



# Strachan House News



**Term 4 - 2025**

## **HOUSEMASTER'S REPORT**

The final term of the year has come and gone almost as quickly as it began. Although short, it was exceptionally busy and filled with many significant events in the life of our school. Our 6th Form boys marked the beginning of their final school experiences with a memorable Old Boys Induction Ceremony, followed by shirt-signing and then the celebration of the Class of 2025 at the magnificent Speech Day and Valedictory Service.

The start of the November examinations brought a noticeable quietness to campus—one that we trust reflected focused and dedicated preparation. We are confident that every boy gave his all.

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Lubbe and Mr Tshale to the Strachan House team. They settled in remarkably quickly, made an immediate impact, and added great value to the day-to-day running of the House. We are grateful for the enthusiasm and care they have brought to our boys. My heartfelt thanks goes to all the Strachan House staff for their continued support and guidance for our boys. Their time and energy truly makes a difference to every single young man under their care.

As we conclude the year, we would like to wish you and your families a blessed, peaceful, and restorative festive season. May you find rest from the year's demands and enjoy meaningful time with your loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming both our returning and new Strachan House boys next year—refreshed, re-energised, and ready to embrace a new year and its opportunities.

Stay safe, and may God bless you and your families.

**Mr Warr and the Strachan House Team**

# OUR HOUSE

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 was a stable and productive year that saw many successes in Strachan House.

We bade farewell to our outgoing House Leaders and prefect: **J Fincham, J Harris, O Radebe, S Mazibuko, V Premchund, J Steyn** and **W Strachan**. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes to these fine young gentlemen and the role they played in building a tight knit and cohesive House.

We welcomed in our new House Leaders for 2026: **D Gademan, H Hackland, A Hadebe, E Mpapa** and **N Naidoo**.

In addition, we were extremely proud to see two of our boys elected as prefects, **M Askham** and **C Sweetnam**. We were very pleased to find out that C Sweetnam had been elected to serve as Deputy Head Boy for 2026, amongst other honours.

We trust that they will live up to the example set by those before them and take their roles to new heights.

C Sweetnam with the other Senior Prefects for 2026



Mr Warr with House Captain E Mpapa (L) and Vice-Captain C Sweetnam (R)





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The 2026 Inter-House competition was an extremely close one and was fiercely contested throughout the year. We posted the following results over the year:

- Borver week – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Virtus Challenge – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Gala – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Athletics – 1<sup>st</sup>
- House singing & Music – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Debating – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Hockey – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Rugby – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Soccer – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Shooting – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Table Tennis – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Tennis – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Chess – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Basketball – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Plays – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Cricket – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Squash – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Academics – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Leadership – 7<sup>th</sup>



Our consistent performances across all events saw us finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Inter-House competition this year. The boys are extremely motivated and committed to improving upon this result in 2026.



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Term 4 saw a number of our boys receive recognition for a variety of contributions to the life of College. The start of the term saw a very pleasing number of boys attending a Good Report Tea for coming in the top ten of their respective grades at the end of Term 3.

We also saw a vast number of Strachan House men receive Sporting, Cultural and Academic Awards, a highlight of which can be found below:

Conor Michael Larkin Memorial Plate for Most Improved Musician: **J Knock**

Graham Holder Trophy for Best Debater: **A Mhlanzi**

Greenhalgh Cup for Most Valuable Basketball Player: **NB Ngcobo**

Shrives Trophy for Most Committed Player in the 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey XI: **DC Jackson**

Ian Rogers Trophy for Most Competent Rugby Referee: **AD van Wyk**

Frank Lambert Cup for Best Overall Shottist: **N Naidoo**

MacLean Trophy for Best Shottist in the Standing Position: **N Naidoo**

Maritzburg College Trophy for Senior Table Tennis Champion: **TS Royappen**

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans: **S Naidoo**

Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prize for Service to the School: **J Steyn**

The Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service: **J Steyn**

