend. The U14B season highlights were a second half come-back versus PBHS, tactical domination against DHS and a confident win against Michaelhouse on their first experience of Reunion Day. The hunger to improve and the determination to achieve mastery allowed individual flare to knit into solid team performances. The bonds formed and memories etched will remain with these lads for years to come.

Regular players:

N Msimang (captain), D Davies, M Pauw, T Swart, N Steyn, C Mackay-Leslie, S Mhlongo, N Sikhakhane, J Havemann, R Havemann, R Riley, E Gwala, R Palmer, S Zuma

Results:

vs Kearsney 3-1, Clifton 4-0, Glenwood 12-1, PBHS 2-1, DHS 4-0, Westville 1-2, St Charles 4-2, Michaelhouse 5-2, Northwood 0-2, Hilton 0-0, Affies 1-1, PBHS 0-1, KES 2-1, Glenwood 4-0

Ken Florens Festival:

vs Jeppe 4-0, Northwood Invitational 4-1, Grey College 1-3, Ashton College 3-1, SACS 2-3

Mr M Diaz



U14C

The U14C hockey team's season was a triumphant journey marked by 11 wins, two draws and one loss across 14 matches. T Saville emerged as the top scorer with an impressive 16 goals, complemented by J van Amsterdam's 6 assists, demonstrating their essential roles in the team's success.

A portrait of dedication, the team exemplified their commitment to improvement. Their hunger to learn and determination was unwavering and displayed in every match they played. With each passing week, their hockey skills improved, underscoring their ability to adapt and thrive.

Under the leadership of captain Z Khuluse and vice-captain M Makhado, the team fostered unity and growth. Their relentless spirit, openness to learning and burgeoning skills paint a promising future for this dedicated U14C team. A special thank you goes to the parents who were always present at matches and ready to assist where needed.

Regular players:

Z Khuluse (captain), M Makhado (vice-captain), L Borchers, P Hellberg, G Mlambo, R Gowa, C Markham, S Madlala, E Hadden, N Ngcobo, T Pillay, L Cooke-Tonneson, T Saville, J van Amsterdam, H Zongwana

Results:

vs Kearsney 2-1, Clifton 8-0, Glenwood 7-1 and 4-0, PBHS 10-0 and 3-2, DHS 2-1, Westville 0-7, St Charles 3-0, Michaelhouse 3-0, Northwood 0-0, Hilton 7-1, Affies 2-1, KES 1-1

Mr N Croeser

U14D

This season has been marked by remarkable growth, both on and off the turf, displaying how the team has evolved into a cohesive unit of skilled players and close-knit friends. Evident in every game was the boys' commitment to improve. Each game brought a new opportunity to refine their skills, and the team embraced this with enthusiasm. Their hard work paid off as they steadily climbed the ranks, demonstrating an impressive ability to adapt and excel.

Each player showed notable growth, whether through developing new skills, improving game awareness or demonstrating leadership on and off

the turf. It is evident that this season was not just about hockey but about growing as individuals and as a team. All lessons learned and the bonds forged will undoubtedly carry these young sportsmen forward.

Regular players:

D Martin, D Smart, N Vengai, N Rukidi, L Stainbank, S Gumbi, M Khanyile, K Harper, B Church, P Mpanza, J Gounder, K Moodley, N Zungu, J Smith

Results:

vs Clifton 10-0, Glenwood 1-0, PBHS 3-0, DHS 4-0, Westville 1-0, St Charles 5-0, Michaelhouse 4-0, Northwood 1-1, Hilton 2-0, Affies 0-3, PBHS 2-0, KES 3-0

Mrs J Stoute

U14E

The season was tough, but it set the stage for better performance in the future. By focusing on teamwork, improving skills and supporting each other, the team gained valuable experience and grew closer to the sport. The players made impressive strides in their hockey skills and game strategies, leading to better performance on the field. Their dedication to working together not only improved their gameplay but also fostered strong friendships and mutual support, creating a positive and motivating atmosphere. The commitment and hard work of each player were instrumental in developing a strong team spirit and laying a solid foundation for future success.

Regular players:

R Klute (captain), N Luvuno (vice-captain), E Maphumulo, T Marwick, M Kanavathy, Y Singh, B Cele, N Hukum, K Barnard, Q Madlala, C Adonis, J Luridsamy, L Ntombela, R Managaran, K Zulu

Results:

vs Maritzburg College U14D 0-0, Clifton 10-0, Howick 0-2, PBHS 1-2, Northwood 1-5, St Charles 2-0 and 0-2, Affies 1-0, PBHS 1-2

Miss L Mkhize



I Mosupye and D Jackson reach for the ball in a 1-1 draw against Hilton on Pape's.



G Askew on Pape's.



M Smith on Pape's.





1st XV

Back row: M Vyambwera, B Maphisa, J Jansen, N Isaacs, D Haines, A Ngubane

Third row: J Thackwray, S Mbatha, I Kemka, J Slevin, S Oosthuizen, I Mlotshwa

Second row: R Maartens, S Nyathi, R Sinkfontein, L Makhathini, A Hadebe, N Mkize

Front row: L Kunene, Mr K Elder (assistant coach), P Kubheka (captain),
Mr T Orchard (coach), N Sithole (vice-captain), Mr H Marnitz (director of rugby), A Botha

Absent: R Armoed, C Cherayi, R Jacobsz

Overview from the Director of Rugby

The year 2024 has been another exiting one 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 be selected for the team of their choice.

The College Old Boys were on their feet at home when their beloved Red, Black and White went undefeated in all age groups against our old adversary, Hilton College. These games were played with some serious guts and a 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 afar 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 achieved 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 Wildeklaar Rugby Festival. The U15s 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 and 2nd team also joined the 1st XV at Wildeklaar. All teams gave a good account of themselves and built some character for the long season that lay ahead.

Provincial and National selections:

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, K Clements, 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 before finishing the season off at the Nashua Maritzburg College Family Day, which was a wonderfully festive day filled with activities for the whole family.

A number of our leaving Sixth Formers have signed Varsity Cup and professional rugby contracts. College wishes them well and we will be following their progress.

Mr H Marnitz

1st XV Overview

The 2024 team had big boots to fill after the previous year and they tried to do so manfully. In a very topsy-turvy season, the Maritzburg College 1st XV of 2024 must hold their heads high as they accomplished several great results during the year. The season started in early March, a large number of boys took part in the College trials, fighting for an opportunity to be selected to the teams that they had set out to for.

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 adversary 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 on Basher Ridge 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 achieved for close on 20 years.

Thank you to the parents of the boys who diligently followed the team throughout the year. Your support was always appreciated by the boys and the staff. Thank you to my fellow coaches Messrs Marnitz and Elder for the efforts this year. Lastly to the leadership pairing of P Kubheka and N Sithole for guiding the team through the year.

Mr T Orchard





P Khubeka powers through the opposition on Goldstone's.

Player Critique:

Forwards:

P Kubheka: (*captain, Honours*) A titanic figure within not only the team but the school. He could always be counted on to provide much needed go forward when needed. His selection for the Sharks Craven Week team, the SA Schools team and the SA U18 team this year were just rewards for his sterling efforts throughout the season.

S Nyathi: (*Colours*): A nuggety, all action hooker who improved over the course of the season, he was a player who could always be counted on.

A Botha: (*Honours*) A stalwart of the team both on and off the field. Botha never shied away from doing what had to be done and his efforts at tighthead did not go unnoticed. His selection for the Sharks Craven Week team, the SA Schools team and the SA U18 team were just rewards for a fine season.

B Maphisa: (*Colours and Scarf*) A very determined young man who put in a mountain of work that often went unnoticed. His efforts throughout the season were prodigious and should have been further rewarded, but unfortunately due to the nature of his game, the unglamorous work was not rewarded.

J Jansen: (*Honours*) A skilful lock forward who married his lineout work with bruising carries in open play. Jansen had a truncated season due to injury but was rewarded with selection to the Sharks Craven Week team.

S Oosthuizen (*Large White Badge*): A tireless fetcher of the ball who was never scared of putting his body in harm's way. He was an important member of the forward pack who went about his work effortlessly.

N Isaacs (*Colours*): A recent arrival at Maritzburg College, Isaacs fitted in quickly and soon became an integral member of the side. A very effective jumper when called upon and an even bigger physical presence with ball in hand.

I Kemka (*Colours*): An extremely abrasive ball carrier who could always be relied upon to get much needed go forward ball. He is extremely capable at the back of the lineout. A mild-mannered young man who let his rugby do the talking on the field.

I Mlotshwa: A Fifth Former who served manfully as Kubheka's understudy and did not disappoint when called upon. He has big shoes to fill next season, but will no doubt surprise. His selection for the Sharks U17 Academy Week was just reward for his efforts.

A Ngubane: A Fourth Former who is 'old' for his grade, he served as Botha's understudy this season and did so with aplomb. He has two more seasons at the open level, so the future looks bright for this young man.

W Vyambwera (*Colours & Scarf*): A dynamic athlete who made the shock move to the second row, where he quickly became an integral part of the 1st XV lineout. His athleticism held him in good stead, and he even made an appearance on the wing for the final game of the season. His selection for the Sharks U17 Academy Week team indicates his capabilities.

D Haines: A very dependable player who did his school and family proud.

C Cherayi: Another U17 player with big expectations for next year. Cherayi sets high standards for himself and the other players. His selection for the Sharks U17 Academy Week team was just reward for his efforts.

Backs:

R Maartens (*Large White Badge*): A relentless force of energy and commitment, Maartens earned the title of Most Improved Player this season. His unwavering dedication set the standard for work ethic in the squad. He displayed remarkable growth, proving that hard work and perseverance translate into performance. He communicates well and guided the players around the field, paired with a good service which made him a valuable member of the team.

J Slevin (*Large White Badge*): A leader in every sense of the word, Slevin set a standard of integrity and work ethic for his teammates. His precision with the boot proved instrumental in the team's success, dictating play and keeping the scoreboard ticking. As the season progressed, so did his influence on the field, ensuring that when the team needed composure and control, he was there to provide it.

L Sinkfontein (*Large White Badge*): A gifted playmaker with an exceptional understanding of space and timing, Sinkfontein's ability to navigate defences with his footwork and speed made him a constant attacking threat. Defensively, he was solid and dependable, and his versatility in covering multiple positions gave the team invaluable options.

N Sithole: (*vice-captain*) A rock in the team, Sithole's performances were outstanding. In a season filled with commanding displays, he led from the front, inspiring those around him both with his defensive ferocity and explosive ball-carrying ability. His leadership was unwavering and his impact undeniable. His performances throughout the season earned him Player of the Year in 2024.

S Mbatha (*Colours & Scarf*): A senior player whose natural talent was evident from the first whistle. His kicking and defensive prowess brought stability to the team, while his spatial awareness allowed him to manipulate the game with ease. A player who could dictate play and carve out opportunities seemingly at will, Mbatha was a crucial component of the squad's success.

L Makhathini: (*Colours and Scarf*) A vital member of the squad whose influence extended beyond his playing ability. Makhathini demanded excellence, both from himself and his teammates, driving the standards within the team. A gifted runner and playmaker, his season was unfortunately cut short by injury, but his contribution remained significant.

L Kunene: (*Honours*) A player blessed with raw pace, dazzling footwork and an instinctive ability to find space where others saw none. Kunene has a natural flair for the game, making the impossible look effortless. His love for the physical contest only added to his effectiveness, combining finesse with fearlessness.

R Armoed: He was a linking player whose crisp service and sharp decision-making kept the game flowing. His effective communication and organisation were invaluable, ensuring structure and cohesion on the field. A committed and eager student of the game, he constantly sought improvement, embracing every challenge with determination.

J Thackwray: The unsung hero who did the fundamentals flawlessly. While others made the highlight reels, Thackwray was the one making it all possible, executing the small details that elevated those around him. A reliable presence on the field, he brought stability and consistency.

R Jacobsz: A powerful and athletic runner who thrived in the physical confrontations of the game. His fitness levels and relentless work rate set him apart. A player who demanded excellence from himself, Jacobsz never settled for mediocrity, consistently pushing the limits to elevate his performance. A true competitor.

A Hadebe: A humble warrior whose work ethic and defensive grit made him a cornerstone of the team. Hadebe's tackling was not just strong, it was punishing, setting the tone for our defensive efforts. His rare ability to kick with both feet made him an invaluable asset, offering tactical flexibility few players possess. A player with immense potential, 2025 promises to be another year of growth and dominance for him.

N Mkize: A forward-turned-back whose transition brought an edge of physicality and defensive steel to the backline. His background in the pack made him an imposing presence, never shying away from contact and relishing the physical battles. A player with high personal standards, Mkize's potential is undeniable.



Match Reports

vs Kearsney College (away) lost 14-16

The winter sports season at Maritzburg College began with a trip to Botha's Hill to take on Kearsney. The match was a disjointed affair characterised by many unforced errors, partly due to it being early in the season plus the heat.

In the first half College battled to gain ascendancy in the collision with numerous unforced errors preventing any momentum from being attained. This half was all Kearsney as their match fitness showed with them having played two matches before this. A spilt lineout deep in Kearsney's half allowed them to race away and eventually score.

The second half was dominated by College as they began to find their feet and grabbed some momentum in the match. College's first try was the result of some good interplay and Isaacs scored under the poles for his first try in a College jumper. College hit again through Kunene, finishing off a period of sustained pressure after a good lineout drive. The match became a very cagey affair as College tried to play their rugby deep in the Kearsney half, but defensive errors allowed Kearsney to get field position in the College half. With time up, Kearsney was awarded a penalty, and their kicker duly slotted it over for a two-point win.

Tries: Issacs, Kunene

Conversions: Slevin (2)

vs Clifton College (Goldstone's) won 83-10

College played host to Clifton for the first time ever on Goldstone's, on what was an extremely hot day on and off the field. College was smarting after the unexpected loss the previous weekend against Kearsney and looked for a better performance to finish off term 1.

The first half was a slow burner with College only leading 24-5 at the break after Kunene opened the scoring just four minutes into the half. The home side had to work hard to break down their opposition and gifted Clifton a try after a series of errors deep in their own half.

The second half's performance matched the weather as College was red-hot on attack, scoring nine tries to Clifton's one in a scintillating display of attacking rugby. Maritzburg College found great joy down the left-hand touchline as Clifton could not handle College's skill with ball in hand. Kunene scored a further three tries to finish off with four in the match while Sinkfontein bagged himself a hat-trick. Slevin was lethal with the boot, converting ten tries in the game and grabbing himself a penalty as well.

Tries: Kunene (4), Sinkfontein (3), Kemka (2), Nyathi, Mbatha, Slevin

Conversions: Slevin (10)

Penalty: Slevin

vs Glenwood High School (away) won 18-7

College travelled to Glenwood for their opening fixture of the second term, played under blustery and wet conditions that contributed to a match riddled with handling errors. College began the encounter with greater intensity and were first to score following a dominant lineout maul that advanced them deep into Glenwood's 22-meter area. After two swift phases, Maartens crossed the line for the opening try which was successfully converted, giving College a 7-0 lead after 11 minutes.

The lineout maul proved instrumental again in College's second try, drawing in Glenwood's defenders and creating space out wide for winger Makhathini to score in the right-hand corner. Glenwood responded shortly thereafter, and the remainder of the first half evolved into a tightly contested battle. College led 12-7 at the break, having squandered several scoring opportunities, while Glenwood appeared to thrive in the increasingly combative contest.

In the second half, College dominated both territory and possession. Slevin extended their lead with two well-taken penalties after Glenwood infringed at the breakdown. Despite continued pressure, no further points were added as both sides struggled with ball retention. College ultimately secured a hard-fought victory, much to the delight of their travelling supporters.

Tries: Maartens, Makhathini

Conversion: Slevin

Penalties: Slevin (2)

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Goldstone's) won 43-13

Maritzburg College welcomed PBHS for their first inter-school fixture of the year. The 1st XV rugby match was a highlight of the weekend and proved to be a closely contested encounter. The first half was a tense affair, with College working hard to maintain a slender lead against a spirited PBHS side renowned for their resilience.

College opened the scoring through Jansen, who capitalised on a penalty near the tryline following a strong counterattack. PBHS responded swiftly with a clever lineout move, narrowing the gap to 7-5. College regained momentum with a powerful try from Sithole and extended their lead through Kemka, exploiting another set-piece opportunity. PBHS struck back with a penalty and a well-executed maul try, bringing the score to 21-13 at the interval.

The second half saw College assert dominance, aided by favourable wind conditions and tactical kicking. Slevin added a penalty, and Jacobsz scored twice, exhibiting College's expansive play. Captain Kubheka also crossed the line, sealing a comprehensive victory. College's disciplined and dynamic second-half performance was met by enthusiastic celebration from the home crowd.

Tries: Jansen, Sithole, Kemka, Kubheka, Jacobsz (2)

Conversions: Slevin (5)

Penalty: Slevin

vs Durban High School (Goldstone's) lost 18-21

Goldstone's played host to a captivating schoolboy rugby encounter between Maritzburg College and Durban High School (DHS), with both teams in strong form. College began the match with greater urgency, establishing an early lead through a series of well-taken penalty kicks. Their dominance was soon rewarded with a superb long-range try, finished by Sithole following intelligent recycling of the ball from deep within their own half. Shortly before the interval, a powerful lineout maul allowed Nyathi to crash over the line, and with the successful conversion, College held a commanding 18-6 lead at half-time.

The second half, however, saw a dramatic reversal of fortunes. DHS capitalised on a misfired College lineout deep in their own territory, launching a swift and clinical counterattack to score a remarkable try. This moment proved pivotal, particularly as College's right winger suffered a serious ankle injury, which appeared to sap the home side's momentum and composure. DHS, sensing vulnerability, struck again with another long-range effort, exploiting a disorganised College defence to take the lead. Despite a late opportunity for College to reclaim victory through a lineout maul, a lost throw sealed their fate. DHS emerged triumphant, securing a memorable and hard-fought away win.

Tries: Sithole, Nyathi

Conversion: Slevin

Penalties: Slevin (2)

vs Westville Boys' High School (away) won 41-10

Kings Park was the venue for the inaugural Sharks Schools Day, which also marked the opening round of trials for the Sharks Schools Craven Week team. Amid a festive atmosphere, Maritzburg College delivered a commanding performance against Westville, displaying a brand of aggressive, front-foot rugby that left their opponents overwhelmed.

College dominated the first half, racing to a 22-point lead. Kunene opened the scoring with a straightforward try, capitalising on a porous Westville defence. The highlight of the half came shortly after, when a halted maul was followed by a powerful forward surge, culminating in Sinkfontein finishing a superb attacking sequence. Despite a brief lull in intensity, College extended their lead through a penalty by Slevin, who later added a converted try following incisive play from the forwards. Westville managed a solitary try before the break, but the half clearly belonged to the Red, Black and White.

The second half began cautiously but was ignited by Mbatha's intercept try, running the length of the field to score under the posts. College continued to dominate, with Isaacs and Sithole adding further tries, the latter exploiting a defensive gap to score in the corner. Though Westville added a consolation try, College's relentless physicality and tactical execution secured a comprehensive and impressive victory.

Tries: Kunene, Sinkfontein, Slevin, Mbatha, Issacs, Sithole
Conversions: Slevin (4)
Penalty: Slevin

vs Michaelhouse (Goldstone's) won 24-17

Reunion Saturday marked the 179th meeting between Michaelhouse and Maritzburg College. A fixture between these two schools was steeped in tradition and intensity. Michaelhouse entered the match buoyed by a recent victory over Hilton College, while College sought redemption following two bruising defeats at Wildeklaar. Despite Michaelhouse's status as KZN's unbeaten side, it was the hosts who seized the early initiative.

Maritzburg College began with high tempo and physicality, culminating in a well-worked try as Botha broke the line and released Kunene to score. Sustained pressure followed, and after a powerful maul was halted just short, Jansen crashed over to extend the lead. Sithole then intercepted a Michaelhouse move and raced away to score between the posts, sending the home crowd into raptures. College led 19-3 at the break, firmly in control.

Michaelhouse responded early in the second half with a try from a driven maul, narrowing the deficit to 19-10. The match entered a tense phase, with both sides seeking a decisive blow. It was College who delivered, as Isaacs powered over following a series of dominant carries. Though Michaelhouse added a late consolation try in the corner, College's resolute defence and clinical execution secured a much-needed victory, restoring pride and confidence after a challenging fortnight.

Tries: Kunene, Jansen, Sithole, Isaacs
Conversions: Thackwray (2)

vs Northwood School (away) lost 10-20

Maritzburg College travelled to Durban North to participate in Northwood's Founders Day, with both teams entering the fixture in good form following recent victories. Despite several changes to the College line-up, we fielded a side with notable attacking threats. However, the match proved to be a tense and tactical affair, with neither side able to assert clear dominance.

Northwood employed a clever kicking strategy, targeting College's fullback, Kunene, with contestable kicks to disrupt rhythm and gain territorial control. This approach proved effective, as College struggled to establish consistent attacking momentum. The first half saw few scoring opportunities, with Slevin opening the scoring for College via a long-range penalty, only for Northwood to respond in kind. The sides entered the break level at 3-3.

The second half was marked by handling errors and disrupted play. Northwood broke the deadlock with a try, taking a 10-3 lead. College responded with a sustained period of pressure, culminating in a penalty try after a goal-line clearance was charged down and a Northwood infringement prevented a likely score. With the match finely poised at 10-10, Northwood edged ahead with a penalty before sealing victory with a try at the death, dashing College's hopes of a comeback in the fading light.

Try: Penalty try
Penalty: Slevin

vs Hilton College (Goldstone's) won 26-20

Maritzburg College hosted long-standing rivals Hilton College in a high-stakes encounter, with both sides seeking redemption following narrow defeats the previous weekend. Adding to the tension, Hilton had triumphed in their last three visits to Goldstone's, while College welcomed key reinforcements to their forward pack in a bid to reverse their fortunes.

Hilton opened the scoring with a penalty, but College responded with sustained pressure, culminating in a well-taken try by Sinkfontein, converted by Slevin. A dominant College scrum then set the platform for Kubheka to power over, with Slevin again adding the extras to extend the lead to 14-3.

Hilton struck back with an unconverted try before the break, narrowing the margin to 14-8.

The second half saw Hilton surge ahead with two tries, one of which was converted, taking a 20-14 lead. College, however, rallied with renewed determination. A series of penalties allowed them to regain territory, and Kubheka turned provider, assisting Nyathi for a crucial try. Slevin's pressure conversion edged College ahead 21-20. Moments later, Mkize marked his home debut with a decisive try, extending the lead to 26-20. Hilton mounted a final assault, but a thunderous tackle by Hadebe secured a turnover at the breakdown, sealing a dramatic and hard-fought victory for the home side.

Tries: Sinkfontein, Kubheka, Nyathi, Mkize
Conversions: Slevin (3)

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Goldstone's) lost 37-39

Maritzburg College hosted Affies from Pretoria in a spirited sporting exchange involving over 700 pupils across various disciplines. The headline event was the 1st XV rugby match, where College, considered underdogs, faced a formidable Affies side. However, College made a dream start, with SA Schools prop Botha powering over for the opening try. Affies responded swiftly with a well-executed backline move, before Slevin's penalty nudged College ahead once more. The visitors reclaimed the lead through their fullback, but a turnover try from Kunene restored College's advantage. Affies struck again before the break, including a soft try through the middle of a ruck, to lead 26-20 at half-time.

College narrowed the gap early in the second half with a penalty, but Affies extended their lead via a dominant maul. Refusing to relent, College responded with a try from Mbatha, reducing the deficit to one point. Affies again edged ahead through a clever individual effort, but College surged back, with Vyambwera scoring in the corner and Slevin converting under pressure to lead 37-36. In a dramatic finale, Affies were awarded a penalty with time expired, which their flyhalf calmly slotted to seal the victory. Despite the loss, College earned widespread admiration for their courageous and skilful performance.

Tries: Botha, Kunene, Mbatha, Vyambwera
Conversions: Slevin (4)
Penalties: Slevin (3)

vs Pretoria Boys High School (away) won 19-18

Maritzburg College travelled to Pretoria for a tense encounter against PBHS, played on Brookes Field. Despite recent comfortable fixtures in the capital, this match proved anything but straightforward. Both sides entered the contest with determination, and PBHS, seeking their first win over College in several years, seized early momentum.

College opened the scoring through a well-constructed move finished by Kunene, but PBHS responded immediately with an unconverted try. A series of breakdown infringements allowed the hosts to edge ahead via a penalty, before a missed tackle enabled them to score a converted try, taking a 15-5 lead into the break.

College began the second half with renewed intensity, and hooker Nyathi powered over for a converted try, narrowing the deficit to 12-15. PBHS added another penalty, but College's resilience shone through. A clever attacking sequence exposed the PBHS defence, and Kunene scored his second try following a deft kick ahead. Slevin, under pressure, converted from a tight angle to give College a slender 19-18 lead.

Despite a late surge from PBHS, College's defence held firm in the dying moments. College emerged victorious in a match they nearly let slip and will need to address their error rate ahead of their upcoming fixture against KES in Johannesburg.

Tries: Kunene (2), Nyathi
Conversions: Slevin (2)

vs King Edward VII School (away) lost 21-45

Maritzburg College endured a punishing afternoon in Johannesburg as they fell to a rampant KES side. The effects of consecutive Highveld trips were evident early on, with College struggling to match the intensity of

their hosts. Within 20 minutes, KES had raced to a 19-0 lead, exploiting defensive lapses and capitalising on territorial dominance.

College responded through Mkize, who chased down a charged kick to score, but KES struck again immediately from the restart, regathering a short kick and scoring under the posts to lead 26-7 at the break. The second half began in similar fashion, with KES's flyhalf orchestrating another try for their left wing, who completed his hat-trick.

College showed resilience, narrowing the gap through Maartens after a dominant scrum, and later through Sithole, who powered over following sustained pressure. However, KES continued to punish defensive frailties, with their left wing scoring a fourth try. A final blow came when a stolen lineout was kicked ahead and fortuitously bounced into KES hands for a final try in the corner.

Despite flashes of attacking promise, College was ultimately outplayed by a clinical and energetic KES outfit. The defeat serves as a sobering reminder of the demands of back-to-back away fixtures and the need for improved defensive cohesion.

Tries: Mkize, Maartens, Sithole

Conversions: Slevin (2), Thackwray

vs Glenwood High School (Goldstone's) won 39-20

Maritzburg College concluded their season in emphatic fashion with a victory over Glenwood, securing a long-awaited double over their Durban rivals for the first time since 2005. In a frenetic and open contest, both sides played with attacking intent, but it was the home team who ultimately proved superior.

College struck early through Thackwray, who finished a flowing backline move and later added a penalty to extend the lead to 8-0. Glenwood responded with a penalty of their own, but Thackwray soon crossed again for a converted try, giving College a 15-3 advantage. Ill-discipline, however, allowed Glenwood to claw back into the match, scoring an unconverted try just before half-time and another early in the second half to level the scores at 15-15.

College regained control through a powerful scrum, and Kemka scoring assisted by Madikizela from a tighthead turnover. A penalty try from a collapsed maul extended the lead. Glenwood responded with a moment of individual brilliance, but College had the final say as Maartens darted over in the dying moments to seal the win.

The result marked a fitting end to a demanding season for the Red, Black and White, and a historic achievement in completing the double over Glenwood after two decades of near misses.

Tries: Thackwray (2), Kemka, Mbatha, penalty try, Maartens

Conversions: Thackwray (3)

Penalties: Thackwray (2)



"I vow to play my best" written by J Slevin on the collar of his 1st XV rugby jersey.

If he was not slotting penalties, J Slevin was outpacing his opponents.

St John's Easter Festival

vs Boland Landbou lost 17-32

Boland Landbou were too strong for Maritzburg College in the end, claiming a hard-fought win on Burger Field. The first half was a bruising encounter between two proud rugby schools. The boys from Boland had the better of the early exchanges, keeping College pinned deep in their own half with some very skilful tactical kicking. Boland Landbou held the lead throughout the first half, with College constantly threatening. The score stood at 17-5 at the break. The second half saw Maritzburg College claw back some momentum, but it was too little too late as Boland Landbou did enough to keep their noses in front. The second half was an enthralling encounter although the scoreboard did not reflect how tight the match was.

vs SACS won 26-24

Maritzburg College left it late to narrowly beat SACS in a highly entertaining match up on Burger Field. The first half saw SACS quickly finding their rhythm, often catching College out against the run of play. College was happy to take on the boys from Cape Town physically, while SACS looked good finding the space and playing the ball out wide. The running rugby was the winner in the half, with SACS closing out the half with a 19-7 lead. The second half was a thrilling contest, with SACS enjoying the lead for most of the game. College, however, always kept within touching distance, with both teams exchanging blows on the scoreboard. The boys from the KZN capital had the last laugh as they scored a late try to claim a narrow victory.

vs Lions XV won 24-7

College were always favourites going into the clash, but the Lions put on an inspiring first half performance, to go down 5-0 at the break. The second half saw the Lions scoring their first points of the festival through a well-worked team try, which was converted. College looked better in the second half, which was evident in the scoreline. The Lions conceded tries through the backs, with College combining well in the backline to set off their wingers, who constantly troubled the Lions defence. In the end, College finished the festival on a high, securing a valuable victory.

Wildeklaar Festival

vs Grey College lost 0-46

Maritzburg College fancied their chances after their heroics at the Noord/Suid festival the previous year but did not expect a backlash such as this from Grey College. The entire match was played at an intensity that College could not handle. Grey College took the lead early on and simply did not look back, leaving College players strewn around the field.

vs Paul Roos lost 0-48

After the hurt that Grey College inflicted on Maritzburg College two days previously, Paul Roos compounded the misery by showing why they were one of the best teams in the country this year. The College team could not cope with the physical dominance by Paul Roos and were simply not in the match for large parts of it.

Mr T Orchard



R Maartens passes the ball out of the scrum against Pretoria Boys High.

2nd XV

The story of the 2nd XV season can be divided into three, a strong start, a difficult middle, a positive end. The team began with three wins and a draw from their first four games, with the highlight being a dominant display against Clifton when R Jacobsz claimed a second half hat-trick from the right wing. Unfortunately, this was followed by a tough loss to an excellent DHS team which set off a run of six losses in a row. Despite the scorelines not being in their favour, there were periods of outstanding rugby, none more so than against Grey College at the Wildeklawer Festival, where a team comprised of players from 2nd to 4th XV, defended and attacked like men possessed and stayed within a single score of Grey College until the final 10 minutes. Loose-forward P Kruse received deserved plaudits from the Grey coaches for his monumental efforts in the game. Throughout this period the team stuck together and fought hard in each encounter, but it was clear that in those tense final moments they lacked the composure to see out games. The streak was finally broken with a good win against Hilton to close out the second term when fullback J Marcus took on the kicking duties and had a 100% success rate.

The third term gave the team a fresh start, and they were promising for most of the game against Affies, before two trips in a row to Gauteng to play PBHS and KES respectively. Their performance in those three games was very encouraging and in the final game of 2024 they had the chance to right the wrongs of the draw against Glenwood earlier in the season. What followed encapsulated the potential of this team that had been threatening to show itself throughout the season. A completely dominant display saw the Sashas run out comfortable winners. Kruse added to his tally as top try scorer for the team with a brilliant hat-trick, but it was the silky skills and hard running of outside centre A Hadebe that really caught the eye. He scored two tries and kicked 5 out of 6 off the tee – a wonderful end to the season.

As many as 48 players received a cap for the 2nd XV in 2024 and of those only one player featured in all 15 matches, lock D Haines, a hard worker who improved immensely throughout the season. Inside centre N Mthiyane captained the side and led from the front in everything he did. A mature and uncompromising young man who gave everything for the Red, Black and White in his final year, we could not have been prouder of the way he conducted himself. Vice-captain, C Cherayi, stood in as captain at the back end of the season after an injury kept Mthiyane sidelined. Cherayi is another young man who has a remarkable presence, and we look forward to seeing him flourish next year as a Sixth Former.

It has been an honour and a privilege to coach the 2nd XV this season. To the outgoing Sixth Formers, I say a heartfelt thank you and good luck for their futures. Thank you to the 1st XV coaches for their expertise and support, and an enormous thank you to Mr W du Plessis for all his efforts as assistant coach.

Regular players:

N Mthiyane (captain), R Armoed, C Cherayi, J Foster, J Galtrey, M Gwala, A Hadebe, D Haines, R Jacobsz, K Jele, F Jozi, L Khumalo, P Kruse, B Madikizela, J Marcus, Y Mchunu, N Mkize, I Mlotshwa, M Nel, A Ngubane, J Smit, J Thackwray, K Wichmann

Results:

vs Kearsney 19-9, Clifton 41-0, Glenwood 17-17, PBHS 15-7, DHS 10-45, Grey College 17-42, Diamantveld 16-19, Michaelhouse 10-17, Northwood 15-22, Hilton 24-17, Affies 10-33, PBHS 21-14, KES 21-29, Glenwood 40-7

Messrs R Bremner and W du Plessis

3rd XV

The 2024 season was remarkable for the 3rd rugby team. Under the leadership of captain J Galtrey, they demonstrated exceptional skill, determination and the true spirit of College brotherhood, and recorded 12 wins out of 13 matches, achieving an impressive 92%-win rate. Despite a narrow 5-point loss to Affies, the team displayed their resilience and skill throughout the season. A notable highlight was their triumphant victory over KES, ending KES's unbeaten streak on their home ground in the final match of the season, cementing their success.

Throughout the season, the boys exhibited great character, unwavering determination and a never-give-up attitude. Their performances on the field have embodied the values and spirit of Maritzburg College. They have shown all the characteristics of true College men, making us immensely proud.

Regular players:

J Galtrey (captain), A Mornet, A Pretorius, A Duma, B le Roux, B Madikizela, C Siyongwana, C Potgieter, E Bester, F Jozi, H Prinsloo, J Foster, K Dedekind, K Jele, K Wichmann, L Motha, L Khumalo, M Nel, M Kritzinger, M Nkwanyana, M Gwala, N Koller, N Mkize, O Da Costa, S Duma, T Foster, W Trodd, Z Canham

Results:

vs Kearsney 32-12, Midlands Development 42-7, Glenwood 22-10, PBHS 28-7, DHS 15-12, Westville 15-10, St Charles 34-5, Michaelhouse 13-3, Northwood 10-3, Hilton 24-14, Affies 21-26, PBHS 36-12, KES 29-28, Glenwood 24-7

Messrs J Taljaard and K Smith

4th XV

The 4th team had an outstanding season, playing 14 matches and achieving an impressive record of 11 wins, two draws, and just one loss, resulting in a remarkable 79% win rate. One of their standout performances was a hard-fought draw against Affies, displaying their resilience, while their sole defeat came against Michaelhouse in a closely contested match.

These players worked tirelessly to succeed, and I foresee a bright future for several of them, with many likely to advance to higher teams next year. Their determination and commitment have certainly set the standard for future squads, inspiring next year's team and those who follow.

Beyond their results, they played with enthusiasm and an unwavering, never give up attitude, embodying everything that is great about the game, including respect, integrity and sportsmanship. They have made the old boys who once wore this jersey exceptionally proud.

Regular players:

H Prinsloo (captain), A Mornet, A Pretorius, B le Roux, C Ferraz, C Morewood, C Siyongwana, D Cruickshank, D Simpson, G van Laun, J Gasarasi, J Harris, L Johnstone, L Myeza, L Mbentse, M Thomson, M Mkhize, N Jaftha, N Tshabalala, N Ngobese, O Haasbroek, S Hughes, S Duma, T Paine, Y Mchunu, Z Ndlovu, Z Canham

Results:

vs Kearsney 15-5, Howick 1st 15-5, Glenwood 14-10, PBHS 15-10, DHS 19-6, Westville 22-3, Michaelhouse 10-29, Northwood 12-12, Hilton 24-12, Affies 19-19, PBHS 10-7, KES 25-16, Glenwood 50-0

Messrs J Taljaard and K Smith



The College boys have their bashers at the ready as L Kunene is metres from scoring a try on Goldstone's.



5th XV

The rugby trials this year showed the depth in the open age group and promised much. Mr R Abrahams and I immediately got to work, and the players responded well with the Kearsney fixture looming. The match at Kearsney started strongly with College soon in the lead. However, a second-half surge from the Kearsney boys saw them on the front foot, and in the last play a Kearsney penalty on the halfway line was easily converted followed by the final whistle. A disappointed College team left the field having lost. With the Easter holidays approaching the boys showed what they were capable of by winning against the St Charles 3rd team the following weekend.

The second term produced some good rugby, and the first four matches were won against Glenwood, PBHS, DHS and Westville. The next match against the Howick 1st XV on their Reunion Day was a wonderful example of the team's capabilities. At the final whistle the College team paid tribute to their opponents by hoisting them on their shoulders before the predominantly Howick-supporting crowd in a gesture of mutual respect and sportsmanship.

PHOTO: JENNIFER MILLER



Howick High School 1st XV players hoisted on high by the College 5th XV.

The next weekend we hosted Michaelhouse on Goldstone's. With both sides scoring two tries each the difference came from the conversions. While the Michaelhouse conversions sailed through the posts, both College attempts hit the uprights. A good match but this was now the second defeat of the season. The matches against Northwood and Hilton were won as we prepared for the Affies encounter. As expected, Affies started at a blistering pace and continual defence wore the players down, resulting in a loss. This was to be the last loss of the season.

Playing away at KES and PBHS back-to-back was a big call. The players got stuck in to record two good wins. With the last match against Glenwood at home, the team did exceptionally well, producing a fine display of physical rugby at its best. For many this was their last match on Goldstone's, and it was certainly something to remember.

My thanks to the players who improved by the week and to Mr Abrahams who brought an urgency to our practices, including his dreaded fitness sessions.

Regular players:

Z Nkosi, M Thomson, R Boshoff, P Louwrens, N Jaftha, D Warren, J Steyn, G Egberink, B Botha, S Norton, C Goslett, O Haasbroek, D Suter, L Johnstone, L Bhengu, V Kasambala, G van Laun, C Ferraz, E Erasmus, S Redman, N Gwala, J Harris, J Knoetze, D Cruickshank, T Paine, M Breedt, D Simpson, L Mbentse, G Thomson, N Pembridge, D Botha, Z Ndlovu, M Canham, A Pretorius, D Davies, S Hughes, J Taylor, C van Rooyen, A Dall'argine, M Baca, T Armstrong, E Howells

Results:

vs Kearsney 11-13, St Charles 33-10, Glenwood 34-0, PBHS 17-7, DHS 49-0, Westville 46-0, Howick 1st 17-14, Michaelhouse 10-14, Northwood 42-7, Hilton 17-0, Affies 7-24, PBHS 31-6, KES 47-0, Glenwood 50-0

Mr N Sutherland

6th XV

We kicked off the rugby season with a strong win against Kearsney on their home ground and it was clear this team had real talent. R Boshoff stood out in that game and fly-half, D Warren, was exceptional with his kicking. The following weekend, we defeated St Charles with the same group, creating selection headaches going forward.

In the second term, the boys adapted well to our game plan, securing wins against Glenwood, PBHS, DHS and Westville. Changes occurred as some players, such as our hooker J Harris, moved from the 6th to the 5th team, and eventually played for the 4th team.

We hosted Michaelhouse in a tough match and managed a narrow victory, demonstrating our ability to handle pressure. Our fitness, bolstered by daily bank runs during training, was crucial. We then focused on the Affies game, winning against Northwood and Hilton but losing to Affies as the boys were still in holiday mode.

We rebounded with impressive wins over KES and PBHS in Gauteng. To top it off, we ended the season with a dominant victory against Glenwood, with even our forwards kicking goals after tries.

A big thank you to Mr Sutherland for his guidance and to the boys for their respect and discipline throughout the season.

Regular players:

C Goslett (captain), R Boshoff, M Canham, I Jikijo, D Warren, D Suter, W Beauclerk, S Norton, N Pembridge, L Mbentse

Results:

vs Kearsney 29-0, St Charles 29-0, Glenwood 39-0, PBHS 24-0, DHS 29-0, Westville 29-0, Michaelhouse 22-21, Northwood 18-5, Curro Hillcrest 1st 7-35, Affies 10-27, PBHS 27-10, KES 45-5, Glenwood 49-0

Mr R Abrahams

7th XV

This season coaching the 7ths has taught me an incredible amount. Mr S Ndlela and I could focus on directing players toward a game plan and structure for most of the season. Later in the season we realised that our focus area should be on increasing the pace of the game both on attack and defence. Having a quick, mobile pack and locks that could steal a ball in lineouts, suited a fast and exciting game plan. Our centres were notorious for getting up and closing space, forcing errors to put us on the front foot. This platform was highlighted in a thumping game against Affies on Lamond's, in which we led at half time and won all our own and the opposition lineouts. Unfortunately, we lost the game but gained an immense amount of faith and wisdom in that tussle.

We had some excellent games, the hard-fought and surprising draw against old rivals Glenwood in our final fixture being one. Special mention must be made of our exceptional captain, A Bhengu, who twice left the field for a dislocated finger in the first half only to return to play in the second half.

It has been a pleasure to coach these fine young men this season, yet the support and enthusiasm from the players are what really stood out. Players were stretched which improved the quality of their game immensely.

Regular players:

T Ambler, T Armstrong, L Baptista, A Bhengu (captain), M Canham, B Demont, N Deyzel, J Fincham, J Fryer-Dudley, E Kloppers, J Kloppers, J Knoetze, T Mafunga, O Ntuli, M Roberts, R Tocknell, C van Rooyen, B Watts, R Wichmann

Results:

vs Kearsney 36-19, Clifton 3rd 34-10, Glenwood 38-14, PBHS 46-7, Midlands Development 24-19, Westville 55-3, Michaelhouse 32-19, Northwood 38-5, Hilton 6ths 34-5, Affies 7-42, PBHS 41-7, KES 10-12, Glenwood 5-5

Messrs R Paterson and S Ndlela



8th XV

College is fortunate to have a depth of rugby players unmatched in the province. The 8th team proved to be a force to be reckoned with and relied on regular replacements from the teams below. A standard practice routine helped to get new players on board quickly and effectively. The team changed dramatically from week to week due to injuries and promotions in the teams above. Thursday practices were committed to finalising the team list and Tuesdays were focused on skills development, especially improving game speed both on and off the ball. This solid grounding in the basics gave us a blueprint which served us well throughout the season and allowed players to flourish.

We had some excellent games, but with so many regular changes it was difficult to build momentum. We dispatched most of our regular rivals with ease but were caught out on a few occasions facing other schools' higher teams on staggers.

The captain for some of our games, J Stead, was a great find at lock and always hassled the opposition in the lineouts. It has been a pleasure to coach this wonderful team with Mr Ndlela this season, but the support and enthusiasm from the players is what made it so.

Regular players:

R Anderson, E Clark, C Higgins, A Humphries, C Hurson, A Jackson, E Kloppers, Z Mfeka, L Mthimkhulu, C Mundell, M Ndlovu, O Ntuli, J Odell, T Pearson, E Phoenix, M Roberts, J Stead, A Taylor, R Upfold, R Venter

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 7th 30-19, Linpark 1sts 15-20, PBHS 49-7, Michaelhouse 7ths 0-35, Alex 1st 33-12, St Charles 4th 46-5, Linpark 1st 0-48, Hilton 7th 54-0, Affies 5-27

Messrs R Paterson and S Ndlela



L Makathini and L Kunene in action against Clifton.



L Kunene challenging a player at KES.

9th XV and 10th XV

The 9th and 10th XVs enjoyed a season filled with challenges and even greater successes. No matter the strength or reputation of the opposition, our team played with determination and made sure that their opponents would remember the red, black and white stripes. The players gave their all in every match.

The 9th XV had a demanding season with ten remarkable matches of which they won five and lost five. While losses against certain opponents were tough, it was even sweeter to secure victories in rematches against the same teams. A highlight of the season was a decisive win over Michaelhouse, who had previously defeated us. Another memorable moment was the hard-fought game against Curro Hillcrest, where the team triumphed.

The 10th XV had a stellar season, winning all eight of their games and achieving a 100%-win rate. Their standout performances include a notable victory over the Michaelhouse 9th team and two impressive wins against the Hilton 8th team.

Our sincere thanks to all the players. Their dedication and loyalty were commendable. They gave their best in every match, and we are extremely proud of their efforts. We also extend our gratitude to the captains, R Upfold and J Werth, for their leadership throughout the season.

Regular players:

N Collins, V Rulumeni, C Wilson, B Zote, N Rulumeni, J Harley, S Ngobese, M Miya, L de Jager, R Upfold, C Viljoen, S Douglas, R Launder, B Kent, S Gwala, T Blackburn, N Meisegeier, M Khumalo, K Phungula, R Venter, V Sibisi, C Zondi, N Mntungwa, C Higgins, L Ngubane, J Werth, P Elliot, A Taylor, K Hurson, D Barrett, C Mundell, P Ndlovu, T Smith, E Landman, J Nelson, A Leclezio, A Kritzing, K Khumalo, S Makhaye, S Mazibuko, T Thompson, F MacLeod, M Murgatroyd, V Khumalo, R Anderson

Results:

9ths:

vs Michaelhouse 8th 12-14, Midlands Development 20-15, PBHS 20-12, Michaelhouse 8th 5-14, Midlands Development 0-34, Howick 2nd 50-0, Michaelhouse 27-5, Midlands Development 17-40, Curro Hillcrest 2nd 40-19, Affies 12-43

10ths:

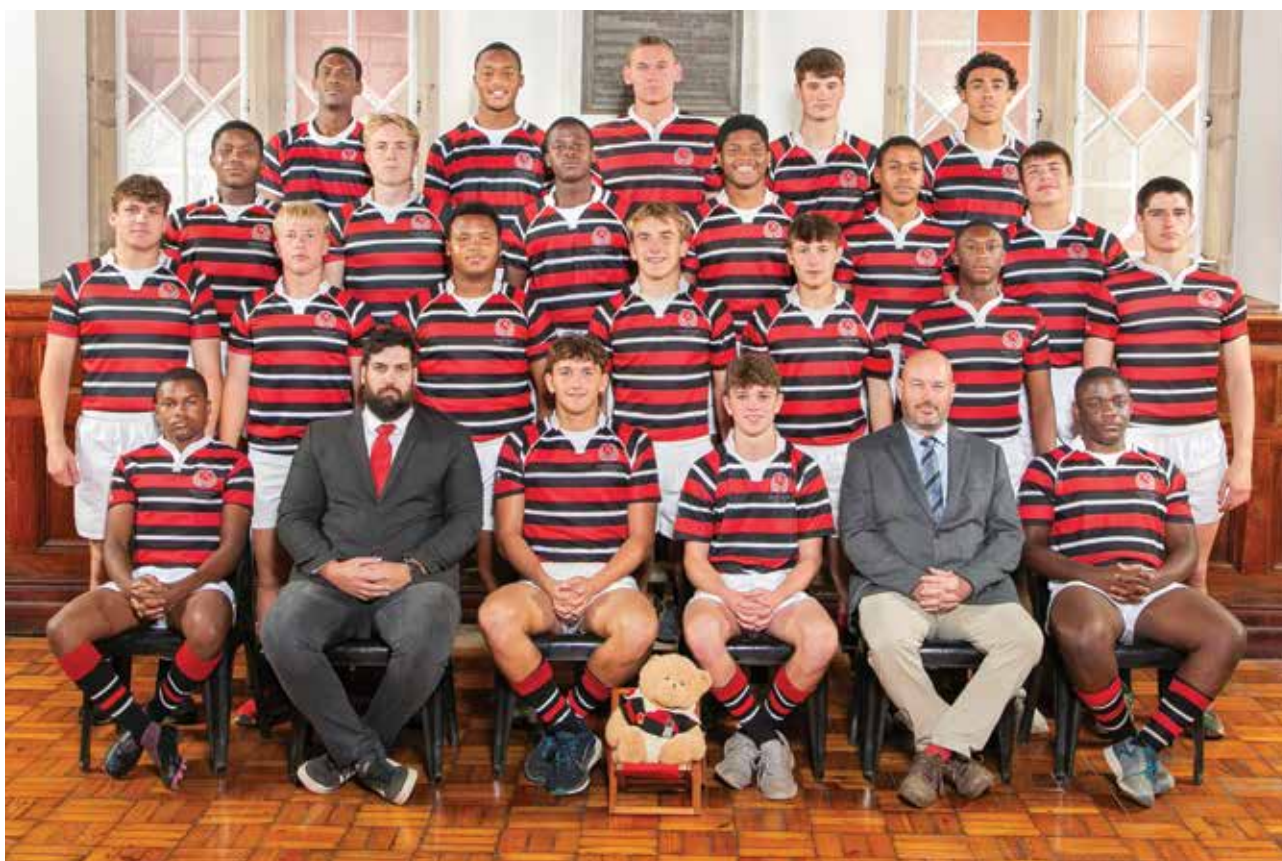
vs Hilton 8th 41-10, Linpark 2nd 17-5, Haythorne 1st 38-0, Michaelhouse 9th 52-7, Midlands Development 14-12, St Charles 5th 24-10, Michaelhouse 9th 50-7, Hilton 8th 54-0

Messrs A Sparrow, S Eva, B Mfingwana and C Zondi



S Oosthuizen, I Kemka and N Isaacs on Goldstone's.





U16A

Back row: C Fynn, R Chikukwa, J Jordaan, J Thomson, B Jean-Louis

Third row: E Mpapa, D Colenbrander, S Xaba, O Kosani, L Kosani, T Boshoff

Second row: M Pretorius, A Cahill, L Mabanga, M Harris, T van Niekerk, L Hadebe, C Mountfort

Front row: A Barnes, Mr D Sherriff (coach), R Stanton (captain), D du Toit (vice-captain), Mr F Maritz (coach), M Manana

Absent: Mr N Breedt (coach), T Sehlako, K Clements

The 2024 U16 rugby team was defined by two core values, effort and commitment. These qualities were most evident in the high-performance group from which the A team was selected. Despite fierce competition for places, the squad maintained a strong sense of unity throughout the season.

The season began with a tense and thrilling match against Kearsney, where the lead changed hands multiple times. College ultimately secured a hard-fought victory, setting a positive tone. The team then participated in the Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival, where they narrowly defeated both Zwartkop and Garsfontein. These matches provided valuable preparation and insights both into team dynamics and individual capabilities.

A major highlight of the season was the match against long-time rivals DHS. After narrowly winning the previous year's fixture, College was determined to dominate. College led 14-0 with 20 minutes remaining, but a lapse in concentration allowed DHS to stage a comeback, including another intercept try, and snatch victory in the final minutes. Though the loss was heartbreaking, it became a pivotal moment for growth and maturity both for players and coaches.

The team rebounded strongly in their next match against Westville, which also served as a trial for the Sharks U16 selection. Determined to move past the DHS loss, College delivered a commanding performance, excelling in all areas of the game.

College faced elite opponents Grey College and Paul Roos Gimnasium at the prestigious Wildeklaar Rugby Festival in Kimberley. Despite leading both teams near halftime, College was ultimately defeated, by Grey through superior attacking play and by Paul Roos thanks to an exceptional kicking performance. These matches, however, displayed the team's progress and resilience.

The match against Hilton was another turning point. After receiving a red card early in the game, College showed remarkable character and leadership, particularly from R Stanton, to regroup and produce one of their best performances of the season, securing an unexpected and memorable win.

Following the winter break, College faced one of their toughest opponents, Affies. After a strong training period, the team was well-prepared for the physical challenge. O Kosani stood out with a hat-trick and solid defence. Despite a valiant effort and a late opportunity to take the lead, College narrowly lost.

The season concluded with three strong performances. First, an away win against PBHS, followed by a gritty victory over KES. The final match, fittingly held at Goldstone's, was a complete team performance against Glenwood, with every aspect of their game clicking into place, ending the season on a high note.

Throughout the year, the U16 squad demonstrated growth, resilience and unity. Their journey was marked by hard lessons, thrilling victories and a deepening of character, laying a strong foundation for future success. A word of appreciation must be acknowledged for the coaches, Messrs Maritz, Sherriff and Breedt, for the work they did with the team.

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent the province:

Sharks U16 Grant Khomo Week: R Stanton (selected as captain), O Kosani, T Boshoff

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

Regular players:

R Stanton (captain), D du Toit (vice-captain), M Manana, S Sethlako, T Boshoff, K Clements, E Mpapa, L Mabanga, M Pretorius, C Fynn, C Mountfort, D Colenbrander, C Sweetnam, R Chikukwa, J Thompson, T van Niekerk, M Harris, L Kosani, O Kosani, S Xaba, A Cahill, L Hadebe, J-P Jordaan, D Abrahams

Results:

vs Kearsney 25-19, Clifton 50-3, Glenwood 14-0, PBHS 13-8, DHS 14-17, Westville 42-7, Michaelhouse 19-17, Northwood 12-8, Hilton 30-15, Affies 27-43, PBHS 29-14, KES 17-12, Glenwood 56-24

Skonk Nicholson Festival:

vs Zwartkop 19-15, Garsfontein 22-18, St Charles 53-0

Wildeklaar Festival:

vs Grey College 20-33, Paul Roos Gimnasium 12-19

Messrs F Maritz, D Sherriff and N Breedt

U16B

Unfortunately, only 15 players can start on any given Saturday and many players who are in fact good enough to play in an A team often need to fulfil the role of 'dirt trackers' for the A team. At College however, these selfless, ruthless and determined set of players have, over the years, carved out a very special place in College rugby folklore. They are the *Soldiers*.

Various players in the U16B team were given the opportunity to represent the A team this year. With so many talented players in the group, the *Soldiers* played a vital role ensuring players kept pushing each other to be better not only as individuals but more importantly as team players.

The *Soldiers* produced some outstanding results this year. An unbeaten record versus KZN opposition along with two comprehensive victories, home and away to PBHS, a very comfortable win over KES in Johannesburg and a respectable defeat to Affies shows the amount of talent and commitment available in the U16B team this year. With many players featuring on tour and at the various rugby festivals, players grasped opportunities to grow and learn which led to great strides in development amongst this group of players.

The U16B team was invited to play at the Skonk Nicholson Festival this year. The team were up against some very tough competition, playing against other schools' A sides yet gave a good account of themselves. This contributed greatly to the growth and development of many players and ensured that the group had strong players in every position, creating an age group with very good depth.

Well done on an outstanding season and for your commitment to the team. A final word of appreciation to coaches Messrs Sherriff, Maritz and Breedt for what they have done for our players over the course of the season.

Regular players:

J Sweetnam (captain), J Thompson (captain), L Dryer, M Manana, S Sethlako, K Clements, T Boshoff, E Mpapa, R Chikukwa, C Potgieter, S, Sibanyoni, T van Niekerk, M Oosthuizen, L Becket, L Kosani, A Barnes, S Pedlar, J Goatley, S Veneker, C Scheepers

Results:

vs Kearney 54-0, Midland Development 69-0, Glenwood 15-5, PBHS 33-0, DHS 10-7, Westville 26-7, Michaelhouse 24-22, Northwood 11-0, Hilton 52-0, Affies 6-22, PBHS 45-0, KES 38-7, Glenwood 40-7

Skonk Nicholson Festival results (College U16 B/C squad):

vs Middelburg Tech 7-24, Centurion 17-29, Zwartkops 0-76

Messrs F Maritz, D Sherriff and N Breedt

U16C

The U16C rugby team had a successful season. Captained by P van Rooyen, the boys developed a lot and only lost one match this season. This team had a 'never say die' attitude and a strong will to improve. The boys played with heart and were ferocious in defence, only conceding an average of eight points in the second term and remaining unbeaten through that term. Many of the U16C team players had chance to play at a higher level and really did themselves proud. The toughest matches were those the boys enjoyed the most, two tight wins against PBHS were both highlights. We are looking forward to seeing their development at senior level.

Regular players:

C Khumal, J van der Merwe, T Mafunga, P van Rooyen (captain), N Khanye, T Katz, J Nettleton, M Oosthuizen, H Goddard, K de Bruyn, K Basson, S Pedlar, C Machwane, T Kruger, B Botha, J Craig

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 57-14, Northwood 50-0, Hilton 41-0, Affies 12-62, PBHS 19-12, KES 49-7, Glenwood 33-8

Messrs M Kritzing and J McCabe

U16D

The U16D rugby team had a very successful season, losing only one match, against Affies. The highlight of the season was the win against Westville, leading by one point and defending to keep the opposition from scoring in the last five minutes of the game. A tough fought win over Howick A team showed the resilience and determination of the group. Thank you for a memorable season and good luck with your future rugby at College and beyond.

Regular players:

C Dickason, R Harley, Z Hulane, S Maharaj, C Williams, T Foster, D Clark, O Pritchard, W Maartens, D Jursa, N Dube, S Watts, B Cook, K Vogt

Results:

vs Kearsney 50-0, Clifton U16B 45-10, Glenwood 50-7, PBHS 31-14, DHS 43-7, Westville 15-14, Howick U16A 24-22, Michaelhouse 38-14, Northwood 31-0, Affies 0-50, PBHS 21-7, KES 35-5, Glenwood 50-0

Messrs M Kritzing and J McCabe

U16E and U16F

The U16E and F group this year was a motley crew of characters, yet they showed remarkable resolve throughout the season. Often pitted against higher teams, they produced some admirable results, notably clinching a close game against St Charles C team on Goldstone's in a back-and-forth battle. Notable moments include the gritty loss against Affies in which the team showed heart and grim determination, and bouncing back from an early loss to Michaelhouse to beating them in the return match. We commend the players for their willingness to play for the E and F sides at different stages in the season depending on the needs of the group. While on paper the season was a mixed bag, it was encouraging to witness the boys grow as players and more importantly as people.

Regular players:

A Sithole, A Thembela, B Cook, C Pauw, D Gunning D Jursa, E Sobwe, F Khan, J Armstrong, J Padayachee, J Slevin, K Bishop, K Madlala, K Mncwango, L Lotter, L Mabande, M Dyosi, M Somi, M Truter, N Curry, N Gosling, O Hoatson, R Janse van Rensburg, R Mongoato, R Slabberts, S Khumalo, S Mbatha, S Ndlovu, S Simamane, T Joubert, T Lindeque, T Padayachee, U Asmal, Z Msane

Results:

U16E team:

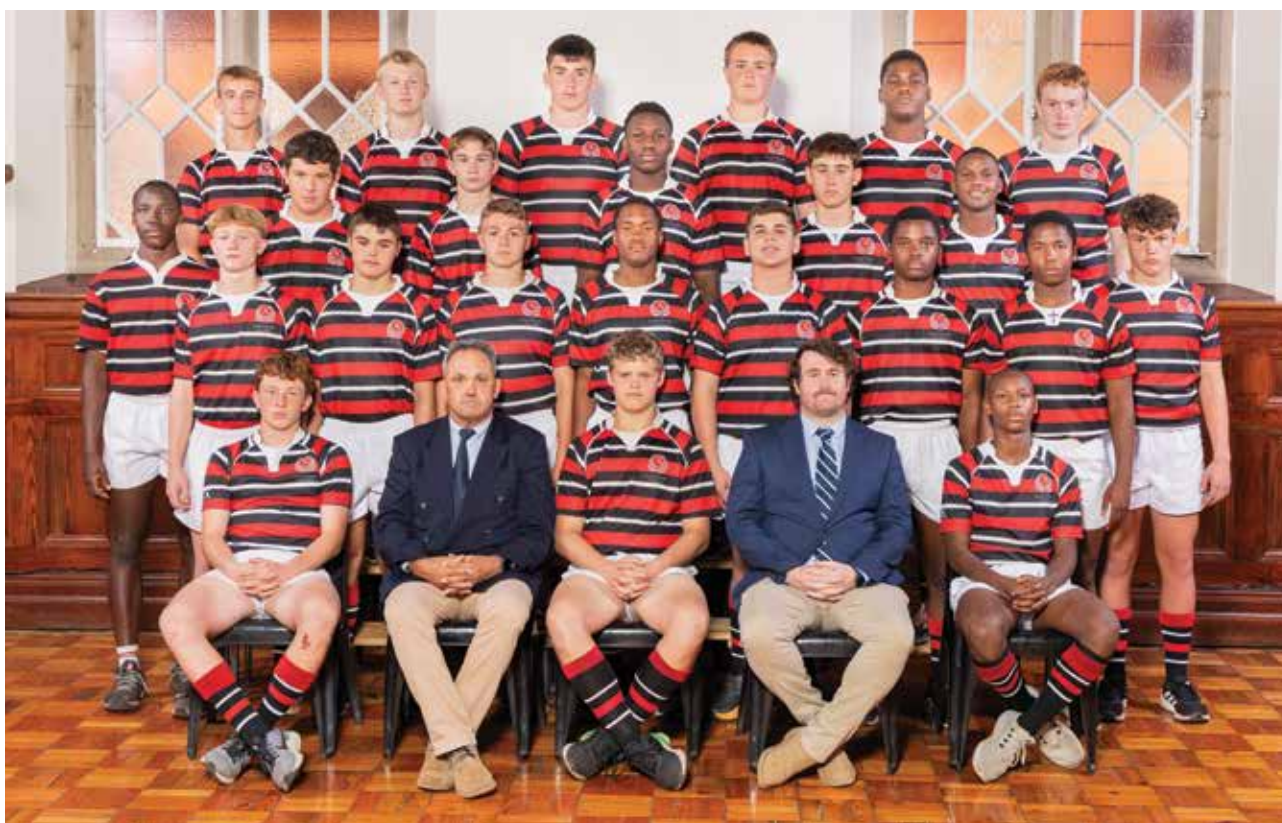
vs Glenwood 43-7, PBHS 21-22, Michaelhouse 14-35, Alex U16A 26 - 33, St Charles U16B/C 26-20, Michaelhouse 33-5, Linpark U16A 5-45, Michaelhouse 45-14, Affies 3-50, PBHS 0-31, Glenwood 31-10

U16F team:

vs Michaelhouse 10-20, Midlands Development 0-47, PBHS 27-22, Michaelhouse 25-26, Midlands Development 12-72, Mpophomeni 0-36

Messrs S Goddard and B Goliath





U15A

Back row: K Lubbe, T Stead, S Jansen, N Breedt, J Mbanzaswi, J Hendriks

Third row: J Shawe, W van Rooyen, M Mogale, L Marcus, S Maphumulo

Second row: L Vyambwera, C Barnard, L van der Merwe, B Dodson, L Sibobi, D Matthee, L Dladla, K Ngantweni, W Todd

First row: B Smith, Mr S Botha, R Badenhorst (captain), Mr S Stopford, B Hadebe

The U15A rugby team had a positive season with many learning opportunities along the way. Although there were ups and downs, the team showed a lot of character through the disappointments of the season and always came back stronger than before. We had the privilege of playing some of the best schools in the country, and when the team is firing, they are equal to those teams. Too often, mental mistakes ruined what could have been an exceptional season results-wise. Of course, the measurement of success on the field is important, but the growth and development of players on and off the field are just as important.

Highlights of the season include our tour to Pretoria to play in the Francois Swart Rugby Festival. This pitted us against three formidable schools from Gauteng. The first was a tough match-up against Helpmekaar Kollege, which ended in a draw thanks to a last-minute try and conversion from the touchline, showing much mental toughness and resilience. The second game was a difficult match against the highly ranked and rated Hoërskool Noordheuwel, where we failed to capitalise on our dominance in the game, eventually losing by a couple of points right near the end. The third game on tour saw us dominate from start to finish against Jeppe High School for Boys. Throughout the season, whenever we had a setback, the bounce-back was always greater, showing massive determination and togetherness.

A three-game stretch after the holiday saw three wins against Glenwood, PBHS and one of the sweetest victories of the year when we beat DHS on Snow's.

The two games at Wildeklaar against Grey College and Paul Roos were memorable for different reasons. Against Grey, we took on the best U15 team in the country and understood the level we want to reach. Against Paul Roos, we dominated most of the game and came close to a memorable win.

Our back-to-back trips to Gauteng were very demanding but rewarding, as we held on and scored a last-minute try to beat PBHS in Pretoria. Against KES, we dominated from the start with a scintillating performance of forward dominance and slick backline skill to overpower a tough team.

I thank the players, and Messrs Botha and Dick for their determination and resilience throughout the season.

Regular players:

R Badenhorst (captain), B Smith (vice-captain), N Breedt, S Jansen, S Maphumulo, L Dladla, L Vyambwera, M Mogale, B Hadebe, L Marcus, W van Rooyen, J Lubbe, L van der Merwe, M Mbanzaswi, D Matthee, T Stead, J-L Hendriks, M Bissett, J Shawe, K Ngantweni, A Mini, C Barnard, L Sibobi, W Todd

Results:

vs Kearsney 0-6, Clifton 56-0, Helpmekaar 17-17, Noordheuwel 8-10, Jeppe 40-7, Glenwood 34-28, PBHS 31-7, DHS 16-11, Westville 21-22, Grey College 7-31, Paul Roos 27-30, Michaelhouse 22-18, Northwood 13-20, Hilton 31-6, Affies 13-49, PBHS 17-15, KES 33-7, Glenwood 23-14

Messrs S Stopford, S Botha and M Dick



T Boshoff flies in for five points in the U16A game at KES.



U15B

The U15B rugby team had a successful season and showed much growth and mental toughness throughout the year. A team that stuck together throughout the season, the positive attitudes shone through at practices and carried over to game day. Always ready to put their bodies on the line, it was a great pleasure to coach this group of boys. Many of the boys had opportunities to go on tour with the U15A team, playing against some of the top rugby schools in the country. The boys were always keen to improve as rugby players and young men. Many C team players got a chance and also made a difference and became regular players in the side.

The boys lost only one match in the 13-game season, a real success, yet it was not just about dominant performances. Often in the season, the team was challenged and came back from difficult positions to win some scintillating matches. The team was led by performances from D Volans, M Bissett, C Barnard and B Hadebe.

Some highlights include a last-minute try and conversion to beat DHS 25 - 24 at College, showing much resilience and a never-say-die attitude. A clinical display on Reunion Day against Michaelhouse was also a highlight. The forwards dominated up front and were able to unleash the backs to score some classy tries. The boys finished off an impressive season with a satisfying win over a very formidable and well-matched Glenwood side.

Regular players:

D Volans (captain), M Bissett, C Barnard, W Todd, M Muggleton, A Mini, T Mupfumi, B Dodson, J Shawe, D Dry, J Burger, J Lubbe, K Ngantweni, M Meyer, M Mdhluli, PG Fransman, P Ndaba, S Phungula, U Khan, T van Staden, T Speirs, W van Rooyen

Results:

vs Kearsney 31-15, Howick U15A 55-5, Glenwood 17-15, PBHS 35-7, DHS 25-24, Westville 25-12, Michaelhouse 27-7, Northwood 12-12, Hilton 40-0, Affies 3-50, PBHS 20-15, KES 31-7, Glenwood 27-14

Messrs S Stopford, S Botha and M Dick

U15C

The 2024 rugby season was a time of growth for the U15C team, who showed a clear love for the game and a strong desire to learn. The boys consistently aimed to improve, focusing on ball skills and fitness to ensure a strong finish. They embraced new rule changes, adapted quickly, and prioritised their rucking technique, which was crucial for ball possession. Tough matches tested their grit, while easier ones allowed them to refine their discipline. The backline's structure and the players' eagerness to explore different positions were key strengths.

The U15D players who stepped up to support the team made significant impacts, with several earning spots in the starting line-up. Notable players include flank and captain, M Muggleton, who led by example, and versatile players R Quin and J Dunne, whose precise passing and kicking were vital. Fullback N Mohlaoli's fearless defence under the high ball was commendable.

The team won 12 of 14 matches, with a memorable victory against Northwood on their home ground during their Reunion Day, displaying character and growth. The U15C team demonstrated true sportsmanship and a deep understanding of the game, setting a strong foundation for their future in rugby.

Regular players:

M Muggleton (captain), S Phungula, D Lewis, U Khan, K van Aswegen, T van Staden, S Sutherland, R Quin, S Mtetwa, J Dunne, T Spiers, S Myeza, P Fransman, K Mthembu, N Mohlaoli, M Mdhluli, B Tyali, Z Rumbu, J Baptista, J Burger, L Marcus, M Meyer, P Ndaba, B Dodson, A Mini, L Horner, A Haasbroek, T Bolton, T Mupfumi

Results:

vs Kearsney 43-7, Clifton U15B 67-12, Glenwood 8-5, PBHS 36-15, DHS 46-0, Westville 68-7, St Charles 82-3, Michaelhouse 43-5, Northwood 14-7, Hilton 52-0, Affies 7-57, PBHS 26-12, KES 0-10, Glenwood 31-20

Mr S Bosch

U15D

The U15D had another outstanding season in which they kept their reputation as arguably one of the most enjoyable teams to play for at College. This team was made up of boys who know the rules and love the game. We suffered only three defeats in a 14-game season. Some special matches included beating Curro Hillcrest U15A, beating Glenwood in the rain, and finally wrestling a win after trailing at halftime against the same Glenwood side in the return fixture. We played a structured game which focused on accurate kicking out of hand and well-versed set-plays, with our Goldstone's lineout move probably being the pick of the lot.

Regular players:

H Kyle, M Jansen, Y Moodley, L Powell, A Haasbroek, K de Bruyn, J Makepeace, J Baptista, T Bolton, D Fish, E van Aswegen, E Gould, V Ndaba, O Gengan, L Venter, C Stewart, E Balmer, L Horner, S Mtetwa, U Khan

Results:

vs Kearsney 50-0, St Charles U15B/C 31-21, Glenwood 45-0, PBHS 20-6, DHS 39-7, Westville 40-5, Howick U15A 48-0, Michaelhouse 21-7, Northwood 14-5, Curro Hillcrest U15A 36-21, Affies 5-55, PBHS 0-27, KES 5-7, Glenwood 12-8

Mr C Myburgh

U15E

The U15E rugby team had an up and down season. Win or lose though, the team showed true College grit and never gave up until the very end. Our most convincing wins were against Westville, Hilton and Glenwood. At times the team struggled with consistency, losing some boys to the U15D team, and losing others to injury. Our most capped player for the season was J White, earning 11 caps, closely followed by S Msibi with 10 caps. We thank Messrs Fourie, McCabe and Mfingwana for all their help and support throughout the season.

Regular players:

J White, S Msibi, N Ashton, F Starling, M Rawson, S Xolo, A Mbatha, M Mqadi, B Mshengu, D Bornman, J Planteau de Maroussem, B Makhaye, L Gamede, E Bhengu, W Khumalo, O Ndlovu, H Bircher, M Gumede, S Mhlongo, L Kubheka, T Haviside, L Makhoba, T Bolton, D Fish, N Sithole, E Balmer

Results:

vs Northwood 10-55, Glenwood 15-0, PBHS 19-5, Westville 50-0, Michaelhouse 0-12, Northwood 0-40, Hilton 54-0, Affies 3-50, PBHS 27-31, KES 14-39, Glenwood 50-0

Mr J Tyler

U15F

The U15F rugby team struggled this season. There was a distinct lack of continuity due to the massive number of boys wanting to play but with fixtures for an F team being difficult enough to organise, a G team was out of the question. The squad system was embraced by all, and we were lucky enough to pull off wins against PBHS and Michaelhouse twice and held our own against higher teams when playing on a stagger. On the player front the list is lengthy, but the following boys deserve and honourable mention: J Culverwell for his 10 caps, closely followed by L Phakathi and A Ngubane for their nine caps each. We thank Messrs Fourie, McCabe and Mfingwana for all their help and support throughout the season.

Regular players:

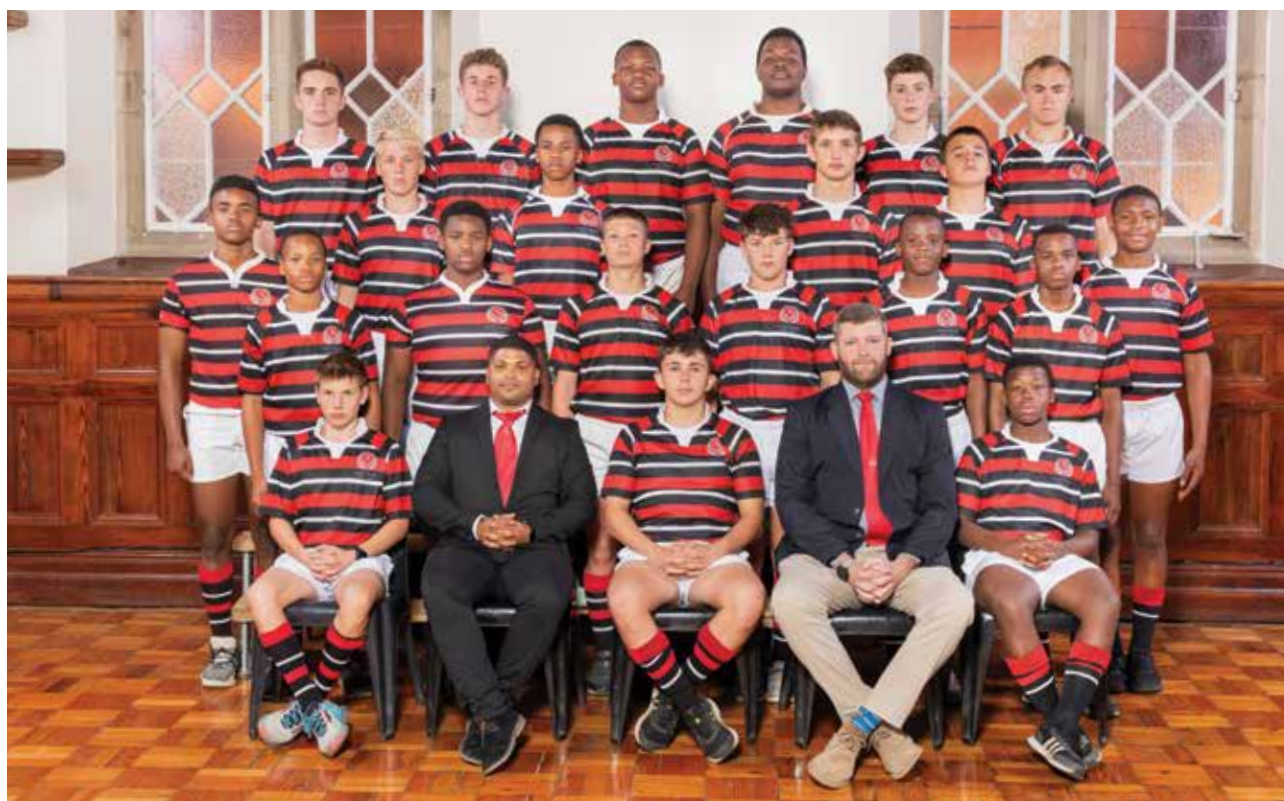
H Ndandwa, S Robertson, T Haviside, A Mkhize, Z Ndlovu, O Ndlovu, N Sithole, J Planteau de Maroussem, B Makhaye, M Volans, S Hlophe, V Nkwanyana, A Ngcobo, O Zondi, W Khumalo, G Ngcobo, A Ngcobo, M Gcumisa, G Adjei, L Kubheka, R Schoeman, R Boshoff, S Mhlongo, S Xolo, B Mshengu, M Rawson, E Bhengu, F Starling, N Mthembu, L Gamede, A Phakathi

Results:

vs Northwood 12-17, Linpark U15A 12-54, PBHS 34-21, Northwood 10-32, Ashton 10-38, Michaelhouse 25-0, Northwood 0-19, Michaelhouse 45-0, Affies 0-50, PBHS 12-43

Mr J Tyler





U14A

Back row: C Cohen, C Linley, S Msibi, K Pita, D Swanepoel, E Carter

Third row: J Lindeque, A Shandu, L Bezuidenhout, L Keppler

Second row: B Mkhize, N Mthabela, S Buthelezi, A Linde, K Bayliss-Lane, S Kunene, K Nkwanyana, L Mfekayi

Front row: C Barnard (vice-captain), Mr M Morolong, J Badenhorst (captain), Mr W du Plessis, P Jombile

The U14A rugby team enjoyed a successful season with a playing record of 18 matches with nine wins and nine losses. The team was captained by J Badenhorst who played as a utility player and ended the season as hooker. The vice-captain was C Barnard who played scrumhalf for the season.

After preseason and trials, the boys were ready to take the field against a strong Kearsney outfit. Although we saw many positives in that games the scoreline did not favour us. It will again prove that the strength of the forward pack will make it difficult for many opposition teams.

A highlight of the season must be the victory over King Edward VII School (KES) in Johannesburg, as KES was ranked a top 5 team in the country, and it was our second exchange in consecutive weeks. Another highlight for the boys was attending the prestigious Wildeklaar Festival where they had the opportunity to play against the top rugby schools in the country. This experience led to College showing some dominant victories over Hilton, Glenwood, KES and St Charles. The results at the end of the season have shown just how much these young men have grown as a team.

Regular players:

J Badenhorst (captain), S Msibi, S Buthelezi, K Pita, B Mkhize, P Jombile, L Keppler, C Linley, E Carter, C Barnard, J Lindeque, N Mthabela, L Mfekayi, S Kunene, C Cohen, K Nkwanyana, N Folscher, K Baylis-Laine, L Bezuidenhout

Results:

vs Kearsney 10-35, Clifton 14-12, Zwartkop 19-14, EG Jansen 33-24, St Charles 21-19, Glenwood 12-8, PBHS 7-14, DHS 7-33, Westville 7-23, Grey 0-41, Paul Roos 17-43, Michaelhouse 12-7, Northwood, 19-21, Hilton 19-15, Affies 10-12, PBHS 7-14, KES, 14-10, Glenwood 17-12

Messrs W du Plessis, M Morolong and C Luman

U14B

It was a privilege to coach the College U14B team in 2024. Although there were some disappointing results along the way, the team showed a lot of improvement, and their hard work and dedication paid off with some good results as the season unfolded.

A definite highlight was turning a 17-point deficit against PBHS at the start of the season to win by 40 points on the return fixture in Pretoria. I want to thank all the players the way they played and for what turned out to be a thoroughly enjoyable season. I believe that as these players grow and continue to work hard, they will develop into fine players in the future. I would like to also thank the parents for their support during the season.

Regular players:

A Linde (captain), A Tonny, A Shandu, B Brigg, C van der Merwe, C Cohen, D Matunda, E Maduna, E Hanekom, J Fourie, J Moore, J Lindeque, K Nkwanyana, L Keppler, N Folscher, N Mthabela, N Machwane, O Hlophe, Q Kosani, R Berner, R Francis, Z Apostolides, Z Vava

Results:

vs Kearsney 14-17, Midlands Development 48-0, Glenwood 7-21, PBHS 17-34, DHS 3-27, Westville 7-21, Michaelhouse 33-14, Northwood 29-7, Hilton 53-12, Affies 3-52, PBHS 51-10, KES 12-31, Glenwood 14-21

Mr R Kyle



U14C

The U14C rugby team exhibited exceptional determination and progress throughout the season, securing 11 wins out of 14 matches. Their journey was marked by a sense of camaraderie and teamwork, which played a significant role in their success. The team's highlights include victories against opponents like Glenwood, PBHS and KES. Despite facing tough challenges in their losses to Westville, Affies and PBHS, the U14C team displayed resilience and growth with each game. Under the leadership of captain L Bishop, this season's results reflect their hard work, making the U14C team a promising squad for the future.

Regular players:

L Bishop (captain), A Ash, M Barnardo, E Bhengu, J Don-Wauchope, S Dubazana, E Lange, K Dlamini, S Khumalo, A Magutshwa, D Matundu, Z Myeni, S Ndlovu, H Storm, F Venniker, F Zwane

Results:

vs Kearsney 15-10, Howick U14A 19-5, Glenwood 15-0, PBHS 26-5, DHS 19-12, Westville 12-14, St Charles U14B 50-0, Michaelhouse 50-0, Northwood 50-0, Hilton 50-0, Affies 7-36, PBHS 15-19, KES 26-5, Glenwood 26-7

Messrs L Smorfitt and W Greyling

U14D

The U14D rugby team demonstrated growth and resilience throughout the season, emerging as a force on the field. With an impressive record of 10 wins out of 14 matches, the team's success was rooted in their camaraderie and teamwork. Key victories against opponents like Kearsney, PBHS and KES highlighted their determination and skill. Although they faced challenges in their losses to teams like Clifton and Affies, the U14D team consistently bounced back, showing their capacity for improvement. Captain J Sparrow led the side with distinction. This season has ensured that the U14D squad not only achieved success but also prepared players for promotion to higher levels.

Regular players:

J Sparrow (captain), C Bowyer, J Chaplin, B Gotte, K Gouws, B Gumede, J Kyle, T Mofokeng, O Murgatroyd, M Ndaba, S Ndlovu, M Nicholson, V Nkomo, C Noordman, S Ntloko, T Stone, U Zweni

Results:

vs Kearsney 50-0, Clifton U14B 19-24, Glenwood 12-0, PBHS 12-0, DHS 24-7, Westville 12-7, Howick U14A 7-12, Michaelhouse 34-21, Northwood 43-0, Curro Hillcrest U14A 7-10, Affies 0-36, PBHS 17-12, KES 24-19, Glenwood 17-10

Messrs L Smorfitt and W Greyling

U14E

The U14E rugby team had an exceptional season, playing 13 matches and securing victory in 12, with their only loss coming against a strong Affies side. Remarkably, most of the players were new to rugby, yet they approached the sport with heart, determination and a clever, adaptive style of play. They quickly found their rhythm, mastering the basics while developing a unique approach characterised by quick thinking and inventive strategies. Each game saw them grow in confidence and skill, with key moments like their first win boosting team morale. The match against Affies, though a loss, was a significant learning experience, displaying their resilience and potential against a seasoned team. Their final game highlighted just how far they had come, playing with cohesion and confidence far beyond their initial expectations.

This team's success was not just in their impressive win-loss record but in the way they bonded and developed as players, laying a strong foundation for future achievements in rugby. Their season was a testament to the power of hard work, teamwork and the relentless pursuit of improvement, making it a memorable and inspiring chapter in their rugby journey.

Regular players:

B Gotte, C Reitz, J Wright, K Ncanana, O Mostert, T Stone, S Ndlovu, R Myburg, C Bowyer, Z Langa, S Ntuli, M Mpho, M Madlala, A Ntombela, U, Zweni, S Maziko, S Zondi, K Clarke, A Kunene, N Ntuli, R Trodd, M Moloi

Results:

vs Northwood 50-0, Glenwood 50-0, PBHS 12-0, DHS 45-5, PBHS 10-0, Westville 19-12, Northwood 27-0, Hilton U14D 56-0, Affies 0-40, PBHS 22-12, KES 21-7, Glenwood 21-12

Messrs J Mazibuko and A Nzimande

U14F

The U14F side played only four games during the season, and they did not have a fixture after the PBHS match in April. The team was absorbed into the U14E team and they played one more game in the third term versus PBHS.

Regular players:

A Ntombela, A Kunene, A de Lange, A Mnguni, A Mpofana, K Ncanana, M Mayekiso, O Mostert, R Trodd, S Maziko, T Mfayela, N Ntuli, N Sibeko, R Myburg, S Ntuli, S Ntloko, T Stone, Z Langa

Results:

vs St Charles U14B/C 5-15, Glenwood 41-5, PBHS 7-8, PBHS 17-21

Messrs J Mazibuko and A Nzimande



The Shouting Captains, N Jackson, M Rubuluza and L Johnstone, arrive in iconic style at Basher Ridge to the rhythmic stomping of the College boys.



Rugby Sevens

U17 Rugby Sevens

Transitioning from a long and gruelling 15-man season into the high-paced demands of Sevens rugby is never easy, physically or mentally. Yet, this group showed immense character, resilience and commitment throughout the short Sevens campaign.

A special tribute is paid to the core group of U16 players who stepped up and represented the team across all three tournaments. Their consistency, toughness and willingness to compete at this level laid the foundation for the team's efforts and growth.

Led by Z Canham, whose leadership both on and off the field set the tone, the team battled against older, more experienced opponents and never backed down. One of the outstanding moments of the season was the triumph at the Glenwood Tournament, where the boys lifted the Plate Trophy. That win was not only a reflection of their skill, but a testament to their grit, heart and refusal to be intimidated.

Regular players:

S Xaba, A Cahill, R Stanton, E Mabanga, D Abrahams, N Jaftha, B Botha, Z Canham (captain), M Harris, O Kosani, L Hadebe, C Cherayi, J Thackwray, C Scheepers, S Mchunu, A Hadebe, W Vyambwera, L Mabanga

Results:

Glenwood tournament:

vs Pinetown 47-0, Northwood 2 43-7, Michaelhouse 5-7, St Charles 17-14 (Plate semi-final), Kearsney 26-19 (Plate final)

DHS tournament:

vs Northwood 2 31-12, HS Pionier 24-12, Michaelhouse 17-15, Northwood 7-14 (Cup quarter-final), Michaelhouse 14-34

Nashua 7s:

College U17A

vs St Charles 7-68, DHS 17-29, Michaelhouse 17-38

College U17B

vs Glenwood 12-19, Westville 5-26, Hilton 29-19

Messrs du Plessis, Kritzing and Stopford

U15 Rugby Sevens

The 2024 Sevens season displayed the grit, determination and talent of the Maritzburg College U15A and U15B teams. Under the leadership of key players and the expert guidance of coaches Messrs J Taljaard and S Botha, the squad delivered impressive performances across multiple tournaments, demonstrating their competitive spirit and deep commitment to the Maritzburg College ethos.

In the Glenwood Sevens Tournament the U15A team displayed skill and resilience throughout the competition. Maritzburg College had a strong showing in the Durban High School 7s Tournament, but missed conversions proved costly and we finished third. In the Nashua 7s Tournament, College continued their competitive streak but fell short in the final.

Despite facing stiff competition, the U15 teams left everything on the field and set a strong foundation for next season. Their efforts will undoubtedly push many players toward higher honours in the years to come, making the Maritzburg College family proud.

Regular players:

U15A: J Mbanzaswi, B Smith, S Jansen, L Dladla, D Volans, R Badenhorst, L Vyambwera, E Carter, N Kwakhanya, B Dodson, J Lubbe, L Sibobi, C Linley, N Folscher, L Mfekayi, P Fransman, J Lindeque, M Hadebe

U15B: C Barnard, N Breedt, S Maphumulo, L Mfekayi, W Todd, J Badenhorst, A Linde, K Mtembu, M Gumede, T Mupfumi, Q Kosani

Results:

Glenwood 7s Tournament:

vs Esikhawini 29-7, Westville 12-12, Westville 28-26 (Plate semi-final), Kearsney 14-22 (Plate final)

Durban High School 7s Tournament:

vs Michaelhouse 21-17, DHS 22-17, Northwood 12-7 (Cup quarter-final), DHS 14-19 (Cup semi-final), Glenwood 20-19 (3rd-place playoff)

Nashua 7s Tournament:

U15A:

vs Michaelhouse 38-19, Glenwood 15-19, Maritzburg College U15B 31-12, Glenwood 26-31 (Final)

U15B:

vs Glenwood 21-29, Maritzburg College U15A 12-31

Messrs J Taljaard and S Botha



RUGBY REFEREES

Back row: H Mdabe, E Bester, K Phungula

Front row: S Kapotwe (captain), Mr M Marwick, A van Wyk

Founded in 1968 by Mr RM 'Ferret' Moll and (now Dr) RD Forde, the Maritzburg College rugby referees' society is proud to boast two international rugby referees amongst its graduates, including Craig Joubert, the ref at the 2011 Rugby World Cup Final in New Zealand. Although an innately modest man, Craig could at the time, had he been so inclined, proudly lay claim to being the no. 1 rugby referee in the world.

In 2024, the society had a busy season, hosting training workshops for its new recruits in February and, in a season with an unusual number of home matches, regularly providing opportunities for its schoolboy members to have a blow. It is notable that, by the end of 2023, only the then Fourth Former E Bester (himself an U16A player) had ever officially blown a match. This position was soon improved upon, and within the first couple of months of 2024 an enthusiastic core of Bester (when available), Sixth Former S Kapotwe and Fifth Formers H Mdabe, K Phungula and A van Wyk had emerged, and had all been blooded.

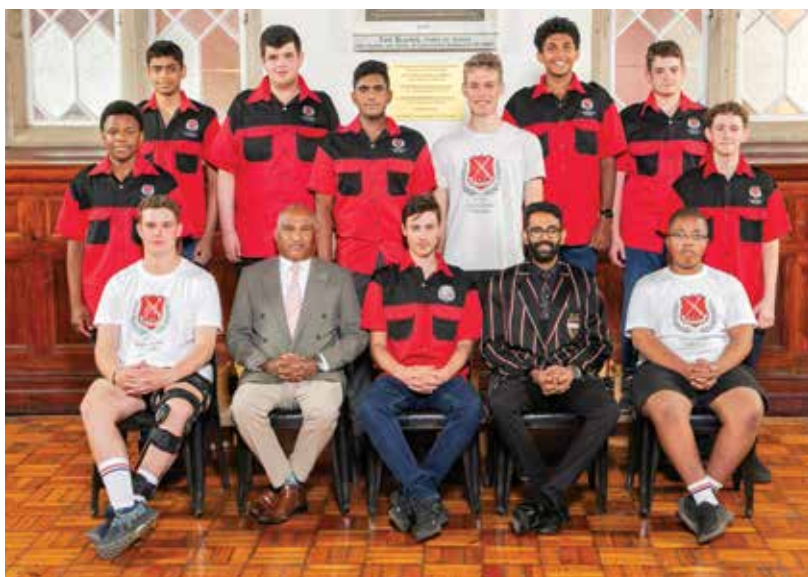
In time, all five boys earned Lapel Badges for their service to rugby, with van Wyk showing immense levels of enthusiasm and commitment by officiating in over 50 matches during the course of the 2024 season. At the 2024 Sport and Culture Prize-giving Ceremony, the Ian Rogers Trophy for the Most Competent Rugby Referee was awarded to Kapotwe and the Craig Joubert Trophy for the Most Improved Rugby Referee to Van Wyk. Both boys were most worthy winners.

The thanks of the school's rugby community go to the boys, not only for their service to the sport, but for bravely being prepared to take up a rewarding but hugely challenging pastime. Also, the sincere thanks of the society go to the senior local referees, including Messrs W Bull, F Pretorius and G Little (OC 1985), for their support and encouragement, especially the first-mentioned, who so freely and willingly gave many hours of his time at the rookie workshops held at College the start of the season.

Mr M Marwick



SHOOTING



Shooting: Seniors

Back row:

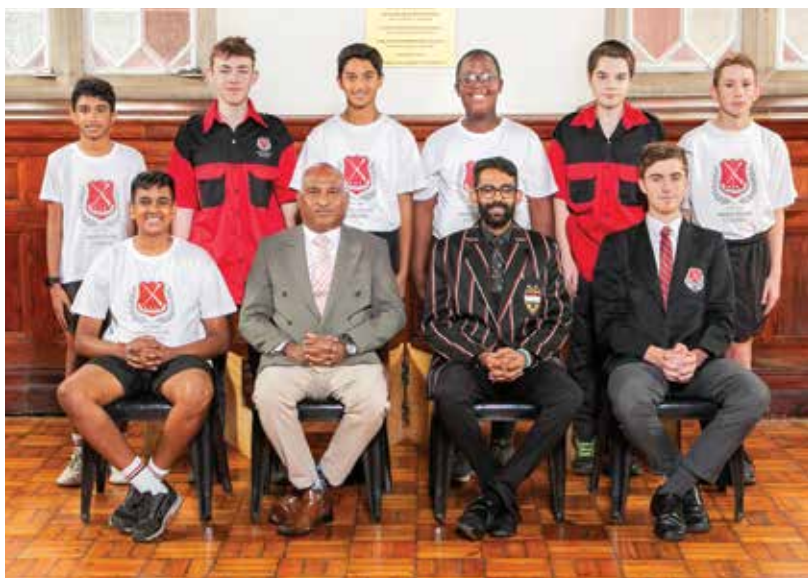
M Naidoo, L Redman, N Naidoo,
W Parker

Middle row:

P Khumalo, D Moodley, S Wiggill,
W van Dyk

Front row:

C Dickason, Mr G Govindasamy,
J Martin, Mr J Naidoo, L Mshudulu



Shooting: Juniors

Back row:

S Raju, E Hunter-Smith, Y Singh, L Mkhize,
K Barnard, T Marwick

Front row:

N Mathapershad, Mr G Govindasamy,
Mr J Naidoo, L Shaw

While 2024 has been a busy year for our boys it is regretted that there was not sufficient competition within the league. There seems to be a very limited number of schools participating in the league competition with our school providing the greatest number of shooters. We were, however, able to participate in seven league competitions as well as the KZN Open Tournament which increased the interest shown by our boys.

It is heartwarming to see the competition at the senior level being spread among a greater number of pupils. The newer seniors are producing some very good scores hence providing some tough competition for the older boys. Well done to these boys who have displayed a very serious attitude to their sport.

J Martin did a splendid job as the captain for 2024. He set the pace both with his scores and his discipline. As captain, he led from the front and ensured that our team displayed the values we stand for at College. Our shottists received school awards and were honoured at the annual Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, all of which are reflected in the relevant sections of this magazine.

A big thank you to Mr Naidoo and Mr Pillay who assisted with the coaching. Mr Naidoo has now taken over as the team coach. His skill and enthusiasm

for the sport has had a positive impact on the team. The boys have taken to his coaching technique and style, and we look forward to an improvement in the scores that they post.

I am indebted to all our parents who make an immense sacrifice to ensure that their sons are supported at our competitions. Our College parents are the biggest group of parents at all competitions and their contributions are thoroughly appreciated. We are looking forward to 2025 as a year of even greater achievements.

Regular players:

Seniors:

C Dickason, P Khumalo, J Martin, D Moodley, L Mshudulu, M Naidoo,
N Naidoo, W Parker, L Redman, W van Dyk, S Wiggill

Juniors:

K Barnard, T Marwick, E Hunter-Smith, N Mathapershad, L Mkhize, S Raju,
L Shaw, Y Singh

Mr G Govindasamy





1st Team

Back row: J Marais, B Middleton, M Qasha, K Mthembu

Third row: O Thabethe, A Nzimande, P Khuzwayo, N Ngcemu, C Sukraj

Second row: A Ngcobo, M Momple, B Parak, W Zondi, T Myeni, Y Maharaj

Front row: Mr N Haswell, L Matshoge (captain), Mr C Petersen, Z Makangela, Mr M Dibben

Absent: AM Ngcobo, S Dzanibe

Overview from the Director

Maritzburg College soccer had an outstanding year, 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.

The U14A team was formidable this year, having played a total of 17 fixtures, winning 16 and with a solitary loss. They scored 86 goals and conceded just 11 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 strongly, winning the Raw Cup against DHS and the KZN U19 Knockout Cowie Cup against Port Shepstone. They are also currently ranked number three in South Africa by SA Schools Sports.

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.

Provincial selection:

KZN U19: C Sukraj, L Matshoge, M Momple, P Khuzwayo, B Middleton, Z Makangela, M Qasha

KZN U16: N Ngcemu, A Makhaye, A Mkhize, M Moodley, Mr N Haswell (coach), Mr M Dibben (co-ordinator)

KZN U15: E Mchunu, S Msomi, S Magutshwa

KZN U14: K Minnie, R Heslop, K Sukraj, A Duma, O Makhathini

KZN Tour Goalkeeper Coach: Mr C Garaba

Mr N Haswell

1st Team

It was always going to be a tall order for the team of 2024 to live up to the expectations and standards set for them by the all-conquering team of 2023 that claimed an unprecedented treble. Initially, it appeared that the weight of these achievements would be a hindrance to this year's team, but as the season progressed, the players grew in confidence and produced some impressive tournament progressions and were successful in re-claiming both the Raw Cup and Cowie Cup to conclude an excellent season.

Our defence of the 2nd Term League title started with an enthralling draw versus Ixopo High. The team then went on a five-game winning run to qualify for the league final, which they unfortunately lost to a well-drilled Carter High 1st team.

The June tour to Kimberley for the Wildeklaar Tournament was eagerly anticipated by the boys and this year the team produced some excellent performances and managed to progress to the semi-final stage. The schools participating and the outstanding facilities at Sol Plaatje University make this tournament one of the toughest yet most enjoyable experiences for our boys.

After another strong showing at the Kloof Tournament this season, we progressed to the semi-final stage. The team won five consecutive games, before bowing out in the semis versus Louis Botha on penalties.

The team embarked on the defence of their title in the Primo Big 10 Tournament at the excellent soccer facilities at Hilton College. Again, the team progressed to the semi-final stage after some good victories versus Clifton, St Charles and Westville.

The Jody Momple FA Cup was another tournament in which we were hoping to defend the trophy we won for the first time in 2023. Two good wins in the group stages were undone by a loss to Edendale Technical High School in the quarter-final.

The team produced some good performances in the 3rd term, most notably prevailing against Carter and Westville. A highlight is always our

fixture against Durban High School, in which the two schools play for the Raw Cup, a trophy that has been hard fought over between the two big KZN boys' schools since 1889. This year the watching teams and spectators were treated to a magnificent match, which ended in a draw, yet our boys then managed to reclaim the coveted trophy on penalties.

Thirty-two schools from across KZN participated in the prestigious Cowie Knockout Cup Tournament, which takes place throughout the soccer season. The team was determined to win the title this year and produced five wins versus Glenwood, Kloof, Carter, Westville and most importantly, a dominant win versus Port Shepstone in the final, which was played on our hallowed Barns Field, and screened live on SuperSport to end the season on a positive note.

The 2024 soccer season was a successful one for Maritzburg College. The team produced some exciting and courageous performances and were unlucky not to win more silverware for their efforts. Some good tournament showings and victories both in the Raw and Cowie Cups meant the team finished the year ranked third in the SA School Sports rankings. I particularly thank our MIC, Mr M Dibben, whose experience remains unmatched for his constant efforts behind the scenes, and the teams' head coach, Mr C Petersen, whose tireless efforts and exceptional training sessions created a professional atmosphere and environment in which the players could thrive.



A Ngcobo getting the ball under control.

Player Critique:

L Matshoge (captain, Honours): An exceptional player and rock-solid defender who always led the team by example. He was the team's most committed player of the season and was selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

P Khuzwayo (Honours): The team's player of the season. He has represented the 1st XI since his Third Form year at College. The general of the midfield, his assists and goals were crucial to the team's success. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

B Middleton (Honours): The team's most improved player of the season. His consistency down the left side, both in attack and on defence were vital to the team. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

Z Makangela (Honours): One of the team's most important players. His speed and stamina caused havoc for our opponents throughout the season. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

O Thabethe (Honours): A highly capable goalkeeper whose distribution sets him apart. He produced excellent performances for the team throughout the season.

J Marais (Large White Badge): An ever-present threat in front of goal, he scored numerous crucial goals for the team. A true team player.

K Mthembu (Large White Badge): A versatile and strong player who always gave his best when required to do so.

A Ngcobo (Large White Badge): An immensely powerful attacking player whose physicality proved very valuable to the team.

M Mncwabe (Large White Badge): A no-nonsense defender whose uncompromising approach gave the team a cutting edge throughout the season.

A Ngcobo (Large White Badge): A hard-working midfielder whose commitment and enthusiasm for the sport added immense value to the team.

A Nzimande (Large White Badge): A committed ball-playing defender who has an eye for a pass.

M Qasha (Honours): The team's highly dependable goal scorer who led the attack and regularly appeared on the score sheet. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

C Sukraj (Honours): An exceptional performer for the team, his saves were crucial and his abilities in penalty shoot-outs vital to the team's successes. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

M Momple (Honours): The team's creator-in-chief, he possesses an extraordinary passing range. His assists and goals proved invaluable to the team. Selected both for the PMB and KZN U19 teams.

T Myeni (Large White Badge): A holding midfielder who starts many of the team's attacking plays. He has excellent creativity and passing ability.

W Zondi (Large White Badge): He was the team's workhorse in the midfield, and a tireless runner in disrupting the opponent's attack.

B Parak (Large White Badge): An uncompromising defender who always gave his all for the team.

Results:

2nd Term KZNHSFA League:

vs Ixopo 2-2, Newton 5-0, Haythorne 3-0, Maritzburg College 2nd 6-1, Alex 3-1, Linpark 2-0, Carter 0-1, Carter (final) 0-1

Wildeklaar Tournament in Kimberley:

vs Northwood 2-1, Blinkklip High 2-1, Clapham High 0-0, Emmang Mmogo Comprehensive (quarter-final) 0-0 (5-4 on penalties), Clapham High (semi-final) 2-3

Kloof Tournament:

vs Ashton 10-0, Richem Secondary 5-0, Ferrum High 3-0, Kloof 3-0, Glenwood 2-2 (3-2 on penalties), Louis Botha 2-2 (3-4 on penalties), Virginia 1-2

Primo Big 10:

vs Glenwood 1-2, Clifton 3-1, St Charles 2-0, Westville 2-1 (quarter-final), Glenwood 1-2 (semi-final)

Jody Momple FA Cup:

vs Treverton 8-0, Umvuso Secondary 2-0, Edendale Tech 0-1 (quarter-final)

3rd Term Fixtures:

vs Alex 1-4, Carter 2-1, Clifton 4-1, Westville 2-1, DHS (Raw Cup) 4-4 (4-2 on penalties), St Charles 2-3

Cowie Knockout Cup:

vs Glenwood 3-0, Kloof 4-0, Carter 2-2 (4-2 on penalties), Westville 1-0 (semi-final), Port Shepstone 2-0 (final)

Mr N Haswell



2nd Team

The 2nd soccer team played beautiful football but had a very challenging season. However, the boys enjoyed themselves, especially in the 1st team league, where we played against all the 1st teams. Most of the players were committed and had great energy which made them keen to come to practice and play all matches. Their understanding of the game was an advantage to the chemistry of the team. The atmosphere was very good, and we had a couple of players who would encourage the rest of the team in difficult times. All of this was due to the love and dedication of the game and the badge.

Our record reflects that we played sixteen games, winning five, losing nine and drawing two. Much potential and growth was achieved when some of the boys from U15 and U16 were called to represent the 2nd team, and did well by pushing other players to work extra hard. It was a pleasure working with these individuals. I wish them well on their journey as footballers at College. May they keep the composure and maturity they have adopted and take it to greater heights. I would like to note our gratitude to Mr Haswell, our director of soccer.

Regular players:

S Ngcobo, O Radebe, A Lewis, Sa Msomi, Si Msomi, LN Mkhize, L Mkhize, F Thabethe, L Mgojo, K Jenkins, A Songca, S Zungu, L Motha, S Mngithi, H Mdabe, H Maluleke, B Makhoba, O Ndaba

Results:

vs Linpark 2-1, Alex 1-2, Newton 1-1, College 1st 1-6, Ixopo 1-2, Carter 0-3, Haythorne 3-1, ML Sultan 1st 0-1, Carter 2-4, Etham 3-1, Clifton 2-0, Howick 1-2, Westville 1-2, Hilton 0-1, DHS 2-0, St Charles 1-1

Mr K Zakwe

3rd Team

Our season was turbulent, with many bumps along the way to our final game against St Charles. Being a new year with new faces, the season kicked off with introductions and expectations from the season before. Having an unbeaten season the previous year, our expectations were sky high for the team to succeed but unfortunately, we did not meet our

desired outcomes from the work the team had put in and the camaraderie the team had formed. The team was a joy to coach and was very committed to the sport and to the team.

Our season began slowly with a narrow loss against Westville. Winning the next game against Hilton was a wonderful turn around and boosted team morale. Unfortunately, riding off the high did not happen and a period of back-to-back losses to DHS and St Charles ensued. This summed up our season and brought an end to the time spent with the boys which was pleasant and enjoyable to coach and watch. My thanks to R Bernstein for captaining the team for the season and helping gel with the boys.

Regular players:

R Bernstein (captain), L Dlamini, T Motaung, F Jozi, A Msimang, B Dlamini, N Ngcobo, A Ntangi, M Dlomo, T Mhlongo, A Mthembu, S Mpanza, Z Ndlovu, O Ntombela, M Khumalo, M Thabethe, R van der Vliet, Z Moses, H Maluleke

Results:

vs Westville 1-2, Hilton 2-1, DHS 0-1, St Charles 0-2

Mr M Siwila

4th Team

The excitement within the team of representing their school provided the enthusiasm to get the players to give of their best against formidable opposition. The boys enjoyed playing together and set an acceptable standard. My goal as coach was to teach new skills and to improve overall the standard of play. The captain, J Samuel, always led by example. It was pleasing to note that in all our games, we fought until the end and finished the season unbeaten.

Regular players:

J Samuel (captain), W Beauclerk, O Da Costa, C Ferraz, J Foster, T Fulton, C Goslett, J Knoetze, M Knoetze, J Konigkramer, B Madikizela, B Maphisa, R McKean, J Nelson, J Slevin, K Wichmann

Results:

vs Westville 4-1, Hilton 1-0, St Charles 6-3

Mr H Ntenezi



C Sukraj



M Momphe



U16A

Back row: T Baker, A Ndlela, M Moodley, R Mustard

Third row: T Maduna, M van Amsterdam, M Chetty, T Katz, N Ngcemu

Second row: T Chikowero, S Ngcobo, J Pay, A Makhaye, A Msebe, P Ketsi

Front row: T Lekhobo, T Qhobosheane (captain), Mr J Wilcock, A Mkhize, L Ndwane

The excitement that comes with a new season is met by hard work and dedication from the boys. This group of young men have been together for three years and understand each other quite well and this helps with the overall development and growth of everyone in the team.

The team took part in the B division of the PMB 2nd term league against first teams from schools around Pietermaritzburg. It was a challenge the boys were willing to embrace and rise to the occasion, which showed when they won the first game of the season against a strong ML Sultan 1st team. A run of tough games against strong opposition put the team under severe pressure. Unfortunately, the three game winning streak at the back end of the season was not enough to give them a berth in the finals. However, a respectable fourth place is something of which the team can be proud.

The regular season was a memorable one as the team put up some outstanding results against the prominent boys' schools in the province. A total of eight boys represented the PMB District at KZN trials and three were selected for KZN U16. A few players had an outstanding season, namely N Ngcemu and T Maduna, scoring 14 and 7 goals respectively. A Makhaye and A Mkhize were the main creators with both assisting six goals each. It has been a pleasure to work with this group. I am certain that they will be involved in the 1st team in the years to come and I wish them all the best in their journey.

Regular players:

T Qhobosheane (captain), N Ngcemu, T Maduna, A Makhaye, A Mkhize, A Ndlela, A Msebe, P Khetsi, T Katz, M Chetty, M van Amsterdam, T Baker, R Mustard, T Chikowero, L Ndwane, M Moodley, S Ngcobo, J Pay

Results:

vs ML Sultan 1st 2-1, Northbury 1st 0-2, Edendale Tech 1st 0-1, Heritage Academy 1st 1-1, Riverwood College 1st 3-2, Alex 2-1, Thornhill College 1st 3-0, Alex 3-1, Carter 6-0, Rossburgh 3-2, Westville 3-3, Clifton 2-0, Westville 1-0, Hilton 0-0, DHS 0-3, St Charles 3-0

Mr J Wilcock

U16B

The U16B soccer team had an impressive season, playing four matches with a record of three wins and one loss. Over the past three years, I have witnessed this team's dedication and growth, reflected in their excellent training and development. Their strong team spirit and great sportsmanship have been evident throughout the season, contributing to their success on the field. In an outstanding match against St Charles, the team faced a challenge as their opponents scored twice in the first 15 minutes. Despite this, our players responded with remarkable determination, equalising before halftime. Their perseverance and tactical adjustments paid off, as they dominated the second half and secured a decisive victory.

The team was admirably led by our top goal scorer, G Kgomo, whose skill and leadership have been pivotal in securing victories. Each player's commitment and collaborative effort have been central to the team's achievements. The unity and determination displayed by the players make me very proud of their performance this season. Their hard work and enthusiasm continue to set a high standard and demonstrate the positive impact of teamwork and perseverance.

Regular players:

G Kgomo (captain), S Zondi, SM Mchunu, T Caluza, E Sobwe, S Watts, S Mkhize, S Tshabalala, K Mchunu, K Teletsane, Z Tabedze, P van Rooyen, B Jean-Louis, L Mabande, L Lewis, S Kau, A Lembethe, S Venniker

Results:

vs Westville 0-1, Hilton 2-0, DHS 4-0, St Charles 5-3

Mr M Ngcobo



U16C

The U16C soccer team was a remarkably strong group this year, with depth in each position and many players who could easily have run on for the B side. The season began with a gutsy performance against Westville, getting the better of our strongest rivals in a thrilling match. H Hackland was denied his hat-trick only by the woodwork, with K Mchunu on the scoresheet thanks to a superb long-range effort. The early season high was dampened somewhat by a stalemate against Hilton, and morale was aggravated the following week in a frustrating late loss (in an unusually long match) at DHS. Much to the chagrin of all involved, the season ended in a defeat at St Charles, in which sloppy defending and an own goal cost us on the day. Despite the mixed bag of results, the team showed immense potential and were a pleasure to coach. Many of the boys improved their form greatly over the short span of four weeks, notably C Machwane, who netted goals in consecutive games. S Khoza and M Madzimore's hard work on the wings was indispensable, and Y Aheer led the team with composure and maturity. I commend the boys for their commitment and wish them the best as they progress to the opens.

Regular players:

Y Aheer (captain), K Chetty, T Pillay, P Ngobese, A Hadebe, O Zuma, M Dyosi, K Shezi, P Gumede, B Mhlanzi, M Madzimore, S Khoza, L Mackay-Leslie, H Hackland, C Machwane

Results:

vs Westville 4-3, Hilton 0-0, DHS 1-2, St Charles 3-4

Mr S Goddard

U16D

The U16D soccer side comprised a group of highly enthusiastic players who worked exceptionally hard during a short season. Dealing with many weekly rotations in the team and not having a recognised goalkeeper, the team had to put in extra effort to fill the gaps. A tough loss to Westville in their first game of the season was enough to ignite the College fire in the team and they improved on their performances week on week, which eventually culminated in a resounding victory over St Charles in their last game of the season. These young men can be proud of their efforts and their fortitude which exuded the College spirit of never giving up.

Regular players:

R Gadzikwa, A Hukum, S Hlophe, B Khumalo, F Khan, J Theeralingam, V Ndlovu, A Ngcobo, S Simamane, T Mafunga, J Nettleton, C Khumalo, S Mbatha, M Myaka, J Armstrong, S Matshisa, O Khuboni, K Mgwengwe

Results:

vs Westville 0-4, Hilton 3-4, DHS 1-2, St Charles 6-2

Mr A Greyling



U15A

Back row: S Ndlovu, C Balkisson

Third row: S Msomi, M Manyathi, A Mlaba, K Gregory, Z Duma

Second row: J Jingela, U Zuma, N Phungula, S September, S Hloba, L Mbewu

Front row: Y Maharaj, Mr N Haswell, E Mchunu (captain), Mr A Mthlane, S Magutshwa

Every second of my time with this team was enjoyable. The players perseverance and attitude kept them in the game most of the time and this showed in the four games the boys played. With the captain, Mchunu, leading from the front in matches and training sessions, the team was thoughtfully managed.

With the season ending, much effort had been put into the training and games every week. I think the boys have matured immensely and continued to do so through the year. They showed great courage and fight and for that I applaud them. I wish them the best for the rest of their soccer careers.

Regular players:

E Mchunu (captain), A Mlaba, S Hloba, S Msomi, S Ndlovu, C Balkisson, S September, J Jingela, S Magutshwa, Z Duma, Y Maharaj, N Phungula, K Gregory, U Zuma, M Manyathi

Results:

vs Westville 0-1, Hilton 1-1, DHS 2-4, St Charles 0-1

Mr A Mthlane



U15B

The U15B soccer team had an eventful season, displaying growth, teamwork and determination throughout the campaign. Despite a few ups and downs, the team demonstrated significant progress and potential. There were strong individual performances and a growing tactical understanding. With further development in finishing and defensive cohesion, the team has great potential for the next season. This season laid a solid foundation for future success, and the players' hard work and commitment are commendable.

The midfield unit consistently controlled possession, contributing both defensively and offensively. The players improved their co-ordination, leading to fluid play and well-executed team strategies. While the team created plenty of chances, finishing was inconsistent, leading to several missed opportunities.

Regular players:

N Saville, L Venter, S Chili, J Moodley, J Naidoo, E Naidoo, T Marimuthu, N Mahlaoli, L Shelembe, M Gcumisa, L Shabangu, A Ndadane

Results:

vs Westville 5-7, Howick U15A 0-0, DHS 1-0, St Charles 3-1

Messrs M Dibben, N Haswell, A Budhoo

U15C

The team was highly motivated and dedicated, consistently demonstrating a strong work ethic and a commitment to continuous improvement. The players exhibited excellent sportsmanship and effective collaboration, displaying impressive teamwork throughout their performances. Notably, M Khumalo delivered an outstanding performance scoring three goals in

four games. The team benefited from the leadership of an exceptional captain, B Zakwe, whose guidance has been instrumental in their success.

Regular players:

B Zakwe (captain), L Xaba, B Mnguni, S Msibi, S Ntsika, O Ndlovu, L Khumalo, M Khumalo, K Peter, KP de Bruyn, G Liam, A Ngubane, B Govender, O Zondi

Results:

vs Hilton 1-1, Westville 3 -3, DHS 2-1, St Charles 1-5

Mr S Soorju

U15D

The U15D team had a poor start to the season with a loss against Westville. The team was trying to find its feet and the chemistry that they would need for the season. The most commendable performance of the season was a loss on the road to DHS. Our goalkeeper, Y Hoolasi, found his confidence and played his heart out. The first win of the season came against St Charles when the team found their confidence on and off the ball. They did not give St Charles a moment's rest with relentless attacks and masterful defensive tactics, switching to a formidable 4-4-2 formation against them.

Regular players:

M Mqadi, V Nkwanyana, S Mahaye, T Motsoeneng, S Gabuza, S Zama, N Mathapershad, J Sewlall, B Makhaye, L Phakathi, S Glover, Y Hoolasi, S Ince

Results:

vs Westville 0-2, Hilton 0-4, DHS 1-3, St Charles 7-2

Mr K Mthembu



U14A

Back row: Z Cassim, S Gumbi, P Wilson, S Kunene

Third row: Q Mbanjwa, K Sukraj, A Sibisi, M Modi

Second row: A Anderson, K Tshabalala, S Biyela, T Addison, M Tenza, A Mchunu

Front row: O Makhathini, K Minnie (captain), Mr C Garaba, R Heslop, A Duma

This proved to be a marvellous, memorable season. This is a group of talented boys who were committed, dedicated, enthusiastic and eager to learn. The players aspired to doing the best for the team, not being the best on the team. A group of boys from different cultural backgrounds became a family.

The boys set goals and objectives for the season, creating a team culture with values, attitudes and beliefs that helped us to work together, committing to doing things right both on and off the field. It was a happy environment with goal setting that improved performance, influenced motivation, and helped players reach their full potential. It helped them to



focus on what was important and gave them a sense of control and positive self-direction, gaining confidence and the belief in their ability to succeed.

The highlight of the season was seeing how they improved in terms of the five-corner model for player development and performance and grew as individuals. The team went on a 15-match unbeaten run, scoring 86 goals and conceding 11. It was a proud moment when two of the U14A players, K Minnie and A Duma, were named captain for each of the KZN squads.

The following notable achievements were accomplished:

PMB District team: A Sukraj, A Duma, O Makhathini, A Mchunu, K Minnie, S Gumbi, R Heslop, Z Cassim, A Sibisi

KZN Squads: A Duma (captain), K Minnie (captain), O Makhathini, R Heslop, K Sukraj

Regular players:

K Minnie (captain), K Sukraj, A Duma, O Makhathini, Q Mbanjwa, A Mchunu, T Addison, S Gumbi, A Anderson, R Heslop, Z Cassim, K Tshabalala, S Kunene, P Wilson, M Modi, S Biyela, M Tenza, L Sithole, A Sibisi

Results:

vs Durban Academy 14-0, Merchiston 1st 7-0, Linpark 2-1, Ixopo U15A 2-1, Queensburgh 12-0, Heritage Academy U16A 3-1, St Nicholas 9-0, Carter 4-1, Hillcrest 3-2, Alex 10-1, Carter 7-0, Etham U15A 4-0, Clifton 2-1, Westville 1-0, Hilton 1-0, DHS 1-2, St Charles 4-1

Mr C Garaba

U14B

Soccer fever pervaded the fields of Lamond's and Leaches as the U14 trialists began their football journey for the red, black and white. There was talent in abundance, making the selection of the teams fiercely competitive. After much debate and deliberation, the sides were chosen, and we welcomed Westville as the first opponent.

Our boys started on the front foot taking an early lead, but it was soon all square as Westville equalised shortly thereafter. The game ebbed and flowed, with neither team creating any clear-cut chances. The boys settled for a draw, a decent start against strong opposition.

Next up was a fixture against Hilton College. After a cagey opening, our boys settled into a good rhythm, creating opportunities on a regular basis. Fortunately, some of our opportunities were converted and the boys claimed an emphatic win.

In what was a hard-fought encounter against DHS, our boys dug deep and gained a spirited victory, bolstering their confidence for the last encounter.

The final game saw us away to St Charles. Our boys were determined to end the season on a high note and started the game positively but were unable to convert the opportunities.

Trailing shortly after the break, the U14B boys lifted the intensity and were duly rewarded with two quick goals deep into the game, ensuring we claimed a victory and ended the season undefeated.

Special thanks to all players for their dedication and commitment to the season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their future endeavours.

Regular players:

D Davies, E Msomi, E Hadden, S Ndlovu, N Jakatyana, M Mabaso, L Sithole, O Murgatroyd, A Sibisi, L Bezuidenhout, S Biyela, N Rukidi, S Mhlongo, N Zungu, A Tenza

Results:

vs Westville 1-1, Hilton 4-2, DHS 1-0, St Charles 2-1

Mr O Kajee

U14C

This was an enthusiastic group of lads, hardworking and committed to doing everything for the badge. Their enthusiasm was evident in every match, with each player giving their best from the first whistle to the last. They trained with intensity, played with heart and never shied away from a challenge. The team spirit was unmatched, with every member pushing each other to be better every day.

At the helm was the inspirational captain, K Ncanana, a true leader on and off the pitch. His dedication, discipline and drive set the standard for the rest of the squad. Under his guidance, the team has grown not just in skill, but in unity and resilience.

Regular players:

K Ncanana (captain), A Tonny, C Cohen, J van Amsterdam, L Cooke-Tonnesen, A Ntombela, L Ndlovu, S Dubazana, E Maphumulo, S Ndlovu, A Mpofana, L Mpisane, N Sikhakhane, S Zuma, R Fitz, Z Bhigee

Results:

vs Hilton 0-1, Westville 0-0, DHS 0-0, St Charles 3-0

Mr V Rajpaul

U14D

The U14D team had a legendary run in 2024. What started off on a low, ended on two wins, the last being a very strong win. This was an exceptionally easy team to coach, and their spirits were always high. The boys were selfless and displayed maturity in the way they played the game. They were always keen to look for players in space and to not overplay the ball. There were two highlights in the season, the very first win in at least the last three years, which came against DHS, and a thrashing against our neighbours, St Charles, to finish off the season.

Regular players:

D Chunilall, K Dlamini, K Gouws, R Gowar, L Keppler, G Kloppe, C Mackay-Leslie, G Mlambo, M Moloi, P Mpanza, Z Myeni, N Ngcobo, T Pillay, L Stainbank, C van der Merwe, F Zwane

Results:

vs Westville 1-4, Hilton 2-2, DHS 3-2, St Charles 6-0

Mr C Myburgh



Surrounded by their game jerseys, the 1st XI huddle in a moment of togetherness ahead of the Carter High School encounter on 20 July 2024.



Squash: 1st Team

Back row: S Johnson, J Maistry, B Mahaye, K Pillay

Front row: V Premchund, Mr A Dippenaar, T Kufal, Mr S Brill, T Nana

Absent: W Galliers

Our squash players enjoyed another successful year on the court. Term 1 was a busy time for our squash side as they participated in the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival, followed by traditional head-to-head fixtures against local rivals. They participated in the Midlands Winter Squash league, finishing fourth. The College first team also recorded impressive victories against almost all of their adversaries, achieving victory week-after-week, ultimately finishing the season unbeaten against their local counterparts which earned them the spot of the top team in KZN. An impressive and gutsy final fixture victory over Kearsney ensured that College placed first 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 College boys showed true College fight and tenacity, winning three of five matches at Top Schools, narrowly losing to KES and St Andrew's School (Bloemfontein). College then won their remaining fixtures and finished first in group B, securing fifth place at the tournament and fifth overall in South Africa.

Our junior team had a building year as many of the 2023 junior stars made their way into the 1st team. The junior side, unfortunately, did not manage the same success as in previous years, yet there are some keen young players ready to change that. They showed some good potential and the boys put in a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the year, with many achieving awards and representing their province.

Congratulations to the following:

KZN U19A: W Galliers

KZN U19B: T Kufal, V Premchund

KZN U16A: T Nana, B Mahaye, J Maistry, S Johnson

School Champion: W Galliers

Regular 1st team players:

W Galliers (captain), T Nana, T Kufal, V Premchund, B Mahaye, J Maistry, K Pillay, S Johnson

Results 1st team:

St Andrew's Festival

vs Queen's College 5-1, St Stithians 5-1, St Andrew's College (Grahamstown/Makhanda) 4-2, Grey High 1-5, St Andrew's College B team (Bloemfontein) 6-0

Inter-School/Derby fixtures

vs Hilton 10-0, Westville 3-3, PBHS 6-6, St Charles/St Anne's 5-1, Kearsney 3-3, Howick 6-0, The Wykeham Collegiate 6-0, Affies 6-0

SA Top School tournament

vs KES 3-3, St Andrew's School (Bloemfontein) A team 3-3, Midstream College 5-1, Bishop's 5-1, Michaelhouse 3-2

Mr S Brill





Swimming

Back row: K Vogt, M Chetty, S Redman, J Burger, C Potgieter, C Sweetman
Fourth row: D Becket, B Gademane, C Robinson, JR Mumford, R Pillay
Third row: N Steyn, J van der Merwe, U Khan, E Hanekom, A Ash, M Lock, C Mackay-Leslie, B Gotte
Second row: D Volans, J Makepeace, A Madlala, R Khan, J Havemann, J Lindeque, J Don-Wauchope
Front row: T Pillay, P Lamb, Mr N Croeser, R Lottering (captain), J George, Mr D Sherriff, JJ Mumford, M Lancaster

Swimming at College has a proud history and is a well-attended summer sport. The school participated 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, C 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 swimming scene and a school's success is based on the number of club swimmers one has. The team was ably led by R Lottering, who broke three records at the Championship Gala, two of which had stood for 28 years.

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion:	R Lottering (Strachan)
U17 Champion:	P Lamb (Snow)
U16 Champion:	C Potgieter (Forder)
U15 Champion:	JR Mumford (Snow)
U14 Champion:	E Hanekom (Barns)
U14 House Relay:	Barns House
U16 House Relay:	Forder House
Open House Relay:	Strachan House
Inter-House Relay	Champion: Calder House
Overall House Championship:	Calder House

TABLE TENNIS



Table Tennis

Senior team

Back row:

S Moodley, T Royappen, T Murugen, Y Singh, M Singh

Front row:

R Padayachee, S Redlinghuys (captain), Mr M Jeewan, J Maharaj, M Chetty

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

Several pupils have achieved notable success in table tennis. S Bandu, S Moodley and C Frank (U15), along with T Royappen (U19), were selected to represent Umgungundlovu at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship. Furthermore, Royappen (U18), Frank, Moodley and S Ince were chosen to represent the District at the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Top Schools trials. At the Top Schools Tournament, Royappen (U18), Ince and Moodley (U14) represented KwaZulu-Natal, with Royappen securing a silver medal in the team event and a bronze in the singles. Ince and Moodley also earned silver in the team event, with Moodley additionally claiming a bronze medal in the singles. In the District Rankings, Royappen placed third in the U18 category, while in the U14 division, Frank held first position, followed by Moodley in second and Ince in third.

The following boys represented College in the school league:

A League: *T Royappen, S Moodley, M Chetty, S Redlinghuys*

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

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

The following boys excelled in the leagues:

A League: *T Royappen, S Redlinghuys*

B League: *R Padayachee*

C League: *B Govender (unbeaten), S Ince*

Junior Table Tennis Champion: *S Moodley*

Senior Table Tennis Champion: *T Royappen*

Mr N Pillay



Tennis

1st team

Back row:

K Dube, L Puddu, S Deane, M Borchers

Front row:

Mr F Maritz, T Smith (captain), A Tilbury, Mrs F Deyzel

Absent:

Miss C Mhlongo (MIC)

Despite the challenges faced early in the season, Maritzburg College tennis enjoyed its most exciting year to date. The refurbished courts inspired our teams, and many boys were drawn to the courts.

We fielded three junior teams and four senior teams in the Midlands League this year. Significant victories over Hilton College for our seniors and juniors was one of the season's highlights. S Deane was chosen for the Midlands team 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 ten best players had the chance to play against Petra College, a visiting school from Zimbabwe. With great excitement, they demonstrated their tennis prowess while simultaneously promoting College's basic principles of integrity, honesty and respect internationally.

Senior Champion: *A Tilbury*

Junior Champion: *L Puddu*

Regular players:

T Smith, S Deane, L Puddu, K Dube, Y Aheer, A Tilbury, L Luthuli, S Mazibuko, M Borchers

Miss C Mhlongo





Volleyball

1st Team

Back row: R van der Merwe, K Chetty, J Murekezi, D Pillay, M Chetty, M Singh
Front row: E van der Merwe, J Samuel (captain), Mr A Budhoo, D Naidoo, L Dlamini

1st team

Volleyball entered its second season at Maritzburg College in 2024, following its introduction last year. Despite the sport being relatively new, the players exhibited remarkable improvement, building on their initial experience.

College's participation in the volleyball league at Westville for the second consecutive year displayed remarkable performances. The 1st team, displaying grit and skill, secured an impressive fourth place among 11 competitive teams, leaving a lasting impact. The 1st team qualified for the Top Four tournament for the second consecutive year when 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 stunned their opponents but unfortunately, College 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.

All 1st team players 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 the school's volleyball programme. The journey has just begun, and the future looks promising for these budding talents.

Regular players:

J Samuel (captain), D Naidoo, J Murekezi, L Dlamini, R van der Merwe, P Shuttleworth, A Mntungwa, S Mpanza

Results:

vs New Forest 2-1, Westville 1st 0-2, Northwood 2nd 1-2, Westville 2nd 1-2, Northwood 1st 2-0, George Campbell 2-0, Port Shepstone High 2-0, Orient Islamic School 2-0, semi-final vs Westville 1st 0-2, 3rd/4th place playoff vs Westville 2nd 2-0

U16A

The U16A team delivered a respectable performance, winning three matches and losing five. This was a repeat of last year's results, again narrowly missing out on the semi-finals and finishing fifth out of 10 teams.

One persistent challenge was the unavailability of players. For some fixtures, just six players availed themselves, leaving no substitutes and limiting strategic options. However, the team persevered, demonstrating resilience and growing confidence. Captain K Chetty and D Pillay were notable standouts, setting an inspiring example with their dedication and skill.

As the team looks ahead, the future of volleyball at Maritzburg College appears promising. With continued practice, greater player availability and growing enthusiasm, the sport is set to become a vital part of the school's sports programme.

Regular players:

K Chetty (captain), D Gademan, H Chetty, J Theeralingam, M Murekezi, T Pillay, D Pillay, D Naidoo

Results:

vs Westville U16B 1-2, George Campbell 2-0, Westville U16A 0-2, Northwood U16A 0-2, Westville U16B 2-0, Star College 0-2, Sastri College 1-2, Northwood U16B 2-0

Messrs A Budhoo and V Noubouth



1st Team

Back row: R van der Merwe, R Stanton, J Harley, M Lock

Second row: N Koller, K Vogt, J Combrink, J Foster

Front row: C Robinson, J Jansen (captain), Mr D Sherriff, N Holmes, JJ Mumford

The 2024 water polo season began with a camp before school started to prepare the teams for the first weekend fixture against Westville. Term 1 this year was unique as the 1st team did not have a tournament to attend. Our focus shifted to the regular season fixtures and for the first time in my 11 years at College three games were called off due to lightning, and we did not manage to play against Clifton, DHS and Michaelhouse. The team did play against Westville and Kearsney, both of which were lost. They did manage a very good win against St Charles.

Term 3 started with the KZN Winter League hosted at Westville, which was preparation for the upcoming Clifton Tournament. The team was under-prepared for these fixtures as the renovations to the pool area had begun and the heaters were not functioning which meant that there was minimal training until they were running effectively. The Clifton Tournament had the team go up against St John's, Westville and Selborne in the pool stages, losing all three. In the cross-pool stages, we lost to DHS and Michaelhouse, yet we won the final game against Grey College.

In the Top Schools Tournament, the team played against Clifton, Glenwood, Westville and DHS. We only managed a win against Glenwood, which meant we played against the Invitational Team made up from Thomas More, Reddam and St Charles, which we won. Our final game was a losing effort against Northwood, and we were placed eighth in the tournament.

The Northwood Stayers Tournament was the highlight of the season. After successful games against Thomas More, Curro Hillcrest and DHS in the pool stages, we faced Northwood in the quarter-finals and after an intense two chukkas we managed to keep our lead to win the game. This put us up against Affies in the semi-final, who beat us in the pool stages. We drew this game and went down on penalties. In the 3rd/4th play-off game we met Clifton who again beat us.

The regular season fixtures in terms 3 and 4 had us play against Northwood, Westville, Hilton and DHS all away and the final game against Kearsney at home. This was a special fixture as the renovations at the pool had been completed. Kearsney, who has a very strong team, came up against a College team that wanted to show them who they were. The College team, captained by J Jansen, fought all the way to the end. He scored the final

goal of the game, but it was not enough as College narrowly lost. It was a wonderful season and the future of College water polo is looking bright.

Regular players:

J Jansen (captain), N Holmes, C Robinson, JJ Mumford, J Foster, J Harley, N Koller, R van der Merwe, J Combrink, K Vogt, M Lock, R Stanton, H Goddard, O Pritchard, S Venniker

Results:

vs Westville 6-12, Clifton (match called off), DHS (match called off), Kearsney 12-21, Michaelhouse (match called off), St Charles 27-1, Northwood 1-16, Westville 7-14, Hilton (match called off), DHS 3-17, Kearsney 8-10

Clifton Tournament:

vs St John's 3-13, Westville 6-13, Selborne 3-18, DHS 6-14, Michaelhouse 7-10, Grey College 9-6

Top Ten Tournament:

vs Clifton 3-9, Glenwood 6-5, Westville 6-12, DHS 5-10, Invitational 9-0, Northwood 2-10

Northwood Stayers Tournament:

vs Curro Hillcrest 12-2, Clifton 1-7, Thomas More 10-2, Affies 5-7, DHS 8-7, Northwood (quarter-final) 5-4, Affies (semi-final) 5-5 (5-6 on penalties), Clifton (3rd/4th play-off) 4-8

Mr D Sherriff



2nd Team

The 2024 season for the 2nd team water polo squad was one of resilience, growth and determination. Building upon the foundations of previous years, this season's team was composed of returning players and new faces, creating a balanced mix of experience and fresh energy. From the very first practice, the team demonstrated an eagerness to improve, a strong bond with each other and a fierce determination to face every challenge head-on.

This season was packed with competitive fixtures and tournaments that tested the team's skill and mental toughness. Early in the season, they displayed grit and adaptability, working tirelessly in practices to enhance their skills, tactics and cohesiveness. They carried forward the legacy of previous years, maintaining the high standards set by those who came before them. Special mention must be made of captain D Haines, who led from the front with outstanding performances in every game.

One of the highlights of the season was the Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament, where the team's perseverance shone through. Despite tough matches, the team fought hard in each game with their unity and resilience being evident as they faced high-calibre opponents. Another highlight came in the closely fought last game of the season in which J Harris scored six goals.

Special thanks go to the Sixth Formers, whose mentorship and commitment has left a lasting impression on the younger players. Their willingness to share time, knowledge and encouragement set a high standard for the team, inspiring the upcoming players to carry forward the values of teamwork, discipline and College spirit into next year.

Regular players:

D Haines (captain), M Cameron, S Douglas, B Gademan, C Gibbs, J Harris, M Lancaster, L Mackay-Leslie, C Potgieter, S Redman, J Tilbury, J van der Merwe, B Watts, K Wichmann, J Wolter

Results:

vs Westville 4-6, Clifton 3-14, Michaelhouse 3-2, DHS abandoned due to weather, Kearsney 4-4, Northwood 3-8, Westville 4-10, Hilton 4-5, St Charles 13-2, Hilton 5-11, DHS 7-7, Kearsney 12-13

Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament

Results:

vs Northwood 1-4, Clifton 2-8, Michaelhouse 2-9, Westville 6-7, Kearsney 6-7, DHS 4-11, Affies 1-9

Mr M Warr

3rd Team

The water polo season presented a unique set of challenges and opportunities for our 3rd team. While the team faced some tough losses, they also demonstrated remarkable growth and determination.

A key factor contributing to their successes was the team's dedication to practice, even on cold days, which fostered a strong team culture. The players consistently pushed each other to improve, and this commitment was evident in their performances toward the end of the season. They bonded as College brothers, playing for each other in every match. Several outstanding moments highlighted the season's journey. N Adam's inspiring defence provided a rock-solid foundation that kept the team competitive in close matches. Up front, N Gosling delivered exceptional goals, exhibiting his skill and adding crucial points in key games. C Sweetnam was a calm, steady presence, excelling as a versatile player who could adapt to any situation. Additionally, C Williams developed rapidly, stepping up to play a pivotal role in our successes.

It has been a memorable season for the 3rd team. With their solid foundation and continued dedication, they are poised to achieve even greater success in the seasons ahead.

Regular players:

N Adam, L Baptista, D Becket, T Boshoff, B Demont, T Foster, N Gosling, R Harley, M Harris, C Henderson, A Jackson, A Mncwango, M Murgatroyd, J Nettleton, M Pretorius, M Roberts, J Stead, D Suter (captain), C Sweetnam, A Taylor, E Taylor, G van Laun, S Watts, R Wichmann, C Williams

Results:

vs Westville 3-6, Clifton 2-4, Michaelhouse 3-14, DHS 10-8, St Charles 2nds 17-3, Kearsney 9-1, Northwood 5-9, Westville 3-8, St Charles 2nd 12-4, Hilton 6-8, Hilton 4-8, Kearsney 8-7

Mr W Greyling



During a game against Kearsney on 4 November 2024, the 1st team polo players celebrate a goal. Standing is N Holmes. From left are J Combrink, R Stanton, J Mumford, J Harley and Mr N Sutherland.

4th and 5th Teams

The 4th and 5th teams this year were a combined squad of dedicated players who showed immense enthusiasm and flexibility, with many willing to play multiple games each weekend. Despite fewer fixtures due to a lack of matching depth among other schools, the boys' positive attitudes never waned.

They approached every practice with enthusiasm for the sport, focusing on enjoying each moment in the pool and strengthening the bonds among team-mates. Particularly pleasing was the way in which the team improved from the first to the fourth term, reversing many early defeats and turning them into comprehensive wins.

A highlight was the second game against Westville in which M Harris scored five excellent goals, contributing significantly to a great win.

This season will be remembered not only for the matches but for the high spirits, camaraderie and memorable moments shared poolside. Those returning next year are encouraged to continue to play with the same zeal, sportsmanship and positive spirit that made this season so special.

Regular players:

R Anderson, L Becket, B Botha, D Colenbrander, L de Jager, K Ekstrand, N Gosling, H Hackland, M Harris, O Hoatson, J Jansen van Rensburg, D Kleingeld, S Kleu, R Launder, W Maartens, J Nettleton, T Naidoo, L O'Connor, C Pauw, M Pretorius, L Shangase, J Shuttleworth, J Slevin, G Thomson, J Zunckel

4th Team Results:

vs Westville 3-5, Clifton 6-8, Michaelhouse 4-8, Kearsney 10-7, Northwood 8-8, Westville 12-5, Hilton 8-4, Michaelhouse 7-5, Hilton 4-6, Kearsney 9-6

5th Team Results:

vs Westville 2-8, Clifton 5-6, Michaelhouse 6-6

Mr M Warr





U15A

Back row:

M Jansen, J Mumford, R Holmes, J Worthmann

Second row:

D Fish, Mrs J Stoute, J Culverwell

Front row:

D Volans, S Mhlongo, J Makepeace (captain), M Muggleton, A Madladla

The 2024 water polo season was difficult, but this did not deter our boys from always giving their best during each fixture they played. From fixture to fixture, the boys grew in confidence, strength and character, becoming a well-oiled machine from their warm-up to execution of their tactical play. The bond of brotherhood is evident among the players as they celebrated group milestones and personal achievements, showing their resilience and unwavering fight to always be a worthy opponent.

Notable mentions go to J Makepeace, who was selected for the Northwood Stayers Tournament this year, proving his capabilities against higher age groups. J Mumford, M Muggleton, D Volans and J Worthmann were all top goal scorers of the season. It was a pleasure to coach these young men and to have the opportunity to watch each of them grow and develop their skills and friendship, which will remain beyond the game of water polo.

Regular players:

R Holmes, J Mumford, J Makepeace (captain), M Jansen, S Mhlongo, D Volans, D Fish, J Worthmann, M Muggleton, A Madladla, J Burger, J Culverwell

Results:

vs Westville, 6-14 and 6-19, Clifton 1-19, DHS 3-9, Kearsney 4-15 and 5-13, Michaelhouse 5-9, Hilton 2-12

Dallas Hutton Tournament:

vs Northwood 4-9, Michaelhouse 4-9, DHS 5-8, Michaelhouse 3-6, Glenwood 4-10

Ian Melliar Cup Tournament:

vs St John's 3-13, Paul Roos 3-10, Jeppe 5-6, SACS 0-11, Grey High 2-11, Paarl Boys 4-11, Wynberg 10-3, Jeppe 3-8

Top 10 Tournament:

vs Glenwood 8-3, Michaelhouse 6-5, Hilton 5-12, Northwood 2-11, Kearsney 1-18, Westville 1-13

Mrs J Stoute

U15B

The U15B team this year has been full of potential. It was a pity that this potential only produced three wins in the season but there was no shortage of heart from any of the players in the pool. A number of the losses were often the result of our fitness letting us down. Near the end of the season the boys requested a few early morning sessions to improve their fitness. It is always a heartwarming experience for a coach to arrive at a pool gate at 5:00am in the semi-dark to find 12 eager young men ready to dive into some pretty cold water and put their all into a practice. There was so much commitment from our U15 boys that we even fielded an U15C team for a few games which is generally unheard of in most schools.

It has been a joy coaching these young men this year and I look forward to seeing them excel in the open teams from next year.

Regular players:

H Bircher, T Bolton, J Ferguson, E Gould, T Haviside, S Johnson, D Lewis, M Mqadi, S Payne, B Pearson, O Pearson, S Robertson, T Speirs, F Starling, S Sutherland, W Todd, E van Aswegen, K van Aswegen, J Vermeulen, J Wang

Results:

vs Westville 6-9 and 4-11, Clifton 8-5, DHS 10-1 and 9-7, Kearsney 5-9 and 5-7, Michaelhouse 1-13, St Charles Junior A 5-11, Northwood 1-11, Hilton 4-9 and 1-11

Mr A Sparrow



A Mncwango keeping for College.



**U14A****Back row:**

L Keppler, R Myburg, E Hanekom, A Ash

Second row:

*F Venniker, J Don-Wauchope,
Z Apostolides, C Mackay-Lesley,
J Havemann, N Steyn*

Front row:

*K Clark, C Barnard (captain), Mr L Smorfitt,
C van der Merwe, B Gotte*

The U14A water polo team's 2024 season was marked by tough challenges and valuable learning experiences. The team faced strong opposition throughout the year, but their perseverance was commendable. Despite some difficult fixtures against schools like Westville, Clifton and Hilton, they achieved a notable victory against St Charles Junior B. In tournament play, the Ken Short Tournament saw them secure solid wins over Jeppe and Parktown, finishing with a 2-5 record. The Top 10 Tournament proved challenging, and the team finished in tenth place without a victory. However, the Northwood Tournament ended on a more positive note, with wins against Invitational teams, finishing in seventh place. The overall season results stood at five wins and 23 losses, demonstrating the team's growth and resolve to improve.

Regular players:

*R Myburg, E Hanekom, C Barnard (captain), O Murgatroyd, A Ash,
C Mackay-Leslie, L Keppler, N Steyn, J Don-Wauchope, O Murgatroyd,
J Moore, C van der Merwe, F Venniker, C Linley*

Results:

*vs Westville 3-13 and 4-17, Clifton 2-19, DHS 7-9 and 4-16, Kearsney 4-20,
St Charles Junior B 15-4, Northwood 1-10, Hilton 0-18*

Ken Short Tournament:

*vs Invitational 4-6, Jeppe 10-5, St Benedict's 0-18, Parktown 12-2,
PBHS 3-5 Grey College 4-13, Affies 5-7*

KZN U14 Top 10 Tournament:

*vs Northwood 2-10, Glenwood 1-9, Co-Eds 5-11, Westville 4-11,
Hilton 0-20*

Northwood Tournament:

*vs Michaelhouse 0-9, Westville 0-5, Invitational 7-6, Clifton 2-12,
Northwood 0-5, Invitational 8-4*

Mr L Smorfitt

U14B

An enthusiastic group of U14 boys arrived at the first practise only to find that the coach of the B team had undergone surgery and would only be returning at the beginning of the second term. This led to disappointing match results, and few basic skills were learnt.

The first match after the winter sport season was against Northwood (away) and with constructive play the team pulled off a memorable win against a plucky side. The following weekend the match against Westville (away) was deadlocked going into the third chukka. Despite trying hard, they went down to a side which had beaten them earlier in the year.

Two matches against the Merchiston second team showed how much they had learnt with well-structured play resulting in high scoring matches. The last two matches of the season against Hilton were exciting affairs resulting in both matches being narrowly lost. The play reflected how much they had improved with some players now knocking on the A team door.

Regular players:

*C Noordman, R Klute, O Murgatroyd, D Berner, J Lindeque, B Gotte,
T Stone, M Clark, J Sparrow, E Carter, M van der Merwe, J Havemann,
J Kyle, D Arouca, A de Lange, J Kyle, Z Apostolides, C Craig*

Results:

*vs Westville 3-11 and 5-8, Clifton 2-8, Merchiston 1st 6-10, Kearsney 4-8,
Northwood 8-4, Hilton 8-9 and 8-9, Merchiston 2nd 12-0 and 14-0*

Mr N Sutherland



C van der Merwe weighing up his options.



NON-OFFICAL SPORTS

The following College boys have participated in and excelled at sports external to those offered at Maritzburg College and have achieved either at Provincial or National level.

The boys indicated below are those about whom the school has been notified.

Sport	Name and Form	Selected for / Achievement
Angling (freshwater)	T Saville (Second Form)	SA Men's Angling
Angling (deep sea)	M Howells (Sixth Form)	SADSAA U19
BMX racing	D Martin (Second Form)	SA
Club Rugby	K Wichmann (Sixth Form) T van Staden (Third Form)	KZN U18 Duikers KZN U15 Duikers
Duathlon & Triathlon	L O'Connor (Fifth Form)	KZN teams
Fly fishing	P Louwrens (Fifth Form) D Cruickshank (Fifth Form) L de Jager (Fifth Form)	Protea Youth Team and KZN Protea Youth Team and KZN KZN
Indoor Cricket	R Tocknell (Sixth Form) S Watson (Second Form)	KZN U23 KZN U14
Motocross	N Westerdale (Fifth Form)	KZN Schools
Mountain biking	B Foster (Sixth Form) M Jewaskiewitz (Sixth Form) L Newlands (Sixth Form) D Janneker (Fourth Form) K Searle (Fourth Form)	KZN KZN SA KZN KZN



NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SPORT AND CULTURE REPRESENTATIVES

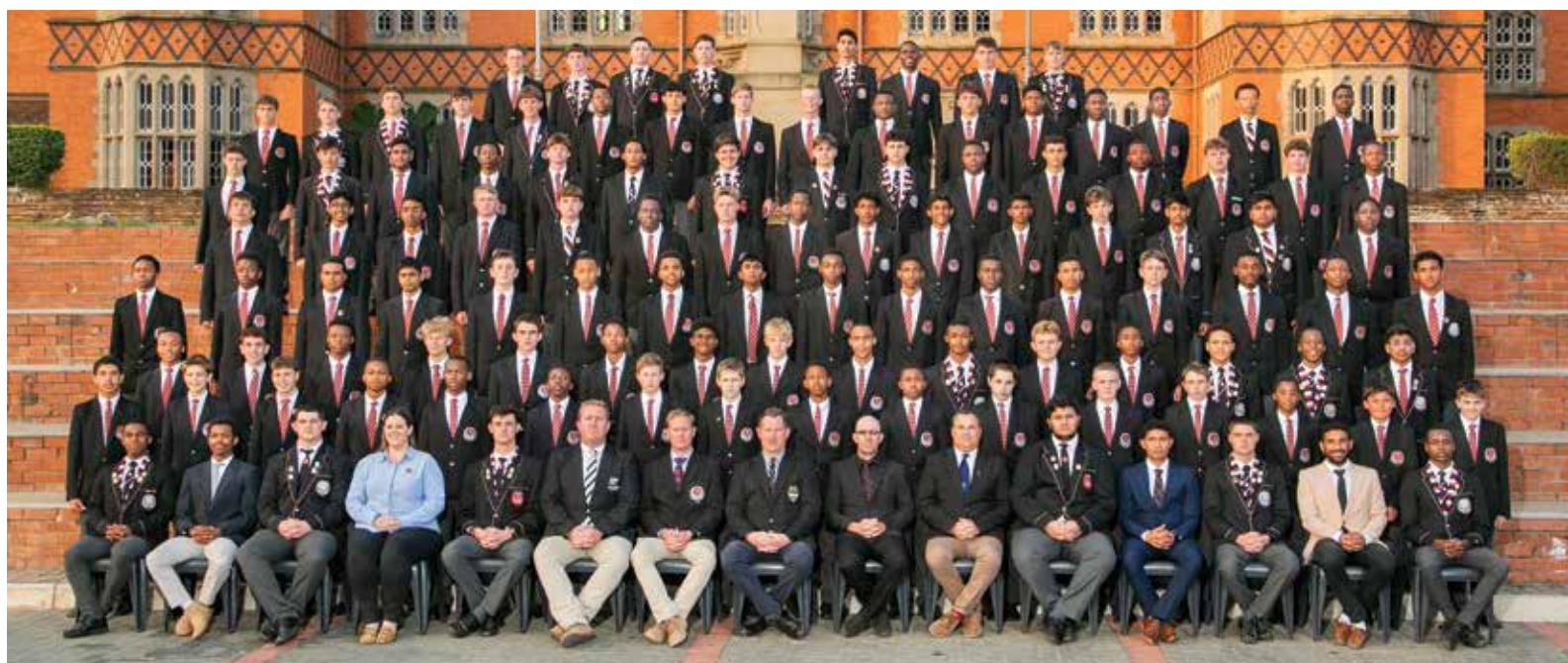


NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: A Lembethe (hockey), P Louwrens (fly-fishing), E Fabre (hockey), C Francis (hockey), K Vogt (canoeing), T Pillay (club athletics)

Middle row: T Saville (fishing), Siwaphiwe Sithembu (hockey), K Jenkins (hockey), M Smith (hockey), D Martin (BMX)

Front row: M van Heerden (canoeing), L Newlands (mountain biking), M Moosa (debating),
Mr R Kyle (deputy head: co-curricular), A Botha (rugby), B Dlamini (hockey)



PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: J Odell (canoe polo), L Newlands (mountain biking), J Jansen (rugby), B Foster (mountain biking), R Hoskins (basketball), M Vyambwera (rugby),
S Jansen (rugby), W Galliers (squash)

Seventh row: K Vogt (canoeing), M Jewaskiewitz (mountain biking), T Kufal (squash), B Thornton-Dibb (hockey), G Jordan (music), M Qasha (soccer),
E Fabre (hockey), J Mumford (swimming), C Potgieter (swimming), A Ngubane (rugby), R Stanton (rugby), O Kosani (rugby), M Mogale (rugby),
B Mahaye (squash), B Middleton (soccer), V Ndlovu (hockey)

Sixth row: D Cruickshank (fly-fishing), J Martin (shooting), D Moodley (shooting), L Sishi (hockey), G Askew (hockey), D Jackson (hockey),
J Konigkramer (hockey), K Wichmann (club rugby), M Lancaster (swimming and angling), SN Dlamini (music), C Francis (hockey), N Ngcemu (soccer),
C Le Court de Billot (hockey), R Schirge (hockey), A Lembethe (hockey)

Fifth row: T Boshoff (rugby), T Royappen (table tennis), K Moodley (debating), P Louwrens (fly-fishing), M Howells (angling), I Mlotshwa (rugby),
A Tilbury (tennis), O Makhathini (soccer), C Sukraj (soccer), K Sukraj (soccer), T Pillay (club athletics), J Gotte (canoe polo), T Nana (squash),
J Perumal (golf), A Hlongwa (music)

Fourth row: S Mchunu (hockey), A Makhaye (soccer), F Pillay (golf), M Naidoo (shooting), J Fincham (hockey), K Minnie (soccer),
A Madlala (debating and music), J Maistry (squash), S Zondi (hockey), S Msomi (soccer), K Mngwengwe (hockey), D Janneker (mountain biking),
K Searle (mountain biking), Siwaphiwe Sithembu (hockey), A Hadebe (rugby), M Momple (soccer)

Third row: E Mchunu (soccer), M Smith (hockey), G Motswadire (hockey), L O'Connor (triathlon), J Wilson (hockey), N Jakatya (hockey),
R Heslop (soccer), C Baxter (hockey), T Addison (hockey), E Dlamini (hockey), S Johnson (squash), R Fitz (hockey), K Jenkins (hockey),
Z Makangela (soccer), V Premchund (squash)

Second row: D Martin (BMX), S Schirge (hockey), J Jansen van Rensburg (canoeing), A Mthlane (hockey), N Ntshingila (hockey),
S Magutshwa (soccer), J Greaves (hockey), S Wessels (hockey), L Shelembe (hockey), B Nkosi (hockey), K Barnard (shooting), K Clarke (canoeing),
W Johnson (hockey), A Duma (soccer), T Saville (angling), J Smith (hockey)

Front row: I Mosupye (hockey), Mr A Mthlane (hockey), A Botha (rugby), Mrs J Stoute (hockey), N Holmes (hockey), Mr T Orchard (rugby),
Mr M Sanders (hockey), Mr R Kyle (deputy head: co-curricular), Mr N Haswell (soccer), Mr P Gonlag (hockey), M Moosa (debating), Mr M Diaz (hockey),
M van Heerden (canoeing), Mr D Joshua (hockey), B Dlamini (hockey)





Barns House

Back row: J Slevin, V Cele, M Breedts, C Nohiya, G Egberink, K Trollip, S Mtolo

Second row: K Makhanya, S Norton, H McIntyre, T Mafunga, R Bernstein, A Nzimande, B Dlamini, A Songca

Front row: N Jackson, K Lamb, E Govender, Z Ndlovu, Mr S Brill (housemaster), P Kubheka (house captain), L Jekwa, L Johnstone, T Fulton

Absent: F McLeod



Calder House

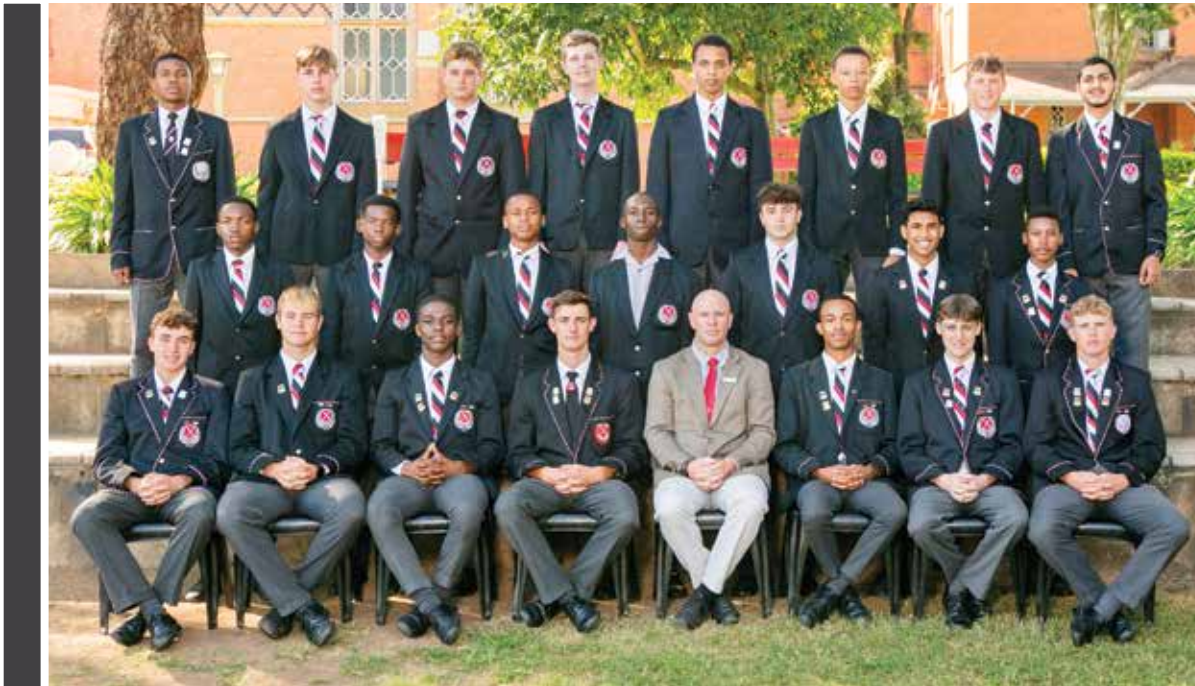
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Second row: O Ntombela, J Samuel, O Da Costa, L Ndaba, S Ngcobo, A Bagirathi

Front row: D Becket, K Wichmann, C Ferraz (house captain), Mrs K Bartholomew (housemaster), L Kunene, T Blackburn, E Maynard

Absent: S Msomi, L Mtsi, E van der Merwe





Commons House

Back row: P Khuzwayo, J Grove, G van Laun, D Clifton, E Seyoum, B Middleton, R Wichmann, A Akoob

Second row: M Dlomo, A Mathonsi, N Mkhulisa, A Mntungwa, C Parker, S Govender, N Ndawonde

Front row: E Taylor, D Haines, M Mkhize, N Holmes (house captain), Mr B Dodd (housemaster), L Dladla, D Pieterse, W Galliers

Absent: N Brown



Forder House

Back row: B Madikizela, N Collins, C Potgieter, N Gwala, J Murekezi, N Setipa, E Howells, M Moreno, M Howells

Second row: S Mkhwanazi, L Makhathini, S Nyathi, O Haasbroek, A Kritzinger, J Chetty, I Hansrod, Z Makangela

Front row: M Kritzinger, I Jikijo, J Marcus (house captain), Mr N Croeser (housemaster), J Galtrey, J Werth, S Adie

Absent: D Simpson



Fuller House

Back row: C Harrichand, S Mbatha, D Warren, A Mthethwa, R Hoskins, M Geach, L Dlamini, S Mashaba, N Deyzel, Z Mfeka

Second row: K Jele, P Ndlovu, M van Heerden, B Hosking, M Khan, D Heeralal, V Sibisi, E Williams

Front row: A Mornet, Y Mchunu, A Botha (house captain), Mr T Orchard (housemaster), J Wolter, MJ Roberts, MB Roberts



Lamond House

Back row: A Msimang, T Paine, C Sellick, D du Plessis, A Pretorius, S Redman, D Botha, M Khumalo, S Jama, L Dlamini

Second row: K Dyasi, T Govender, S Durgaparsad, N Meisegeier, J Foster, M Rubuluza, K Manickum, F Jozi

Front row: A Ngcobo, J Jansen, J Knoetze (house captain), Ms K Moula (housemaster), C Higgins, M Knoetze, C Mason

Absent: E Landman, A Matshoboza, H Prinsloo





Nicholson House

Back row: M Rossouw, N Sithole, C Henderson, L Miller, J Aurets, M Nkwanyana, A Leclezio

Second row: P Mchunu, A Mthembu, A Sidimba, A Ngcobo, T Pearson, S Mayeni, S Dube, R Naidu

Front row: S Bridglall, R Maartens, J Gasarasi (house captain), Mr M Sanders (housemaster), S Kapotwe, M Moosa, B Maphisa

Absent: E Knox, T Smith, W Beauclerk, S Ngcobo



Pape House

Back row: J Klopers, Y Mohammed, K Hopkins, N Isaacs, J George, A Mahomed, K Hurson

Second row: N Ngcobo, S Majosi, K Mthembu, M Barnardo, T Motaung, M Thabethe

Front row: N Narain, M du Toit, I Mosupye (house captain), Mr M Kritzing (housemaster), S Oosthuizen, I Kemka, D Ferguson

Absent: T Braithwaite, C Erasmus, L Hart, L Hlela, T Mbhele, J Nelson, J van Huyssteen, E Stafford



Snow House

Back row: L Sutherland, L Mthimkhulu, A Mtolo, E Erasmus, L Newlands, B Foster, A Ntanz, T Armstrong, M Zulu, R Essa
Second row: M Govender, O Mqadi, K Khumalo, E Kloppers, J Marais, E Moodley, T Mngomezulu, S Khumalo, Z Ndlovu, R McKean
Front row: O Thabethe, I Masinga, J Konigkramer (house captain), Mr J Mhlongo (housemaster), J Mumford, R Tocknell, S Zungu
Absent: H Joubert



Strachan House

Back row: B Ollerhead, M Mncwabe, B Zuma, C Goslett, R Lottering, M Nel, SJ Mkhize, N Mthiyane
Second row: A Roopai, M Khumalo, M Jewaskiewitz, H Pels, R Jacobsz, L Matshoge, O Ntuli, A Jackson, J Perumal, L Myeza
Front row: S Tredgold, J Martin, C Robinson (house captain), Mr M Warr (housemaster), B Gademan, M Gibson, N Dumakude
Absent: N Zwane, A Sithole



SECOND FORM

Barns

Ash, AA
Barnard, C
Bayliss-Lane, KG
Bowyer, CC
Hanekom, E
Hattingh, CD
Kosani, Q
Kyle, JO
Makhado, M
Matundu, D
Mayekiso, ME
Mchunu, AE
Mpofana, A
Ndlovu, LJ
Ntombela, LM
Ntuli, SN
Singh, Y
Sparrow, JD
Stainbank, LD
Sukraj, KC
van Amsterdam, JA
Venniker, FM
Zungu, N
Zwane, O

Commons

Badenhorst, J
Barnard, K
Bishop, LR
Borchers, LD
Cassim, Z
Coetsee, RG
Cohen, C
Dlamini, KBM
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Gowar, RPM
Hellberg, PK
Hukum, N
Khanyile, MQN
Mfayela, TA
Mkhize, L
Msibi, SAN
Ndlovu, ZS
Ngubane, SM
Nzama, SM
Richards, AJ
Saville, TB
Sibobi, L
Speirs, TB
Swanepoel, DL
Zulu, KT

Fuller

Addison, T
Arouca, D
Barlow, AJ
Cele, BS
Chetty, L
Don-Wauchope, JJ
Greaves, JA
Gumbi, SS
Hadden, EG
Khumalo, LW
Kunene, AFS
Mfekayi, LS
Mkhize, BSL
Mostert, OR
Ndlovu, SO
Nduli, OS
Reddy, K
September, S
Sheik, A
Vava, Z
Wichmann, R
Wright, JG
Zongwana, HO
Zuma, SA

Nicholson

Bezuidenhout, L
Cooke-Tonnesen, LG
Davies, D
Dlamini, NZ
Fitz, RG
Folscher, NC
Gumbi, SA
Gwala, ES
Machwane, N
Magutshwa, AO
Mdekazi, O
Ngcobo, N
Nicholson, MM
Ntlakana, MA
Nyoka, MN
Raghu, RS
Reitz, CF
Sibisi, A
Sikhakhane, NU
Singh, Z
Sithole, LK
Swart, TM
Woodroffe, BC

Snow

Adonis, C
Badat, Y
Bell, RA
Brigg, BS
Chunilall, DK
Gotte, BC
Khuluse, ZS
Khumalo, SR
Klopper, GHA
Luridsamy, JA
Lusso, JP
Maphumulo, E
Martin, DG
Mhlongo, ST
Msimang, NMN
Msomi, E
Murgatroyd, OB
Ndaba, M
Ntombela, ASL
Ntuli, L
Rukidi, NA
Smart, D
Smith, JAS
Trodd, RB
Tshabalala, K

Calder

Bagirathi, AS
Barnardo, MR
Baxter, CB
Clark, MD
Clarke, KG
Craig, CJC
Frank, C
Gumede, BA
Harper, KL
Langa, ZL
Madlala, MS
Madlala, QL
Maduna, EJ
Markham, CJ
Marwick, TJM
Mthabela, NS
Ncanana, K
Ndlovu, MS
Nkwanyana, KS
Palmer, RC
Riley, RJ
Rumbu, Z
van der Merwe, CW
Zikalala, PA

Forder

Anderson, AR
Bhengu, ST
Boshoff, R
Brande, L
Buthelezi, NS
Chamane, NZL
Jooma, M
Kanavathy, MM
Langa, EE
Managanan, R
Moloi, MU
Moodley, S
Moore, JR
Myburg, R
Ndlovu, SO
Nkosi, B
Ntloko, SNV
Ntuli, N
Patrick, LJ
Pita, KS
Rencken, DS
Smith, J
Steyn, N
Vengai, NE
Wessels, SC
Zondi, SB

Lamond

Apostolides, ZD
Chaplin, JH
Church, BM
Dlamini, NS
Dubazana, SA
Govender, JM
Green, JD
Johnson, WD
Linley, CT
Madlala, SE
Mkhize, AT
Mlambo, GC
Moodley, K
Mpisane, LJ
Mullen, KC
Myeni, ZN
Noordman, CH
Pillay, T
Shandu, AZS
Sibeko, NK
Sithole, NQL
Tonny, AR
Wilson, JA
Wilson, P
Zwane, FWO

Pape

Bhigjee, Z
Biyela, SM
Buthelezi, SS
Duma, AL
Francis, RJ
Gouws, KM
Havemann, J
Havemann, R
Heslop, RD
Keppler, LE
Kunene, SLS
Linde, AM
Lindeque, JC
Mackay-Leslie, CJ
Makhathini, O
Maziko, SV
Mkhwane, KS
Mnguni, AME
Mpanza, DNC
Mpanza, P
Ntshangase, LFA
Odayan, DT
Thomas, JM
van der Merwe, MR
van Kralingen, L

Strachan

Badat, H
Berner, RD
Bhengu, EA
Carter, E
Chohan, SA
de Lange, AH
Fincham, JG
Fourie, J
Gounder, J
Hlophe, OSL
Jakatyana, N
Jombile, P
Klute, RW
Luvuno, NQM
Mabaso, MM
Mbanjwa, QSO
Minnie, KE
Ntshingila, NG
Pauw, MA
Rogers, RJ
Shelembe, LA
Stone, TJ
Storm, H
Tenza, M
Watson, SJ



THIRD FORM

Barns

Ashton, NP
Bernstein, S
Dhai, Y
Dlamuka, HP
Dube, N
Gumede, S
Hunter-Smith, E
Ismail, S
Jansen, SD
Kosani, O
Kunene, SZ
Maharaj, Y
Mchunu, K
Mchunu, ZN
Mdladla, B
Mini, A
Mnguni, BA
Naidoo, EA
Ngcobo, A
Phakathi, AL
Rajpal, K
Sewlall, J
Sutherland, ST
van der Merwe, LK
van Staden, T
Williams, CK

Commons

Adjei, GK
Balmer, EM
Bandu, S
Fish, DG
Gcumisa, MS
Gumede, MM
Hellberg, KE
Holmes, RH
Khumalo, WP
Leclezio, DJ
Makhanya, SN
Mbatha, AW
Naidoo, JL
Ndaba, NC
Ngubane, AL
Nkomo, V
Pembroke, JAJ
Rajaratnam, D
Robertson, SH
Schepers, CJ
Schirge, SM
Schwikkard, JC
Vyambwera, L
White, JI
Worthmann, J
Zondi, O

Fuller

Baptista, JJ
Bolton, T
Chili, SH
Dlamini, L
Fransman, P
Gould, EO
Hendriks, J
Hosking, GP
Khan, UA
Khanyile, ML
Lessing, NR
Magutshwa, S
Manana, NS
Mbanjwa, WKL
Mbanzaswi, M
Modi, MK
Msibi, SM
Mupfumi, TN
Naidoo, D
Ngobese, PS
Pillay, R
Rawson, MJ
Smith, BL
Smith, TR
Taylor, TA
Zama, SS

Nicholson

Bircher, HW
Culverwell, JP
Dry, D
Dunne, JJ
Govender, BS
Hlongwa, AE
Hlophe, SA
Khawula, KA
Mathapershad, NJ
Mnyaiza, G
Moodley, JJ
Msebe, AB
Mtembu, KZ
Mthembu, NL
Ncwane, CS
Ndwandwa, HN
Pearson, B
Pearson, OB
Planteau De Maroussem, JJ
Shabangu, LE
Sithole, AS
Starling, FN
Wang, JD
Woodroffe, EC
Young, RM
Zweni, UT

Snow

Badenhorst, R
Barnard, CJ
Basi, O
Benamro, MA
Bornman, DJ
Gengan, OK
Gregory, KD
Hadebe, MS
Ince, SL
Madlala, A
Makepeace, JW
Mhlango, SN
Msomi, SM
Mumford, JR
Nkwanyana, VS
Peter, KB
Phungula, NK
Phungula, SS
Pillay, T
Seshemane, L
Volans, MJ
Xaba, LS
Zuma, U

Calder

Ahmed, MZ
Balkisson, CD
Budhu, Y
Burger, J
Gabuza, S
Gamede, LP
Horner, LR
Jingela, JK
Khwela, K
Kubheka, LN
Makhoba, L
Meyer, MJ
Mncwango, AK
Mohlaoli, NL
Mshengu, B
Mtetwa, SO
Ngantweni, K
Peters, J
Phakathi, LL
Pillay, RY
Powell, L
Raju, S
Scholtz, DC
Vayani, MA
Venter, L
Venter, MT
Zuma, O

Forder

Brandt, TM
Breedt, N
Dladla, LOT
Dodson, B
Geers, R
Govender, LC
Haasbroek, AD
Horwill, KM
Johnson, SR
Killick, TJ
Kyle, HD
Makhaye, BM
Marcus, LP
Mbewu, LQ
Mhlaba, LS
Ndadane, AO
Ngxekisa, LS
Ramlall, A
Rampersadh, K
Stewart, CA
Todd, WJ
Vengai, E
Xaba, EO
Zondo, UM

Lamond

Anthony, AE
Brijmohan, S
Dawood, Z
Duma, Z
Glover, ST
Havisi, TWS
Jansen, MA
Lewis, DT
Malila, W
Mofokeng, TS
Motsoeneng, TN
Muggleton, ML
Mullen, CJ
Myeni, AN
Myeza, SN
Ndlovu, O
Ngcobo, GN
Ngubane, AN
Padayachee, TG
Reitz, HJ
Schoeman, R
van Aswegen, EJ
van Aswegen, WJ
Vermeulen, JV

Pape

Carle, JA
Cassim, R
Ferguson, JS
Govender, K
Harley, RM
Heyns, QR
Hloba, SM
Khoza, NQ
Lubbe, KJ
Madhan, R
Mahaye, BLA
Maphumulo, S
Marimuthu, TL
Mchunu, EM
Mdhluli, MS
Mhlanga, OZ
Mthembu, S
Ndlovu, SS
Puddu, LJ
Quin, RH
Saville, NA
Shaw, L
Zakwe, BL

Strachan

Bhatt, T
Bisset, MJ
de Bruyn, KP
Dlamini, US
Hoolasi, Y
Khumalo, LL
Khumalo, MS
Kleingeld, DE
Knock, J
Matthee, D
Mlaba, ASA
Mogale, M
Moodley, Y
Mqadi, AS
Mqadi, MS
Mshengu, EL
Mthembu, KL
Ndaba, P
Ndaba, V
Ngcobo, A
Nkwatsi, MI
Payn, SG
Shawe, JH
Stead, TR
Volans, DW
Xolo, SS



FOURTH FORM**Barns**

Abrahams, DE
Charan, VS
Chetty, KK
Clark, DJ
Desebrook, PL
du Toit, DS
Grunewald, J
Gunning, DP
Hackland, CK
Jean-Louis, BD
Khetsi, P
Lekhobo, T
Leonard, KG
Madlala, MM
Mafunga, T
Manyathi, MS
Mongoato, RT
Ndlela, A
Netsianda, TO
Nxumalo, SB
Nzuza, WB
Qhobosheane, TT
Thembela, A
van Amsterdam, MD
van Rooyen, PL
Venniker, SA
Willson, RG

Commons

Ayisa, RK
Bishop, KM
Cahill, AS
Dillon, DK
Dladla, A
Dlamini, L
Dube, KAN
Govender, S
Hoatson, OS
Hukum, A
Jankovich-Besan, JC
Khumalo, PM
Maharaj, S
Mkhize, AA
Mkhize, SN
Mountfort, C
Ndlovu, SO
Ndwalane, L
Ngcemu, NO
Ngcobo, SZ
Nqayi, A
Pay, JS
Pillay, D
Schirge, RM
Sehlako, TK
Shabalala, SS
Wiggill, SB

Fuller

Botha, B
Bryant, BLC
Burnie, KJ
Cameron, MK
Essack, AN
Francis, CJ
Gumede, LN
Hlophe, SK
Lotter, L
Mabande, LA
Mabanga, LN
Mahomed, M
Mbatha, SM
Mchunu, SM
Naidoo, A
Nelson, CJ
Nettleton, JE
Searle, K
Senzere, I
Shezi, K
Simamane, SB
Sing, BC
Sobwe, EK
Stanton, R
Watts, SD
Wood, C
Zuma, BA

Nicholson

Asmal, U
Barnard, B
Curry, NA
de Beer, RW
Fitz, LT
Gosling, NJ
Gumede, PW
Jursa, DE
Khoza, SS
Kosani, L
Lock, MR
Machwane, CZJ
Mngwengwe, K
Mohamed, SA
Msane, ZN
Mudely, T
Myaka, MN
Naidoo, TC
Nhlapo, SM
Nyoka, MM
Padayachee, J
Paveley, LR
Pritchard, OD
Rulumeni, N
Samuel, OB
Tshabalala, N

Snow

Armstrong, JM
Benamro, FB
Coetzer, CC
Craig, JA
Dladla, AM
Dlamini, N
Garrell, DR
Goatley, JC
Gotte, JS
Hadebe, SH
Khan, R
Khanye, NS
Khoza, OL
Maduna, TS
Matshisa, SB
Moodley, K
Myeza, LS
Naicker, L
Palmer, DM
Pedlar, SG
Pillay, T
Ramiah, R
Seakeco, N
Smart, M
van Niekerk, T
Zondi, SM
Zote, BP

Calder

Becket, LR
Bharath, AR
Boshoff, TJ
Chetty, ML
Dickason, CM
Jaftha, NF
Joubert, TL
Kau, SR
Khumalo, B
Khwela, A
Le Court De Billot, CT
Lembethe, A
Lewis, LS
Maartens, WF
Madzimure, M
Maharaj, S
Maistry, J
Mhlanzi, BE
Mncwabe, P
Motswadire, GL
Moyo, N
Mustard, RK
Ngubane, AU
Ramdeen, VY
Ramdhass, S
Slevin, JD
Thompson, JG
Vogt, KH

Forder

Colenbrander, DS
Dlamini, SN
Fabre, E
Fynn, CN
Gadzikwa, R
Galtrey, DR
Goddard, HD
Hadden, RA
Kader, ML
Katz, TL
Khumalo, SS
Manana, MF
Murekezi, MD
Murugan, AS
Ndlovu, MJS
Ngcobo, AS
Potgieter, CB
Sibanyoni, SS
Sishi, LS
Slabberts, RD
Smith, M
Theeralingam, J
Theletsane, KA
van der Merwe, JM
Wessels, JN
Zikhali, UL

Lamond

Adam, NC
Andrews, B
Basson, KE
Bloose, JJ
Chetty, H
Chikowero, TL
de Bruyn, K
Dyosi, ML
Erskind, FS
Foster, T
Janneker, DE
Jordaan, JP
Khan, FY
Kunene, FN
Mchunu, SN
Moodley, M
Motshoane, R
Mshudulu, LJ
Mtambo, M
Mukorera, LA
Naidoo, D
Redman, L
Tsabedze, ZK
van der Merwe, EW
Wilson, CE
Zunckel, JH

Pape

Aheer, Y
Canham, ZS
Chikukwa, RT
Cook, BC
Dreyer, LG
Hulane, ZM
Khumalo, CA
Kruger, TR
Lester, DS
Lindeque, IM
Lutge, A
Mackay-Leslie, LE
Madlala, A
Makhaye, A
Makhaye, ST
Msimango, MM
Naidoo, D
Ndlovu, VU
Oosthuizen, MC
Pillay, CJ
Pretorius, MA
Sheikh, R
Shezi, JA
Sibankulu, KZ
van Dyk, WM
Viljoen, C
Xaba, SL

Strachan

Askham, ML
Baker, TD
Caluza, TP
Fourie, BJ
Gademan, DG
Hackland, HR
Hadebe, AA
Harris, MC
Khuboni, IL
Madlala, KE
Mhlanzi, A
Mhlango, BZ
Mpapa, EM
Naidoo, N
Nankan, T
Nzama, LL
Parker, WM
Pauw, CD
Royappen, TS
Sivenarain, T
Somi, MA
Steel, MS
Sweetnam, CA
Truter, MH
Tsoko, L
van Rensburg, RD
van Wyk, AP
Zulu, MV



FIFTH FORM

Barns

Abdool, A
Adendorff, OL
Armoed, RM
Bhengu, AK
Bhengu, LN
Currie, JM
Foster, TM
Gwala, MW
Khanyile, SS
Khumalo, SN
Mitewu, EM
Mngqithi, SN
Mundell, CM
Naidoo, K
Ngcobo, SMT
Petersen, JC
Pillay, KH
Singh, K
Sukraj, CJ
Thackwray, JJ
Thompson, TH
Thomson, MR
Thornton-Dibb, BJ
Thusi, NY
Uhlmann, L

Commons

Baca, ME
Borchers, MR
Danisa, ST
De Klerk, W
Dillon, CW
Dzanibe, S
Galassi, AE
Gray, JJ
Kauffman, MJ
Kent, BJ
Luthuli, L
Mkhize, LYA
Mkhulisa, SA
Moneyvalu, JD
Mshengu, SPF
Myeni, TT
Naidoo, TD
Pembroke, NRK
Redlinghuys, SM
Singh, Y
Suter, DK
Taylor, AD
van der Merwe, R
Vyambwera, MS

Fuller

Akoonjee, A
Baptista, LJ
Beni, A
Clark, ERC
Combrink, JL
Drimie, JT
Elliot, PEG
Gould, CTB
Hlophe, BN
Hoosen, U
Humphries, AW
Jordan, GLR
Kleu, SP
Majola, ET
Mchunu, SS
Modi, HC
Mwamba, CP
Naidoo, D
Nel, D
Ngcobo, AN
Pepu, BI
Shangase, L
Shuttleworth, JW
Singh, M
Sinkfontein, LH
van der Vliet, RM

Nicholson

Cherayi, CM
Cruickshank, DJ
Essa, Y
Gibbs, CS
Hlophe, TA
Hughes, SJ
Jenkins, KR
Khumalo, LG
Koller, NP
Lewis, AJC
Louwrens, PA
Maharaj, J
Maluleke, HM
Miya, MM
Moodley, DT
Msimango, S
Naidoo, D
Naidoo, W
Nala, OM
Odell, JO
Rulumeni, V
Shabalala, MMP
Shuttleworth, PJ
Singh, R
Upfold, RG
van Heerden, CPJ

Snow

Anderson, JB
Anderson, RDM
de Jager, LJ
Duma, S
Hadebe, AB
Haug-Lyons, JZ
Lamb, PR
le Roux, B
Mavimbela, LL
Mkhize, A
Mkoyana, P
Mlotshwa, IL
Moses, ZR
Mseleku, L
Murgatroyd, MB
Nadasan, DC
Naidoo, M
Nkabane, L
Osman, M
Padayachee, RD
Sibiya, SM
Thabethe, F
Trodde, WJ
van Rooyen, C
Westerdale, ND

Calder

Beste, E
Dlamini, EUA
Douglas, SWS
Fryer Dudley, JD
Govender, K
Jacobs, CR
Jansen van Rensburg, J
Joubert, CS
Khan, R
Khumalo, AM
Khwele, AB
Mkhize, SK
Msomi, SS
Ngubane, LQB
Peters, T
Pillay, FC
Pillay, TS
Taylor, JR
Tilbury, AC
Tilbury, JL
Venter, R
Zakwe, MA
Zondi, C
Zwane, I

Forder

Askew, GA
Barrett, DA
Boshoff, R
Botha, BJ
Brunkhorst, D
Brunkhorst, M
Chetty, M
Davies, DB
Deane, SJ
Dladla, ZV
During, LM
Gamede, UO
Gwala, SV
Hansrod, Y
Jones, KK
Mabanga, E
Mabunda, ZM
Mdabe, HL
Mkhize, LN
Nkosi, Z
Ntombela, O
Parak, B
Phoenix, EZ
Sewparsing, A
Siyongwana, C
Stead, JR
Wassink, LC

Lamond

Ambler, TW
Botha, KH
Dedekind, KL
Demont, BL
Durgaparsad, S
Ekerold, TB
Ekstrand, KJ
Ender, CD
Hamadzipi, ET
Kasambala, VJ
Lancaster, MS
Makhoba, BC
Mazibuko, S
McAllister, EJ
Mntungwa, NU
Moosa, R
Motha, LS
Ngobese, NA
Phungula, KS
Pillay, DT
Raichund, R
Sithembu, S
Subreenduth, S
Tshabalala, ZA

Pape

Canham, MU
Dlamini, A
Greiff, MW
Greyling, LR
Harley, JF
Hurson, CT
Khumalo, AA
Kufal, TJ
Maphanga, MM
McDonald, CG
Mfusi, ML
Mkize, N
Momphe, MB
Morewood, CJ
Mpanza, NA
Murugen, T
Naidoo, DC
Nana, T
Ncengwa, KS
Ndaba, OK
Qasha, MS
Singh, K
Watts, BEH
Xulu, EA
Zuma, A

Strachan

Fincham, JJ
Harris, JC
Jackson, DC
Lauder, RG
Martin, MD
Mazibuko, ST
Mgojo, LE
Moula, F
Mthlane, AT
Naidoo, S
Ngcobo, NB
Ngobese, S
O'Connor, LD
Perumal, A
Premchand, V
Radebe, OA
Smit, JB
Steyn, JC
Strachan, WG
Thomson, GN
van Wyk, AD
Zondi, W



SIXTH FORM**Barns**

Bernstein, R
Breedt, MP
Cele, VSA
Dlamini, BU
Egberink, GJ
Fulton, TC
Govender, E
Jackson, NJ
Jekwa, LN
Johnstone, LJ
Kubheka, P
Lamb, KWD
Macleod, FCC
Mafunga, T
Makhanya, K
McIntyre, HA
Mtolo, SA
Ndlovu, Z
Nohiya, C
Norton, SR
Nzimande, A
Slevin, JP
Songca, A
Trollip, K

Commons

Akoob, A
Brown, NW
Clifton, D
Dladla, L
Dlomo, MA
Galliers, WP
Govender, S
Grove, JA
Haines, DT
Holmes, NI
Khuzwayo, PA
Mathonsi, AD
Middleton, BJ
Mkhize, M
Mkhulisi, NA
Mntungwa, AM
Ndawonde, N
Parker, CG
Pieterse, DP
Seyoum, ET
Taylor, EB
van Laun, GN
Wichmann, R

Fuller

Botha, A
Deyzel, N
Dlamini, L
Geach, MJ
Harrichand, CL
Heeralal, D
Hosking, BN
Hoskins, RC
Jele, KU
Khan, MI
Mashaba, SV
Mbatha, S
Mchunu, YU
Mfeka, ZL
Mornet, A
Mthethwa, A
Ndlovu, PS
Roberts, MB
Roberts, MJ
Sibisi, VN
van Heerden, MC
Warren, D
Williams, EL
Wolter, JM

Nicholson

Aurets, JA
Beauclerk, W
Bridglall, S
Dube, S
Gasarasi, JM
Henderson, CGS
Kapotwe, SC
Knox, EP
Leclezio, AL
Maartens, R
Maphisa, B
Mayeni, S
Mchunu, P
Miller, LM
Moosa, MH
Mthembu, AL
Naidu, R
Ngcobo, AM
Ngcobo, SE
Nkwanyana, MEB
Pearson, TR
Rossouw, MJ
Sidimba, A
Sithole, NS
Smith, TL

Snow

Armstrong, TO
Erasmus, E
Essa, R
Foster, BC
Govender, MJ
Joubert, H
Khumalo, KN
Khumalo, SS
Kloppers, E
Konigkramer, JH
Marais, JI
Masinga, I
McKean, RD
Mngomezulu, TF
Moodley, ER
Mqadi, O
Mthimkhulu, LN
Mtolo, AL
Mumford, JJ
Ndlovu, Z
Newlands, LA
Ntanzu, AA
Sutherland, LC
Thabethe, O
Tocknell, RJ
Zulu, MNS
Zungu, SNU

Calder

Bagirathi, AS
Becket, DJ
Blackburn, TB
Cox, TT
Da Costa, O
Ferraz, CBI
Keartland, ES
Kunene, LS
Maynard, ER
Mbentse, L
Mhlongo, TN
Mkhize, NL
Msomi, SS
Mtsi, LA
Ndaba, LW
Ngcobo, SM
Ntombela, OL
Peckham, D
Samuel, JK
Soorajdin, M
van der Merwe, E
Walker, LJ
Wichmann, KC

Forder

Adie, SR
Chetty, JK
Collins, N J
Galtrey, JA
Gwala, N
Haasbroek, OR
Hansrod, I
Howells, EC
Howells, ME
Jikijo, IO
Kritzinger, A
Kritzinger, M
Madikizela, B
Makangela, ZL
Makhathini, LT
Marcus, JA
Mkhwanazi, SAA
Moreno Mancilla, MJ
Murekezi, JN
Nyathi, SM
Potgieter, CC
Setipa, NR
Simpson, DK
Werth, JR

Lamond

Botha, DW
Dlamini, LM
du Plessis, DS
Durgaparsad, S
Dyasi, KE
Foster, J
Govender, T
Higgins, CJI
Jama, SE
Jansen, JZ
Jozi, FJ
Khumalo, MP
Knoetze, JD
Knoetze, MA
Landman, EL
Manickum, K
Mason, CI
Matshoboza, A
Meisegeier, NM
Msimang, AU
Ngcobo, A
Paine, TL
Pretorius, AH
Prinsloo, HR
Redman, SG
Rubuluza, ML
Sellick, CA
Sithembu, S

Pape

Barnardo, MJ
Braithwaite, TR
du Toit, MM
Erasmus, CM
Ferguson, D
George, J
Hart, LC
Hlela, LT
Hopkins, K
Hurson, KJ
Isaacs, N
Kemka, IC
Kloppers, J
Mahomed, A
Majozi, S
Mbhele, TMB
Mohammed, YV
Mosupye, IG
Motaung, TK
Mthembu, K
Narain, N
Nelson, JG
Ngcobo, N
Oosthuizen, SS
Stafford, EE
Thabethe, MJ
van Huyssteen, J

Strachan

Dumakude, NA
Gademan, BM
Gibson, MT
Goslett, CJ
Jackson, AJ
Jacobsz, RF
Jewaskiewicz, ME
Khumalo, MMS
Lottering, RM
Martin, JK
Matshoge, LK
Mkhize, SL
Mncwabe, MAN
Mthiyane, NG
Myeza, LA
Nel, MP
Ntuli, OS
Ollerhead, BG
Pelser, HM
Perumal, J
Robinson, C
Roopai, AB
Sithole, AS
Tredgold, SJ
Zuma, BL
Zwane, NOS





Report for 2023/24

In this 126th year of the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA), we proudly celebrated the school's 160th birthday—a milestone marked by generosity, camaraderie and meaningful engagement between Old Boys and our alma mater.

Old Boys demonstrated their enduring commitment to the school by:

- Donating towards an electric cable linking solar power to Goldstone's as a 160th birthday gift.
- Hosting a memorable Reunion 2024.
- Committing further support to fund CollegeConnect for 2023/24.

Dr Melba Nzimande excelled as operations manager, delivering two Reunions of exceptional quality before resigning (effective 31 July 2024) to spend more time with family. Ms Sue Buchanan-Clarke has driven CollegeConnect to new heights, turning it into a strategic pillar for Old Boys' networking and support.

The executive team, branch chairs, and many volunteers continue to give generously of their time. I am confident that our 'president elect,' Jon Hoatson, will lead MCOBA with dedication and vision.

Membership remains our greatest challenge. Of the target set for paid-up members, we reached just over half, mirroring the previous year's figures. Our goal remains to significantly grow annual sub-paying members, and the soon-to-be-appointed 'College Ambassador' will be central to turning this around.

The year was packed with events designed to keep Old Boys connected:

- Reunion: For the first time in years, Reunion ran at a small profit, though fixed costs remain high.
- Veterans' Open Day in Victoria Hall.
- Branch gatherings nationwide and abroad, including Pietermaritzburg, Zululand, Midlands, Highway, North Coast, Kokstad, Underberg, Cape Town and London.
- Remembrance Day Service.
- Matric Induction: 255 boys (95% of the class) inducted, with all ties sponsored – saving the Association significant costs.
- Old Boys Strategy Session at College in January 2024.

CollegeConnect has emerged as a powerful networking platform:

- Over 1,700 registered users, with the majority offering mentoring or support.
- Dozens of messages exchanged monthly between users.
- A busy calendar of events, with more added for 2024.
- Multiple WhatsApp groups with hundreds of members.
- Hundreds of job opportunities advertised, with many confirmed hires.
- Businesses using the platform for promotion.
- Hundreds of Grade 11 work experience placements facilitated.

This initiative is strengthening professional and personal ties among Old Boys while directly supporting the next generation.

The Maritzburg College Old Boys Memorial Trust remains in a healthy state, continuing its vital role in supporting the school. Wayne Evans (OC 1990) has ensured prudent management of the Trust's resources.

Our operations have benefited from professional, passionate service:

- Dr Melba Nzimande, as noted, has been outstanding in her role.

- Ms Thandekile Mthlale has brought energy and efficiency as an intern, assisting with administration.
- Ms Sue Buchanan-Clarke continues to expand CollegeConnect's reach while supporting operational tasks.

College Business, under Kevin Smith, has delivered exceptional service, aided by a revitalised team and improved morale. Notably:

- Miss Rachael Barnard joined as events co-ordinator, playing a key role in Reunion 2024's success.
- Mr Mathew Marwick continues to support day boy and boarder recruitment tirelessly.
- Mrs Jenny Baptista assists with technology and database needs.
- Mrs Sally Upfold ensures MCOBA's marketing and messaging align for maximum impact.

We celebrate our patron and headmaster, Dr Luman, on earning his doctorate. His leadership through the school's 160th year has been exemplary, and his dedication to engaging Old Boys worldwide is invaluable.

As I complete my third and final term as President, I am grateful for the privilege of serving. I firmly believe MCOBA is in a healthy position and increasingly relevant in today's world—a community offering belonging, purpose and friendship. In challenging times, these bonds matter more than ever.

Old Boys' continued support for one another, often stepping in with love, care and practical assistance during crises, embodies our motto: FiveYearsForLife. The friendships forged at College are lifelong.

To the College community, my executive team, and every Old Boy: thank you for the unwavering support, dedication and friendship over the past three years. It has been an honour to give back to the institution that gave so much to me.

Pro Aris et Focis

Andrew Clayton • MCOBA President



The formal transition in leadership of MCOBA is marked by the Passing of the Bronze Basher. Outgoing President, Mr Andrew Clayton (OC 1991), presents the Bronze Basher to the new incumbent, Mr Jon Hoatson (OC 1998).



A significant message moment at the side of Pape's Astro during the 1st XI hockey game against Michaelhouse – won 2-0 by College.



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