

SNOW HOUSE REPORT 2025



Our Borvers compete in the Tug of War

2025 has been a great year for the Snow House Family. Our Mentors have always been outstanding in what they have done for the boys. Pastoral care runs in their veins. They should take pride in themselves for all the hard work they do, nurturing these young souls. The meticulous behavior we witness in our boys is the tribute to the hard work of our mentors. One's struggles will only be admired after one becomes successful. I take my hat off to the Snow house mentors.

Before the start of the school year, the new Borvers went on a camp. They spent two days at Tala. They had talks about the school and what we expected them to do, competed in tug of war, went on a nature walk and went on an obstacle course led by the Prefects. After tough team building challenges, friendships began to form and the boys were ready to begin their College journey.

At the start of this year, we welcomed Mrs van Heerden as a mentor for S4. She was later joined by Mrs Maniram, who was made in charge of S5. It has been so easy for them to join this solid team made up of our long-standing mentors, Miss Kunene, who welcomed her first-born daughter this year, Mrs Bailey and Mr. Pillay as well as our pillar, Mr. Orton. They have kept the Snow house strong through their dedication and passion in what they do. I salute them. The saying says 'success depends on effort' - I say, success of Snow house depends on its mentors.

The year has been so great for Snow house. After ending towards the bottom of the leader board last year, we ended the year in third position, having spent a period in second position. This was largely due to the enthusiasm and focus of our house leaders who planned to lead the house clearly and by example and to encourage participation in all events. Success of the house is not only measured through the house ranking in House competitions, the behavior of boys in the house has been so great. We have experienced fewer boys with unacceptable behavior. The improved behavior of our boys can be attributed to the effort of our Matric class. They have led by example.



Head Boy A. Hadebe getting to know some of our new Second Formers

We are also proud of ourselves as a house in producing the great leader of the school, Hadebe, the Head boy. Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. Hadebe understood that leadership is not bullying or aggression. Leadership is the expectation that you can use your voice for good. That you can make the world a better place. This helped him to be successful in his role as the leader of the school.

On the sporting front several of our boys excelled in external sports, bringing honor to their school. These included Nathan Westerdale, one of our House Leaders who performed very well in Enduro race before sustaining an injury which required a long time for recovery.

Also, in enduro motorbiking, Damon Garrell was invited to the ICE in Port Elizabeth from 16 -17 August and the following weekend he rode in HESA in Parys. He won in his class of riders and was placed 5th overall. Henry Lamb has been a shining star, putting our school on the map through his swimming achievements.

In the area of culture, several of our boys have excelled in the choir. Asemahle Madlala has also been invited to sing a number of solo items with the choir and represented the house excellently in the interhouse singing competition.

Luke Coetzee played the lead character in the school's musical, "Oliver!" and our Deputy House Captain (R. Anderson) played a prominent role in this show. Several of our boys were involved in smaller roles.

Asemahle Madlala and others appeared in "Rewind Revolution", a collaborative show with Epworth which took place at Epworth. Our boys received compliments for their talent, professionalism and commitment.

Ross Anderson, our Deputy House Captain, directed the House play. Our version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" was amusing and received many compliments. Ross also received the award for Best Actor for his hugely suave, successful comic role.

Time goes fast when we are having fun. We have created good memories this year while having fun. We wish all our Snow house members all the best in their well-deserved break. May we all come back well recharged and ready for another wonderful. A special thought goes to all our matric boys. We pray for God to assist them in achieving their goals and that they will know success wherever life takes them.

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