



HUDSON HERALD

Term 4 2025

Dear Hudson House community,

As 2025 draws to a close, we pause to reflect on a year filled with growth, connection and memorable achievements. From the energy of Term 1 to the milestones of Terms 2 and 3, this year truly captured the spirit and unity that define Hudson House.

Celebrating Achievements

Our boys continued to strive for excellence in every area. Their achievements both in the classroom and on the sports field were a constant source of pride. This year, Hudson House boys earned recognition at provincial and national levels in rugby, hockey, canoeing and fly fishing. Strong leadership from our First Team captains and the Higher Honours awarded to outstanding students set a proud example for others to follow.

Academically, our top performers were celebrated for their effort and encouraged to share their strengths by mentoring their peers. This initiative strengthened our sense of brotherhood and highlighted the value of supporting one another.

Unforgettable Moments

Term 1 kicked off with great excitement, including the popular obstacle race where our boys once again showed their determination and teamwork. The updated Common Room created a warm and inviting space that immediately became a hub of daily life.

Term 2 was marked by the always enjoyed "Build a Burger" Day and continued improvements to our facilities, particularly the modern upgrades to the dormitories, which have greatly enhanced the boarding experience.

The last half of the year brought both reflection and renewal. We said farewell to Mr Tim Orchard, whose dedication over the years left a legacy in Hudson House. Mr. Orchard served in Hudson House for 21 years.

Our formal events, including the Vogue Ball and the Hudson House Formal Dinner, were elegant celebrations of our values and a wonderful opportunity to give back through partnerships like Thandanani.

A Culture of Growth

At the core of Hudson House is our commitment to helping every boy grow into a confident, respectful and responsible young man. Throughout 2025, discipline, respect and accountability remained guiding principles. The prefects of 2025 led by example, demonstrating strong leadership and living out the values we are proud to uphold.

Looking Ahead

As we move into a new year, we do so with confidence and excitement. The foundation built in 2025 has strengthened our sense of unity and purpose. We look forward to welcoming new boys, embracing fresh opportunities, and continuing to build a House where every young man feels supported, challenged and inspired to grow.

A Word of Thanks

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, the guidance of our mentors, and the unwavering support of our parents and guardians. Your partnership, encouragement and belief in Hudson House make all the difference.

To the boys of Hudson House thank you for your resilience, your spirit and your commitment to living out our values. You are the heart of this community, and your achievements and character continue to make us proud.

Closing Remarks

As we bring 2025 to a close, may we carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships formed, and the memories shared. We look ahead with gratitude for what has been and optimism for what lies ahead.

Head of House



Thabang Lekhobo takes over the reigns from Cyril Cherayi for 2026 and we would like to thank Cyril for the way he led his team and Hudson House.

Important information

Term 1 will start on Wednesday, 14 January 2026, and all boarders are to return the day before, Tuesday **13 January 2026**. Hudson House will be open from 15:00. Please let me know should your son wish to return earlier.

- The first weekend back will be a closed weekend and we will have a full summer fixture vs Westville
- Boys must please return with the correct haircut, or they will be punished.
- Any communication regarding Hudson House boarders should be sent to recruitment@mcollege.co.za as this is the preferred channel of communication.
- Please make sure you read all the necessary communication from Mr. Emerson and myself to stay up to date with the latest news.

Regards

Wian du Plessis

Hudson Housemaster



The standard you walk past is the standard you become – Ben Ryan