



MARITZBURG COLLEGE

A REPORT ON ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN 2025

**An Addendum to the
Headmaster's Speech**

ACADEMIC

Our boys continue to excel in many different areas, and they have done themselves and their school proud. We are pleased to celebrate the success of many of our boys on the academic front, some of which are listed below. Our boys take part annually in a variety of national events, in which they test themselves against pupils from many schools across South Africa. Many boys have excelled in these national examinations and competitions:

1. MATRIC RESULTS 2024

Maritzburg College achieved a 99,2% pass rate, and 96,3% of our boys achieved entry into a degree or diploma course at a tertiary level.

Jonathan Werth, our 2024 Dux, excelled with 7 distinctions in the NSC exams and 88% in the IEB AP Mathematics exam. Furthermore, Jonathan was placed 1st in Quintile 5 schools, and 6th overall in the district with Jandre van Huyssteen 4th in Quintile 5 schools, and 19th in the district.

8 distinctions	J Werth (including 88% for IEB AP Mathematics)
7 distinctions	R McKean, J van Huyssteen
6 distinctions	C Ferraz, J Jikijo, J Kloppers, S Majozi, SJ Tredgold
5 distinctions	R Jacobsz, A Matshoboza, SM Ngcobo
4 distinctions	S Bridglall, JK Chetty, R Essa, O Haasbroek, N Narain, SR Norton, DP Pieterse, EB Taylor, LJ Walker, BL Zuma
3 distinctions	L Dlamini, J Foster, B Gademan, N Holmes, MH Knoetze, LW Ndaba, AL Leclezio, LA Myeza, N Ndawonde, HR Prinsloo, C Robinson, JK Samuel

2. OLYMPIADS / QUIZZES / COMPETITIONS

Senior Afrikaans Olympiad

Five candidates achieved above 80%, namely R Badenhorst, M Venter, L Dreyer, D Dry and I Lindeque who also placed in the Top 20 in KwaZulu-Natal.

Junior Afrikaans Olympiad

Two candidates achieved above 80%: J Linde and O Mostert both achieved 80% in the junior phase.

Economics

The following 5th Form boys achieved 100% in Round 1 of the Economics Proverto Olympiad: U Asmal, S Govender, A Mhlanzi.

The College team of 6th Form boys – L Shangase, C Mundell, S Naidoo and K Govender – was one of the top 10 finalists of 220 schools in the SARB MPC Challenge in 2025. They presented their MPC statement to a panel of economists at the South African Reserve Bank and attained 5th position.

EMS

Daryle Moyo in Form 2 and Thomas Addison in Form 3 participated in the department of Education EMS quiz. The boys competed against 10 other schools in our circuit and were placed 1st in their respective Forms.

Business Studies Olympiad

The following boys achieved in the 'A' category

- 1) Rorisang Motshoane (Form 5) – 83%
- 2) Aditya Hukum (Form 5) – 80%
- 3) Kiano Singh (Form 6) – 80%
- 4) Declan Davies (Form 6) – 83%

English Olympiad

On 4 March 2025, seven boys participated in the 3-hour English Olympiad.

- Three learners earned Silver Awards (70–79%)
- Two learners received Merit Awards (50–59%)
- One learner achieved a Participation Award (below 50%)

3. KHANYISA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

In 2025, the Khanyisa Outreach Programme welcomed a new cohort of Grade 11 learners who will remain in the programme for two years. This ensures the continuation of Khanyisa's mission to uplift educational outcomes in under-resourced schools, with a focus on Mathematics, Physical Science, and English FAL.

In 2024, three Khanyisa matriculants were awarded bursaries from Hulamin to pursue their studies, while many others achieved outstanding results, with numerous learners obtaining As in these subjects and some ranking among the Top 10 in the District.

This year, we streamlined the programme's operations by partnering with a select group of schools in the district and working more closely with principals to strengthen learner attendance. Learners also received stationery packs, and we introduced the provision of sanitary pads to female students as part of our support initiatives.

The Junior Khanyisa programme has enjoyed great success this year. Our primary focus was on strengthening learners' skills in the core subjects of Mathematics and English. Each term also included a mentor lesson centred on Maritzburg College's core values, helping learners grow in character as well as academically. We will also be celebrating the graduation of our Grade 7 learners as they complete their two-year cycle with us. They leave the programme better equipped with solid academic foundations and valuable life skills to support their transition into high school.

CULTURE

The aim of this section of the addendum is to outline, briefly, the cultural and sporting activities in which the boys at College have participated during the past year.

1. AFRIKAANS SOCIETY

The Afrikaans Society continues to unite, foster, and promote the Afrikaans language and culture within the school. As one of the largest and most active societies on campus, the boys have shown remarkable commitment and enthusiasm throughout the year.

In Term 1, the society held its Giving Week event, visiting the Rosewood Retirement Village, where the boys uplifted and encouraged the elderly through their presence and performances. Term 2 featured the production “Afrikaans is Bakgat”, an evening filled with poetry and short plays that highlighted the richness of the language and its expressive power. Term 3 brought the society’s biggest production to date, “Koshuis, Malhuis, my huis”, which drew the largest audience for our shows yet and stood out as a highlight of the year. In addition, several boys proudly represented the school in *Digivoordrae* and *Digigedigte* competitions.

The society’s influence lies not only in its scale but also in its impact. From bringing joy to retirement communities to producing plays that celebrate brotherhood and culture, the Afrikaans Society continues to strengthen College’s cultural fabric.

2. ART CLUB

The Art Club enjoyed an active and rewarding year, one marked by both artistic growth and community involvement. In the first term, the boys visited the KwaZulu-Natal Museum, where they sketched from the impressive mammal exhibits. This experience allowed them to study form and texture closely and to apply their developing technical skills in a stimulating environment.

The club also supported the broader College community through several public events. At the Merchiston Primary School Colour Run, members sketched lively portraits, capturing both the energy and joy of the occasion. Reunion Day offered further opportunities for creativity: the boys painted Goldstone’s with the College badge, the Old Collegian badge, and the iconic “Red Army” next to Pape’s Astro. In addition, they produced charcoal and pastel portraits for the community as well as a large watercolour landscape of Goldstone’s, the works reflecting both craftsmanship and school pride. The Art Club also participated in the Varsity College Halloween Festival and helped raise funds for Ashburton Primary School.

New media introduced this year have expanded the depth of the boys’ skill sets. The addition of pastel portraits and watercolour has not only strengthened their technical ability but also encouraged experimentation and expressive risk-taking. The club continues to grow as a supportive community in which members feel free to create without fear of failure or judgement.

The adoption of the vision statement “To cultivate brave, skilled, and supportive young artists who enrich our school and community through creativity and craftsmanship” has given clear direction to the club’s work. Through dedication to artisanship, bravery, and community, the Art Club embodies the values of College and contributes meaningfully to the cultural life of the school.

3. CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club continues to be successful, growing both in numbers and talent. The boys have yet to achieve success with the National PSSA competition, but we have high hopes for the Kearsney interschools competition. This club has been a haven for boys who see more in photography than just friends and selfies. They combine elements around such as flowers, insects, sunsets and even traffic. The club provides a platform to showcase their favourite photos and receive feedback on how to improve. Photography always remains an obsession to chase down the perfect shot. It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my club of nine years. I leave the boys in the capable hands of Ms Lubbe, knowing they will continue to grow their talent.

4. COLLEGE CUES – DRAMA AND DANCE

The members of College Cues and Dance contributed substantially to two school productions and House plays this year.

In an exciting collaboration with Epworth, College helped bring *Rewind Revolution* to life—a vibrant production celebrating the power of music and movement. Learners from both schools worked closely with dedicated staff and a professional choreographer to refine their singing, dancing, and stagecraft. The result was a high-energy performance that highlighted not only artistic skill but also the spirit of unity and shared creativity.

College's second production was the beloved musical *Oliver!*, staged with auditions open to both high school and senior primary learners. Despite the challenges posed by an unusually fragmented term—marked by multiple school holidays—the cast remained committed and resilient. Their hard work paid off in a memorable performance run that captivated audiences and celebrated the magic of live theatre.

Many of our members either directed or played principal roles in their individual house plays. C Zondi was the director of the winning House play.

5. COLLEGE FOR CHRIST (CFC)

In 2025, College for Christ continued to flourish as a Christ-centred fellowship for all Maritzburg College boys. Weekly Tuesday tea-break sessions, led by the boys, provided moments of spiritual encouragement and reflection. The boarding arm, College for Christ Vitality, under Mr Emerson's guidance, became a strong spiritual hub. Boarders gathered on Wednesday evenings for worship and discipleship.

The group extended its reach beyond school, attending worship nights at One Life Church and local schools. A highlight was hosting a chapel worship evening led by Open Skies Church and Linc Church's Pastor Mark Slevin, which had a transformative impact on many boys. Another anticipated event was a joint worship night with Epworth, which saw strong sign-up and excitement.

The fellowship also embraced service, with students volunteering at Kenosis, a local foster-care initiative. Boys cleared land for vegetable gardens, demonstrating their faith in action.

What sets College for Christ apart is its College boy-led nature, with boys driving the ministry forward, under the supervision of dedicated believers on the staff.

6. DEBATING

In 2025 Maritzburg College continued its stellar involvement in interschool league debating. K Moodley, A Mhlanzi, A Madlala, A Ngcobo and K Mkhwane acquitted themselves well at the South African National Schools debating in December 2024, receiving recognition as best speakers. K Moodley and A Mhlanzi (captain and vice-captain, respectively) were selected for 2025 World Schools Debating Championship development trials.

In 2025 College was represented by eight teams in the various Pietermaritzburg Debating League (PMBDL) categories. All three leagues now have multiple members chosen on a rotational basis to debate in each round.

After five rounds of league debates, two Senior teams and one Junior team broke to semi-finals. Unfortunately, our junior team lost in their semi-final debate. However, the remaining senior team, comprising K Moodley, A Mhlanzi and J Moneyvalu, broke to finals and won the final debate of 2025 receiving the Debating Shield for Seniors. Moneyvalu was named best speaker. Although College seniors have been in the semi-finals and finals over the last two years, this is our first official senior win since 2004.

In addition, College Debaters were ranked among league top ten as follows:

Junior: K Mkhwane (1st, received the Travis McCabe Junior award), N Luvuno (3rd), Q Madlala (3rd)

Senior: A Mhlanzi (5th), K Moodley (5th), A Ngcobo (7th), D Gademan (10th)

The annual PBHS/College exchanges kicked off with College going to PBHS in term two and PBHS visiting us in term three. College seniors won both the away and home debates, while the juniors unfortunately lost.

In May a tournament was held to trial the highest-ranking debaters of the PMBDL. A contingent of 11 debaters represented College in the junior and senior leagues. All eleven boys were selected to attend the provincial trials.

In preparation for provincial selection, College debaters participated in the Youth Open Voices tournament at Westville Girls' High campus in June. This was the third time that College debaters took part in the After Freedom Youth Voices Open tournament. After a productive three days, College junior and senior teams broke to semi-finals

and finals, with multiple seniors and juniors receiving accolades ranging from best speakers, to ranking in the top 10.

Term three saw an 80-person Pietermaritzburg contingent at Provincial selection, ten of whom were College boys. After a gruelling three days, six College debaters, juniors and seniors, were selected to represent KZN, namely K Moodley, A Mhlanzi, A Madlala and A Ngcobo. D Gademan and N Luvuno were selected as reserves.

Providing in-person and online training, College hosted the KZN team training session in August and will host a second training session in October. We look forward to our boys competing in the National schools debating competition in December 2025.

7. ENVIRO CLUB

The number of boys in the Enviro Club was severely depleted after several Sixth Formers matriculated at the end of last year. The drive to grow trees from both seeds and cuttings sadly ended in disappointment. Despite our best efforts none of our cuttings took and sadly very few of our seeds germinated. However, in true College spirit we will continue to persevere, improving our techniques and hopefully having more success.

Our boys enjoyed their outdoor adventures during the various leadership camps, and while not directly related to the Enviro Club, the Strachan and Fuller House Fourth Formers have the benefit of Dr Craig Widow being their guide. Craig is an accomplished birder and taught our boys how to identify the mysterious and highly illusive Barrat's Warbler, as well as pointing out Ground Woodpeckers and various other birds.

Term 4 will see a major drive to swell our numbers and plan for more activities to take place in 2026.

8. FIRST AID

The winter season has been exceptionally busy, and we are pleased to report several highlights. We were fortunate to have Ms Sarawan join us for the winter sports programme, whose support greatly contributed to our success. The commitment and diligence of the boys have been instrumental in ensuring the smooth running of all first aid operations during this period.

In May we successfully held our annual First Aid Course which attracted a favourable number of participants. We are also grateful to our staff members who have been equally efficient in volunteering their time on weekends to assist both First Aid and the SAN.

During exchanges to PBHS and Affies, our first aid teams played a vital role in assisting all injured boys, managing both minor and serious injuries, including hospital support where necessary.

Both boys and staff can be justly proud of their efforts, which have exemplified true servant leadership in their service to the College.

9. HINDU SOCIETY

The Hindu Student Society (HSS) exists to provide learners with a platform to come together to learn about and celebrate their religion and culture. At the heart of our society is *seva* — selfless service — as we strive to uplift others and serve those in need.

The highlight of our calendar was undoubtedly the Cultural Evening held in March. The OCC was beautifully transformed into a "Little India," adorned with colourful lights, drapes, and vibrant decorations. The evening was filled with singing, dancing, prayer recitations, poetry, and musical performances. A standout moment was the Fashion Show, where our boys proudly modelled traditional Indian attire. The energetic *bhangra* dance that followed had everyone on their feet and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During Open Day, we displayed our rich heritage and traditions to visitors. Our stall featured sacred texts, incense sticks, *murtis* (idols), garlands, and a variety of delicious foods for everyone to enjoy. It was a proud moment to share our culture with the broader school community.

A memorable temple tour to Durban, visiting the iconic ISKCON Hare Krishna Temple and the beautiful Shri Vishnu Temple, brought us closer together and deepened our connection with our faith.

We marked Ganesh Chaturthi with a special presentation, a colouring competition, and a themed word search activity. It was a meaningful way to celebrate Lord Ganesha and involved all members in a fun and educational experience.

On Family Day, we sold samosas and boba tea, which were a big hit with the school community. With the proceeds we sponsored meals prepared in partnership with *Food for Love*.

We were honoured to be invited by the Hayfields Hindu Society (H2O) to conduct rituals during their Navaratri celebration. Being entrusted with such a significant spiritual duty was both a blessing and a privilege.

In the coming year, we aim to foster greater collaboration with other religious and cultural societies within the school. We believe that while our paths may differ, our values unite us. The Ten Precepts of Hinduism, the Ten Commandments of Christianity, and the Five Pillars of Islam all promote the same ideals of compassion, truth, and service.

10. INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club had a slow start this year, however we welcomed a few new members during the course of the year. In Term 1 we organised an easter egg collection for the children at the Salvation Army Home as part of the school's Happiness Week and assisted with sandwich making for 'Bread Buddies'. In term 3 we started a Christmas collection in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea; we will be delivering to various beneficiaries in term 4.

11. MARKETING TEAM

The aims of Marketing for our boys are two-fold; to introduce them to marketing concepts, and for them to get involved in school marketing events and activities. This year they contributed to some of our campaign ideas as well as proactively initiating a digital Newsroom, providing a platform for sharing the voice of the boys. A small group provided exceptional support by taking photographs and videos of various campus events and activities.

The team continued to support recruitment initiatives including our Open Days, tours, sleepover weekends, expos and roadshows. They also assisted with other events including winter home fixtures and the Nashua 7s Family Day. Congratulations to our senior boys who were awarded Colours in recognition of their service over the last four years. Thank you to our Marketing captain, H Mdabe, who, together with a group of Sixth Formers, has led the team with commitment and diligence.

12. MC INK

MC Ink is a society of like-minded individuals who share a passion for writing and poetry. The group provides a space for members to grow, experiment, and express themselves through the discipline of words.

This year, the society participated in Words at Kearsney during the first term, where our boys presented spoken word alongside learners from other schools, representing College with pride and prestige. In the third term, MC Ink hosted its signature event, Night of the Writer, an evening of poetry appreciation that showcased the depth of creativity among our students.

The society is composed largely of senior boys who continue to lead by example, showing how literary expression enriches both the individual and the broader school culture. On Giving Day, the boys created poems that were displayed in the corridors, uplifting the spirit of the school and leaving a mark of inspiration.

13. MEDIA CENTRE MONITORS

Following the cultural assembly in January, our media monitor numbers increased to a dedicated membership of 16 under the reliable leadership of A Acoonjee. During March, in celebration of Happiness Week, the Media Centre mounted a beautiful display entitled "Happiness Leads to Success" with many books supporting this topic. Our monitors shared in the trivia and spot prizes that were awarded throughout the tea break festivities. That same afternoon, several of our monitors also participated in the Bread Buddies sandwich making initiative in a collective effort for the homeless under Mrs Thaver's guidance.

In May, our monitors visited the Cecil Renaud Library at UKZN on the Pietermaritzburg Campus. On arrival, we were met by the head of the library, Dr P Sukrum who extended a warm welcome to our group. The boys were then taken on a full tour of this extensive academic library and briefed on all the resources, running of the circulation desk and interlibrary loans between their five campuses. They also enjoyed the special collections tour of the Alan Paton Centre and Struggle Archives particularly as Mr Paton was an OC of our school. It certainly was a very inspiring visit, and we extended our sincere thanks to Dr Sukrum and his staff for their valuable time.

In late September, College held its Sport and Cultural Awards Ceremony. Our captain, Akoonjee was awarded the Graham Holder Trophy for his outstanding contribution to the Margaret O’Bear Media Centre. He was a superb leader, always reliable and active in recruiting junior boys to join our cultural society.

14. MUSIC AT COLLEGE

2025 has been a great year for the music department. Term 1 activities included the jazz band join Epworth and the College dancers for Epworth’s Rewind Revolution dance review. The band performed with distinction, impressing audiences. The choir gave an excellent performance in the Fusion Choir event at Thomas More College. The Jazz Ensemble also performed at a Department of Education event at Harrington House in February.

In term 2 we staged the production of Lionel Bart’s “Oliver” together with several schools from around Pietermaritzburg. The show featured some excellent individual performances. Other notable performances included the jazz band performance at the St John’s DSG annual music festival. The choir won gold in the first round of the ATKV national competition and were invited to the final round in Pretoria in July. The jazz ensemble travelled to Makhanda for the National Youth Jazz Festival. They also performed in the youth festival lineup, giving one of the greatest performances of any school group.

The choir gave an outstanding performance in the ATKV competition in Pretoria, placing second country-wide in their category, as well as winning the prize for the best performance of an Afrikaans song. The brass ensemble gave a good performance at the Hilton Arts Festival, joining the Hilton College brass ensemble on stage. Other concerts included the matric final music concert, the Prestige concert, a performance in the PMB Music Teacher’s Society music eisteddfod, the Eston show, as well as a shared concert with Michaelhouse. The final concert of the year will be the annual Christmas Carol Service in November.

Choir master, Mr Jacques Linde, left College at the end of March, with Mr Patrick Harty returning once again to fill in before the appointment in the middle of May of Mr Thabang Tshale to the position of choir master and class music teacher.

15. MUSLIM STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Throughout the year, the Muslim Students’ Association (MSA) has exemplified College’s values of service, unity and spiritual reflection through a series of purposeful initiatives. During Ramadaan in term one, MSA members partnered with SANZAF to distribute food parcels to underprivileged families and raised funds to provide Eid meals for those in need. The term culminated in a communal *iftaar* (breaking fast at dusk) at Jimmy’s Killer Prawns, where staff and boys gathered in reflection and unity, reinforcing the spirit of inclusivity the MSA strives to uphold.

In term two, the MSA honoured former Headmaster Dr Luman with a Qur’aan-inspired certificate of appreciation, symbolising gratitude and new beginnings. Term three featured a highly successful Cupcake Drive in support of the Cupcakes of Hope organisation, inspired by a cancer survivor and staff member Miss Moula.

The MSA boys displayed remarkable teamwork and dedication throughout the year, reaffirming the association’s enduring commitment to compassion, unity, and meaningful service within the College community.

16. NGUNI SOCIETY

The Nguni Society has experienced remarkable growth this year, both in membership and in the number of performances delivered—each one a testament to the society’s increasing impact. The commitment shown by the boys, particularly the seniors who have been role models, has been commendable. As the Sixth Formers exit the system, they will leave a lasting memorable legacy.

The awarding of Lapel Badges to seven Fifth Formers signifies the importance of the society as well the role these boys play in this movement. We look forward to an exciting new season as the boys have been inspired and encouraged by these award.

17. SOUND AND LIGHTS

Sound and Lights has become an integral support component for the school’s sound and lighting requirements. The events have been handled with professionalism by Mr Daivyan Thaver campus. The day to day running of sound was undertaken by V Kasambala (captain) and members of Sound and Lights. The team was willing and approachable in their interaction with staff.

The team ran a tight ship to produce *Oliver!* and many other school events, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and dedication. Their backstage management, along with the seamless operation of sound and lighting, played a crucial role in the success of the show's run.

In addition, the team acquitted themselves admirably during the professional show, "*Sincerely, L. Choen*", showcasing their capability to perform under pressure and meet high standards. Their contribution truly elevated the overall experience for both performers and audience alike

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

The team is grateful to the 2025 captain, V Kasambala, for his invaluable service to the society. He has led by example, helping junior members develop their skills.

18. SPEAKERS' CIRCLE

Speakers' Circle commenced in 2025 with strong momentum. The Executive Committee—E Hamadziripi, V Kasambala, and L Shangase—demonstrated proactive leadership and exemplary administration. The Fifth Form cohort was successfully established following a rigorous interview process.

Speakers' Circle continued to benefit from the mentorship of Distinguished Toastmasters Mrs Ruth Varrie and Mr Dave Varrie.

During Happiness Week and Open Day, members actively participated in outreach initiatives such as the Bread Buddies sandwich drive and Funky Sox Friday. In addition, a compelling impromptu speech session, led by R Singh, contributed meaningfully to the cultural programme during Happiness Week. The first Dinner Meeting was held in March and brought the first term to a pleasant close.

Term 2 featured a range of high-quality prepared and impromptu speeches, including an informal dinner meeting. A team of six speakers represented College at the annual away cultural exchange at PBHS, achieving outstanding results: V Kasambala (97%), A Mkhize (94%), E Hamadziripi (88%), L Shangase (85%), L Luthuli (85%), S Danisa (85%).

During the July holidays, Speakers' Circle participated in the prestigious Nelson Mandela Schools Speech Contest at the Bessie Head Library. V Kasambala represented the society and was named a finalist and secured second place.

The Third Term began with a successful home cultural exchange against PBHS.

Bi-weekly meetings continued to run efficiently, displaying top-tier speeches. The Project 9 Finale, held in August, saw nine members complete the course: E Hamadziripi (silver), L Shangase (silver), V Kasambala (double gold), A Mkhize (double silver), L Luthuli (silver), R Anderson (silver), C Mundell (silver), R Singh (bronze), S Danisa (bronze).

The final event of the year, the Passing of the Gavel Dinner Meeting, marked the transition of leadership. The outgoing committee handed over to the newly elected 2026 executive: K Moodley (chairman), S Maharaj (vice-chairman) and R Motshoane (secretary).

Speakers' Circle extends its sincere gratitude to the outgoing committee for their outstanding leadership and contributions. Their efforts have elevated the society's profile and ensured a successful year.

19. TECH SQUAD

Under the continued leadership of captain C Zondi, the Tech Squad has had a productive and dynamic year. The Cultural Assembly in Term 1 served as a pivotal moment for recruitment, resulting in a full complement of junior and senior boys eager to contribute and learn.

Throughout Term 1, the focus was on intensive training to ensure that all new recruits gained essential technical skills. Fifth Form pupils were mentored under the captain's guidance, forming the foundation for leadership development and ensuring a smooth transition when academic trials begin. The squad also benefited greatly from the inclusion of a member from the IT department, whose expertise introduced new learning opportunities and strengthened the squad's capabilities.

A notable highlight was the Khanyisa outreach initiative in March when senior Tech Squad members led a PowerPoint training session for visiting learners, reinforcing both technical and interpersonal skills while fostering a sense of service and mentorship.

Term 2 continued with the same high level of activity. Despite the academic demands on senior students, we prioritised training and mentorship. Fifth Form boys were given the opportunity to shadow the captain and engage

in trial leadership roles. These hands-on experiences have been instrumental in preparing for the selection of the 2026 squad captain, a process that will be finalised in Term 3 before official trials begin.

Looking ahead, Term 3 brings an exciting new chapter: the introduction of robotics and coding to the Tech Squad programme. This initiative has already generated much anticipation among the boys and will undoubtedly elevate the squad's technical repertoire.

This year has been one of growth, mentorship, and innovation for the Tech Squad, and we are excited about the journey ahead.

20. CULTURAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Robertson Trophy for Outstanding Service to the Audio-Visual Society	VJ Kasambala
Mary-Ann Hartley Trophy for Most Outstanding Vocal Soloist	I Zwane
Douglas Comrie Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Choir	L Luthuli
McGibbon Trophy for Best Stage Actor	LQB Ngubane
Roger Heslop Memorial Trophy for Overall Contribution to Drama	L Dlamini
Director's Award	C Zondi
Usher Cup for Outstanding Work in Creative Movement	L Dlamini
Cameron MacKenzie Trophy for Most Promising Musician	NE Vengai
Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for Most Improved Musician	J Knock
Christopher Duigan Trophy for Excellence in Music Performance	CTB Gould
Music Revival Trophy for Contribution to Music	EM Mitewu
Lood Muller Trophy for Contribution to the Afrikaans Society	IM Lindeque
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater	A Mhlanzi
Calder Trophy for Public Speaking	ET Hamadziripi
Dustin Stevens Trophy for Best Public Speaker	VJ Kasambala
Maritzburg College Speakers' Circle Trophy for Most Improved Speaker	RDM Anderson
Armstrong Trophy for Best Prepared Speech	VJ Kasambala
Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea Book Award for the display of qualities pertinent to the Rotary Four Way Test	P Mncwabe
Graham Holder Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to the Media Centre	A Akoonjee

SPORT

1. ATHLETICS

The College inter-house meeting took place in the second week of term one. This year the Champion House was Strachan House.

Eight Maritzburg College athletes took part in the KZN Athletics Championships. College won four gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Gold:	B Andrews	High Jump U17	Silver:	T Ekerold	Shotput and Hammer U19
	T Boshoff	Shotput and Discus U17		S Ismail	800m U17
	C Sweetnam	Javelin U17	Bronze:	L Baptista	Hammer and Discus U19

Two Inter-provincial Athletics championships took place this year. The first was held at Greenpoint Stadium in Cape Town. Two of our athletes, B Andrews and B Mhlongo, represented KZN at the meeting. The second meeting was held in Bloemfontein. T Boshoff represented KZN Schools at the meeting.

College took part in our third aQuellè series. A total of 37 schools were represented over five weeks. College was placed second overall.

SuperSport started a new national athletics series in 2025. Maritzburg College won the KZN leg of the series and represented KZN at the National Inter-schools meeting held at the University of Johannesburg. College finished 7th overall.

2. BASKETBALL

Basketball continues its impressive rise at Maritzburg College, with the sport firmly establishing itself as a cornerstone of our co-curricular programme. This season, our club achieved a commendable 68%-win rate, reflecting the dedication of our players and coaching staff across all age groups.

The 1st Team had a strong season, finishing second at the prestigious Jenny Orchard Invitational (JOI) and maintaining a high level of performance throughout. Their consistency and competitive spirit were evident in every fixture, and their efforts earned them a national ranking of 5th, a testament to their growth and competitiveness on the national stage.

Our junior teams also delivered noteworthy performances. The U15A team emerged as National Champions, winning both the Northwood Invitational and the St John's National Tournament, a remarkable achievement that speaks to the depth of talent in our program. The U14A team showed great promise, finishing second at the Bennies Tournament, and laying a strong foundation for future success.

We are proud to acknowledge the following boys for their provincial selections to the KZN U18A team: N Ngobese, N Ngcobo, and C Fynn.

3. CANOEING

Maritzburg College canoeing had an exceptional year in 2025. Four boys represented South Africa on the international stage.

A record 13 boys participated in the Dusi Canoe Marathon, with the school winning the K1 schools' trophy.

J Worthmann stood out in Flat-water Sprints, qualifying for the Olympic Hopes Regatta in the Czech Republic, where he placed 5th in the K2 500m C Final and 6th in the K2 1000m B Final. In Kayak Cross, S Venniker and J Gotte earned top spots in national selections, securing their places at the Junior and U23 World Championships in France.

At the KZN Marathon Championships, Vogt won both events, while Jansen van Rensburg placed 3rd in K1. Vogt's success continued at the South African Championships, where he earned two golds and a silver, qualifying for the ICF Canoe World Marathon Championships in Hungary. He also won silver in the K1 Junior Men Long Course and bronze in the K2 Junior Men Long Course with R Smith.

The Tugela River Championships saw Jansen van Rensburg and O'Connor take first and second place, respectively.

The canoe polo team also excelled, winning the Interschool Championships with a strong lineup including J Odell, S Venniker, and J Gotte. N Curry earned the highest points for a College boy in 2025 and placed 2nd in the U18 category of the 270 km Berg River Canoe Marathon.

All four of our South African representatives will still be U18 next year, indicating a bright future for our canoeing programme.

4. CHESS

This year has been one of steady growth and spirited competition for our chess boys. The team has once again proven that chess at Maritzburg College is not just about individual skill but also about collective determination and discipline.

Under the strong leadership of captain D Naidoo and vice-captain S Maharaj, our players have continued to refine their strategic abilities while building a culture of teamwork and resilience. With the firm guidance of Mrs Rembold, who has emphasised both preparation and composure, the squad has grown in confidence and consistency. The arrival of our new coach, Mr Zondi, has also been a turning point. His coaching has refined our style of play, strengthened our openings and endgame strategies, and helped the team compete with greater composure and precision.

The team participated in several key tournaments this year. The Alex Forbes Online Chess Tournament gave our players the opportunity to measure themselves against top talent from across the country, sharpening both ratings and match experience. In the uMgungundlovu Chess League and uMgungundlovu District Selections, the team demonstrated resilience, with S Maharaj earning recognition for his performance at district level.

A highlight of the season was during our Durban tournament, when the team faced strong opposition and played with courage and tactical awareness. T Naidoo stood out with a series of impressive games that anchored the team's performance and displayed his growth as a competitor.

The exchange matches against PBHS and Affies offered our boys invaluable insight into the styles and strategies of players from another province. These contests highlighted areas for development while also displaying the strength of our own preparation.

The season concluded with R Motshoane being named Best Player of the Year, a recognition of his consistency, sharp tactical play, and ability to deliver under pressure.

5. CRICKET

The 2025 cricket year was one filled with exciting fixtures, memorable performances, and valuable experiences for Maritzburg College cricketers across all age groups.

The season began with the 1st XI attending the pre-season festival at Kearsney, providing early preparation for the term ahead. The first whole school weekend of fixtures against Westville proved to be evenly contested, setting the tone for a competitive year. The following weekend against Glenwood highlighted the depth of cricket at College, with the school winning 14 out of 15 fixtures.

The 1st XI, U15A, and U14A teams took part in the KZN Inland 100-ball competition, where both individual brilliance and strong team displays stood out, adding to a successful Term 1.

In Term 3, the 1st XI participated in the One Insurance Eston Night Series, producing high-quality cricket but unfortunately missing out in the final against DHS. A young 1st XI side also gained valuable exposure at the CABS St George's T20 Tournament in Zimbabwe, where they impressed by reaching the semi-finals. Alongside these two tournaments for the 1st XI, two key full school weekend fixtures, one against Kearsney and a triangular with Westville and DHS, further tested the depth and resilience of College cricket to end off Term 3.

The holiday period sees all A teams spread across prestigious festivals. The 65th Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week, hosted at Maritzburg College, is a highlight of the year, with the 1st XI proudly representing the school. The U17s compete at Michaelhouse, the U15A team at Pretoria Boys' High School, and the U14A team at Hilton College, ensuring all levels of College cricket are exposed to top-class opposition and festival experiences.

A number of our boys were selected for KZN Inland Provincial teams in 2025 and a highlight was getting four 1st XI boys into the U19 team (more than any other school in the region).

Throughout the year, Maritzburg College cricketers produced exceptional individual and team performances, reinforcing the school's proud cricketing tradition and laying a strong platform for the seasons ahead.

6. CROSS-COUNTRY

The 2025 Cross-country season had some sound results by key runners. The highlight this year was the strong performance of both our senior and junior teams, with each finishing second in the Midlands League. The top 10 positions in the senior results were as follows. The senior results L Makhoba (second) and S Ismail (ninth). Our top Junior boys were J Wilson (third), N Msimang (seventh) and D Davies (ninth). Many of our boys were placed in the top 30. Further, we were able to host a successful race attended by over 300 runners.

The competition this year was strong against some of the best schools in the Midlands. However, in typical College fashion and led by E McAllister and C Gould, we always had boys fighting back and leaving it all on the track. We also participated in the Affies exchange. The race up in Pretoria was different as it was a league race taking place in Hamanskraal and our boys did not get official result but rather ran for the experience. Our final highlight was L Makhoba coming 13th at the KZN Cross-country championships.

7. CYCLING

The 2025 cycling season began with great enthusiasm, marked by the Drak Descent and Drak MTB Challenge, which set the tone for a competitive and adventurous year ahead.

Cyclists faced challenging conditions during the Wartburg Classic MTB and New Hanover Classic, with muddy trails and long distances testing their endurance amidst the wet season.

Midway through term 2, riders took on the Compendium Gravel Growl in Curries Post, followed by the prestigious Karkloof Classic SA Marathon Championships. The team also participated in the Thaba Trails, with standout performances from K Searle and C Baxter.

During the Term 2 holiday, many College cyclists joined the Amashova Classic. In a heartfelt tribute to D Janneker, a cherished College cyclist and friend, beginner and intermediate riders completed the 65km Amashova Classic, while C Wood impressively finished the 106km route.

The season's momentum continued with the Eston Illovo MTB, held midway through Term 3. Approximately sixteen College cyclists competed in the KZN Cycling School Series, delivering consistent and commendable results across four events. Special mention must be made of R Champkins and B Fourie who consistently finished in the top ten of their respective age categories. K Searle has done exceptionally well and has podiumed in top three in all four races. The term concluded with participation in the SA National XCO Series and the KZN XCO Provincial Races, including the KZN Championship held at Cascades. Despite hot and humid conditions, the following College cyclists delivered outstanding performances: In the junior category: K Searle – 2nd place, B Fourie – 5th place, and C Wood – 9th place; in the youth category: D Rencken – 9th place; and in the sub-junior category: R Champkins – 18th place.

Congratulations to Searle, Fourie and Champkins on their selection to represent the KZN Schools Team at the SA Schools Cycling National Finals during the Term 3 holiday.

8. ESPORTS

While this year has not included official tournaments, our Esports community has stayed active and continued to grow in exciting ways. The highlight of the year was our Games Night, which brought together over 100 students for an evening filled with energy, fun and competitive spirit. The atmosphere was electric and it was fantastic to see so many boys come together to celebrate their love for gaming. Our *Call of Duty Mobile* winner claimed R250, while our *FIFA Console* champion took home the top prize of R1 000. The excitement of the night reminded us just how much potential Esports has at our school.

Beyond Games Night, we've seen more boys joining our informal sessions this year. These gatherings have provided a relaxed but competitive space for students to sharpen their skills, try new games and most importantly build friendships and teamwork. For many boys, Esports has become more than just playing games, it is a chance to connect, support one another and be part of a growing community.

We are proud of the resilience and enthusiasm demonstrated by the boys this year, even without formal fixtures, and we believe the foundations we are building now will set us up for even greater things ahead. With increasing interest, new opportunities being explored, and the enthusiasm of our players, we are confident that Esports at our school will grow and improve.

9. GOLF

Golf at Maritzburg College faced several challenges this year, particularly with numbers and consistency. Despite this, the boys demonstrated perseverance and commitment. The results on paper may not have been what we hoped for, with College recording two wins and two halved matches from nine fixtures. Much of this can be attributed to the inexperience of the team and the fact that too few boys are competing regularly in tournaments during the holidays. Nevertheless, each match was a valuable learning opportunity, and the players grew steadily in confidence and skill as the season progressed.

In the two major interschools' tournaments, College finished outside the top five for the first time in many years. While this was disappointing, it has sparked determination to rebuild and strengthen the programme by encouraging boys to specialise in golf and take part in tournament play at both provincial and national level.

The annual golf tours provided some of the year's highlights. The trip to Affies in April gave the 1st team the chance to play on excellent Gauteng courses, while the July South Coast tour allowed 10 boys, across all age groups, to compete in four KZN Foundation tournaments. Several golfers achieved pleasing individual results, and the experience gained was invaluable. These opportunities not only built confidence but also reminded the boys of the joy and challenge of competitive golf.

One of the most encouraging signs for the future has been the strong interest from younger golfers, with a large group of Grade 8 and 9 boys taking part in the third term. With continued practice and dedication, many of these boys could soon be challenging for 1st and 2nd team honours.

We commend C Nelson, who was selected for the KZN Schools B Team and will represent the province at the ITP tournament in September - a very pleasing achievement.

Maritzburg College individual prize winners: C Nelson - Strokeplay Champion; F Pillay - Matchplay Champion; L Govender - Most Improved Player.

10. HOCKEY

This season we witnessed growth across all teams in each age group. The club has improved results by 10% since 2023. This growth will certainly reaffirm our position as the number 1 school in the Pietermaritzburg area and the number 1 school in KwaZulu-Natal.

While results are important to us, the way the boys approached and played the game this season is testament to the values that Maritzburg College instils in every boy.

Maritzburg College offered a wonderful representation of itself during the mid-year holidays with the National and Regional Hockey Tournaments. Inland Hockey selected three teams per age group. The highlight of all the tournaments was hosting the U18A and B section tournament at Maritzburg College. By all accounts this turned out to be another well-run event by Maritzburg College and a special thank you to all staff involved for making this event a huge success.

Overall, College had 49 boys selected to play for Inland. College represents one third of all boys selected for Inland Hockey. Six Staff members were involved in coaching, managerial or analyst roles during IPT. Another truly remarkable statistic for Maritzburg College.

Inland U14A: M Xaba, S Mthiyane, B Lusso, A Mukono, T Fakude, C Emerson, B Zitumane, Mr K Emerson (coach), Mr M Diaz (video analyst). Finished 3rd overall securing a bronze medal. Z Fakude - 5th highest goal scorer.

Inland U14B: L Mduba, J Spilsbury, M Layden, B Abraham, R Watermeyer, O Phongo
Finished 1st in Regional Tournament securing a Gold Medal.

Inland U14C: M Puddu, L Coetzee. Finished 1st in Regional B Tournament securing a gold medal

Inland U16A: I Mahomed, N Ntshingila, R Fitz, G Hosking, J Smith, S Mchunu, T Addison, Mr A Mthlane

Inland U16B: N Jakatyana, L Shelembe, N Lessing

Inland U16C: N Seakeco, S Schirge, J Pembridge, J Lusso, D Arouca

Inland U18A: V Ndlovu, D Jackson (Captain), A Lembethe, S Sithembu, K Jenkins, L Fitz, Mr M Sanders (assistant coach)

Inland U18B: G Askew, E Fabre, C Francis, L Sishi, A Mthlane, R Schirge

Inland U18C: G Motswadire, H Hackland, M Smith, K Mngwengwe, C Le Court De Billot, S Zondi, Mr C White (coach), Mr D Joshua (Manager). Finished 4th overall

The following boys were selected to represent South Africa

SA U16A: S Mchunu

SA U17A: A Lembethe, V Ndlovu, S Sithembu

SA U18B: D Jackson

11. RUGBY

Maritzburg College rugby enjoyed a successful 2025 season, marked by exceptional depth, commitment, and competitive spirit across all age groups. The school fielded over 25 teams each weekend, highlighting the strength of its rugby programme and the high level of participation among the boys. One of the season's highlights was the Reunion Day clash against Kearsney College, when College teams remained unbeaten across all fixtures, capped by a superb 35-20 win by the 1st XV in front of a large and passionate home crowd.

Across the season, the younger teams, particularly in the U14 division, impressed with their skill, discipline, and promising results, signalling a strong future for the programme. The two Pretoria exchanges not only offered a high level of rugby but also played a crucial role in player development, resilience, and camaraderie.

As the curtain falls on the 2025 season, focus now turns to an intensive and purposeful pre-season, aimed at building on this year's successes and addressing key areas such as consistency, squad depth, and match composure. With solid foundations in place, Maritzburg College Rugby looks ahead with confidence and ambition as preparations begin for an even stronger 2026 campaign.

Provincial and National selections:

Sharks U18 Craven Week: I Mlotshwa, M Vyambwera, C Cherayi, A Ngubane, Mr K Elder (assistant coach)

Sharks U17 Academy Week: O Kosani, R Stanton, T Boshoff, Mr F Malinga (assistant coach), Mr T Orchard (assistant coach)

Sharks U17 AFGRI Week: D Colenbrander, D du Toit, L Tsoko, R Chikukwa

Sharks U16 Grant Khomo Week: J Mbanzaswi, K Lubbe, L Vyambwera, M Mogale

Sharks U15 AFGRI Week: J Badenhorst, A Linde, L Bezuidenhout, Mr M Morolong (manager)

Sharks U16B: A Mini, L Dladla, R Badenhorst, S Jansen

Sharks U15B: J Lindeque

Sharks U14 High

Performance Squad: B Fourie, H Ntongana, J Yobo, W Rossouw, R Slade, L Bottcher, W Badenhorst, J Kanyinda, K Ramsamy, J van der Westhuizen, K Kappes

SA Schools: M Vyambwera

12. SHOOTING

Shooting this year has certainly been a busy year for all our boys. Whilst our boys compete primarily in the SAARA KZN schools league and the KZN Open competition our boys are now showing a keen interest in competitions beyond KZN. It is pleasing to note that we fare very well in these competitions. This type of interest has increased participation and more importantly brought in a more competitive spirit amongst our College boys.

The seniors are leading by example with a lot of our seniors producing very good scores. Also noteworthy of mention is the discipline that is displayed amongst these boys.

Milan Naidoo the team captain achieved his colours and scarf for shooting. He is now in line for his honours. He has been selected for the KZN team to participate in the SA's which will be held in Gauteng. As captain Milan Naidoo did a splendid job as he led the boys by example and the scores he shot. His serious attitude and determination to positively impact the sport was most admirable.

Niyal Naidoo has also received his colours and scarf and is also in line for his honours. He has also been chosen for the SAARA KZN team to represent KZN in the SA's.

13. SOCCER

It has been another outstanding year for College Soccer. In the 2nd term, both our U14 and U15A teams remained undefeated in all their fixtures. A highlight of the term was the 1st Team winning the KZNHSFA Inland League on Barns, having gone undefeated throughout their league campaign.

The 1st Team also performed very well at the annual Kloof Tournament, winning the Plate section.

In the 3rd term full school season, College fielded 19 teams in total and were victorious overall in all inter-school full fixtures throughout the term.

We had 22 boys selected for the PMB District teams and 20 boys selected for the KZN Provincial teams overall – more than any other school in the Province.

Overall, College soccer teams played a total of 168 fixtures throughout 2025, winning 99, drawing 30 and losing 39.

14. SQUASH

Our squash players enjoyed another successful year on the court, proving themselves to be the most successful squash side College has ever produced. Our 1st team participated in the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival, followed by traditional head-to-head fixtures against local rivals. The team recorded impressive victories against all our KZN rivals, ultimately finishing the season unbeaten against all teams in KZN, only falling short against Selborne College and PBHS. The boys went on to participate in the KZN Inter-Schools' Tournament at the end of term 2. After some stiff competition, an impressive and gutsy final fixture victory over Westville ensured that College placed 1st overall in KZN and, once again, earned an invitation to participate in the prestigious South African Top-Schools' Squash Tournament. Battling against the top teams in the country, our boys showed true College fight and tenacity, winning four out of their five matches. However, this year, College made history by finishing second, the highest any College team has ever finished at Top Schools, establishing themselves as one of the most formidable squash teams in South Africa.

Our Junior team had a 'building year'. They did not manage the same success as the seniors, however, there are some keen young players coming through who show good potential.

All the players put in a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the year, with numerous boys achieving awards and seven of them selected to represent their Province this year. Congratulations to the boys and coaches for a successful year for College squash.

15. SWIMMING

Swimming at College continues to uphold its proud tradition as a well-supported summer sport. The school participated in several major galas during the season, with the Nestor Pierides Gala, Alan Burt Gala, and Top 10 Schools Gala once again forming the highlights of the calendar.

This year, College placed 7th at the Top 10 Schools Gala, 9th at the Nestor Pierides Gala, and achieved a commendable tied 6th position at the Alan Burt Gala.

We were proud to see T Pillay and J Mumford rewarded for their commitment and hard work with selection to the KZN Schools Swimming Team. The squad was capably led by captain P Lamb, whose dedication and leadership both in and out of the pool set a fine example for his teammates.

Club swimming continues to play a dominant role in the school swimming landscape, and the strength of College's team is closely linked to the number of committed club swimmers in the system. Despite tough competition, our swimmers showed determination and growth throughout the season, reflecting the depth of talent and spirit within the College swimming community.

16. TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis, as an official school sport, is growing in popularity. Our 1st team remain very competitive in the school exchanges, beating a strong Pretoria Boys High team twice and closely losing to Affies.

The following boys represented College in the School A league: T Royappen, S Moodley, S Bandu, S Redlinghuys. T Royappen excelled in the league winning all his matches and is ranked the U18 No. 1 in the district.

Highlights for the year to date include:

- S Moodley, S Ince and C Frank (U15), T Royappen (U19A), S Bandu and S Redlinghuys (U19B) have been selected to represent Umgungundlovu at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship in October.
- T Royappen (U18) has also been selected to represent the District at the KZN Provincial Top Schools trials.

Junior Table tennis Champion: S Moodley

Senior Table tennis Champion: T Royappen

17. TENNIS

Our tennis programme continues to go from strength to strength at College, with growing enthusiasm among the boys resulting in a record number of teams. This year, we fielded seven junior teams and five senior teams, the highest number we have had in recent years, which is a clear sign of the sport's increasing popularity and the depth of talent developing within our ranks.

Tennis practices have continued steadily throughout the year, and our top teams have represented the school with pride and success. The first team participated in the prestigious St Stithians Tournament in April, delivering an exceptional performance to finish 5th overall. They also made their debut at the St Anne's Mixed Doubles Tournament, competing admirably in a new and challenging format.

In the Midlands Doubles League held during the first term, the First Team has been outstanding, winning all their fixtures to date, with only one match remaining against Michaelhouse. Their consistent performance is a testament to their hard work, team spirit, and competitive drive.

The Midlands Trials saw several of our boys distinguish themselves among the region's best. A Tilbury, our first team captain, was ranked number one in the district, while S Deane earned the second spot.

The following boys were selected to represent the Midlands district: A Tilbury (U19A), S Deane (U19A), K Dube (U19B), L Puddu (reserve), L Borchers (U15B), J Greaves (reserve), D Davies (reserve)

It is rewarding to see both our senior and junior teams excelling in the highly competitive uMgungundlovu District, a strong indication of the programme's health and future potential.

18. VOLLEYBALL

Maritzburg College's participation in the volleyball league at Westville Boys High for the third consecutive year demonstrated some remarkable performances. The 1st team secured an impressive second place among 10 competitive teams and the 2nd team finished in ninth position. The 1st team qualified again for the Top Four tournament.

Introducing new boys to the game was not easy, as was the case with the 2nd team. They had to grasp the fundamentals of volleyball in a short space of time. Mastering the core skills of serving, passing, spiking, and blocking required patience and consistent effort. With guidance from the dedicated coaches and experienced first team players, the newcomers gradually developed their abilities.

A key positive, however, is that these players now have the confidence and determination to build on this foundation. The outlook for volleyball at Maritzburg College is encouraging, and with regular practice, increased player numbers, and rising enthusiasm, the sport is well positioned to grow into an important part of the school's sporting programme.

19. WATER POLO

Water polo remains one of the most popular summer sports at College, with strong participation across the age groups and a busy calendar of fixtures and tournaments. The sport continues to field ten teams giving many boys the opportunity to develop and compete at a high level.

The season opened with a demanding first term, which saw the 1st team travel to Bloemfontein for the Grey College Tournament as well as compete in the Reef Cup. The U14 teams travelled to Jeppe, gaining valuable experience early in their season. In the third term, the 1st team took part in the Westville-hosted preseason winter league and attended the Clifton Tournament. The U15 team travelled to Cape Town to participate in the Ian Melliar Cup, hosted by Wynberg Boys' High School, testing themselves against strong national opposition.

The fourth term will again be packed with tournaments. During the holiday the U16s competed in the DHS U16 Tournament. The 1st team will participate in the Inspired Cup this year, hoping to gain inclusion in next year's Saints Stayers tournament. The U14A, U15A, and 1st team will play in the prestigious Top 10 Schools Tournament. The year concludes with the traditional Stayers Tournament at Northwood, a fitting end to the season.

The 1st team has been led with distinction by captain N Koller, whose leadership and example both in and out of the pool are greatly valued. We are also proud of K Vogt and M Lock who were selected for the KZN U19B team, a recognition of their commitment and talent.

Alongside these major tournaments, College enjoyed its usual summer weekend fixtures, ensuring every team had regular opportunities for growth and competition.

20. SPORT TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	DJ Cruickshank & PA Louwrens
Tregarthen Memorial Cup for U14 Athletics Champion	RH Potgieter
John Geekie Cup for U15 Athletics Champion	L Bezuidenhout
JH Snow Cup for U16 Athletics Champion	S Ismail
H Johnson Cup for U17 Athletics Champion	TJ Boshoff
DJ Berry-Jennings Cup for U18 Athletics Champion, College Shield & Victor Ludorum	UO Gamede
Greenhalgh Cup for Most Valuable Basketball Player	NB Ngcobo
Arnold Moseya Trophy for Best Defensive Basketball Player	T Lekhobo
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Improved Basketball Player in the 1st Team	MA Zakwe
Ron Jury Trophy for Best All-Round Basketball Player	NA Ngobese
'Slow' Ngcobo Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Basketball	O Ntombela
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Junior Champion Canoeist	J Worthmann
Maritzburg College Trophy for Most Promising Canoeist	NA Curry
Oscar Servant Trophy for Highest Placed Junior in the Dusi Canoe Marathon	KH Vogt
Lance Dobeyn Trophy for Senior Champion Canoeist	KH Vogt
Maritzburg College Trophy for Chess Player of the Year	R Motshoane
Natal Witness/Maritzburg Old Boys' Cricket Club Trophy for Most Improved Player in the 1st Cricket XI	NRK Pembridge
Oscar Servant Trophy for Best All-Round Cricketer in the 1st XI	S Dzanibe
Leon Haarhoff Memorial Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cross-country Athlete	JA Wilson
Darrol Day Cup for Junior Cross-country Winner	JA Wilson
Stalker Cup for Senior Cross-country Winner	CTB Gould
Ryan Clive-Smith Trophy for Highest Placed Senior in the Midlands Cross-country League	L Makhoba
Hattons Cycles Trophy for Most Promising Junior Cyclist	DS Rencken
Maritzburg College Trophy for Champion Cyclist	K Searle
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Improved Golfer	LC Govender
Johnstone Trophy for Strokeplay Champion in Golf	CJ Nelson
Beck Cup for Matchplay Champion in Golf	FC Pillay
Shrives Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Hockey XI	DC Jackson
Oscar Servant Trophy for Fellowship in Hockey	EUA Dlamini
Dieter Schlosser Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Player in the 1st Hockey XI	GA Askew
Carr Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Hockey XI	S Sithembu
Ian Rogers Trophy for Most Competent Rugby Referee	AD van Wyk
Craig Joubert Trophy for Most Improved Rugby Referee	PEG Elliot
Skonk Nicholson Pin for Most Improved Player in the 1st Rugby XV	CJ Scheepers
Skonk Nicholson Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Rugby XV	TJ Boshoff
Olivier Trophy for Player of the Year in the 1st Rugby XV	MS Vyambwera
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Promising Shottist	TJM Marwick
Frank Lambert Cup for Best Overall Shottist	N Naidoo
Shaun Olley Cup for Most Consistent Shottist	M Naidoo
MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position	N Naidoo

Luyanda Ntshangase Memorial Shield for Most Improved Player in the 1st Soccer XI	B Parak
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1st Soccer XI	CJ Sukraj
Reece Tifflin Trophy for 1st Soccer XI Player of the Year	MS Qasha
Aidan Nugent Trophy for U14 Squash Champion	B Abraham
Dan Smith Trophy for U16 Squash Champion	BLA Mahaye
Smythe Trophy for Most Improved Squash Player	B Abraham
Oscar Servant Trophy for Senior Squash Champion	T Nana
Tut Marwick Trophy for U14 Swimming Champion	CR Bloxham
Warren Shuttleworth Memorial Trophy for U15 Swimming Champion	E Hanekom & JR Moore
Jimmy Anderson Memorial Shield for U16 Swimming Champion	JR Mumford
Dudley Forde Trophy for U17 Swimming Champion	CB Potgieter
Bill Hendry Trophy for Open Swimming Champion	PR Lamb
Maritzburg College Trophy for Junior Table Tennis Champion	S Moodley
Maritzburg College Trophy for Senior Table Tennis Champion	TS Royappen
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	SJ Deane & AC Tilbury
Lucinda Lang Trophy for Junior Singles Tennis Champion	JA Greaves
Grant Morrison Trophy for Most Improved Tennis Player	MR Borchers
Derek Howard Trophy for Senior Singles Tennis Champion	KAN Dube
Maritzburg College Trophy for Most Valuable Volleyball Player	D Naidoo
Roy Foster Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Water Polo Player in Form Five	HD Goddard
Matt Kemp Trophy for Most Improved Water Polo Goalkeeper	JM van der Merwe
Sean Burgoyne Fellowship Trophy for Water Polo	NP Koller
Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Water Polo Player	MR Lock
Justin Joubert Trophy for the Most Valuable Water Polo Player	KH Vogt
Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship	T Addison
Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport	SG Pedlar
Headmaster's Award for the Highlight of the Year	KH Vogt
Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman	S Dzanibe
Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	C Zondi
Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	C Zondi
Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year	KH Vogt

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

The 2025 Inter-house sport and cultural events have once again been fiercely contested, even more so than in previous years. The events start early in the year with the Virtus Challenge and Borver week. It is encouraging to see how the boys have embraced the inter-house competitions, with one of the major highlights being the rejuvenation of the inter-house plays which went very well this year. With only leadership and academics to be added to the points, the competition is tight as four Houses are all still in the running for the top spot and it is going to be interesting to see who come out on top this year.

House	Borver Week	Gala	Shooting	Culture House Sing	Debating	Hockey	Rugby	Soccer	Chess	Table Tennis	Bball	House plays	Tennis	Athletics	Squash	Virtus	Cricket	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
Lamond	13	34	6	14	8	13	9	11	14	7	13	10	13	28	11	34	14	14	266
Strachan	11	20	14	28	14	13	11	9	10	17	14	14	7	34	14	12	8	12	262
Snow	14	22	8	16	14	17	14	17	11	10	12	12	8	18	7	28	17	14	259
Nicholson	17	24	12	12	17	9	7	11	8	8	17	9	14	24	10	24	13	17	253
Calder	7	10	10	34	10	8	17	6	17	17	7	17	10	16	9	14	11	11	231
Commons	12	12	13	24	10	11	13	9	9	17	11	13	17	10	6	20	7	9	223
Pape	8	16	17	10	12	8	13	13	12	11	10	12	12	14	12	16	10	10	216
Barns	9	18	11	18	12	6	10	12	13	10	8	7	11	20	17	18	9	7	216
Forder	6	28	9	20	8	11	6	14	8	12	9	6	6	12	13	22	12	8	210
Fuller	11	14	7	22	6	17	9	7	6	6	6	8	9	22	8	10	6	7	181

INTER-HOUSE TROPHIES

Bongani Khumalo Cup for Basketball	Nicholson	Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Calder
Freakes Shield for House Cricket	Snow	Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Pape
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Snow	Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Barns
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Lamond	Peel Cup for Tennis	Commons
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Barns	College Cup for Inter-house Culture	Calder